



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL SET FOR OCTOBER 19th

Antique Appraisal Day, PA Humanities Council Speaker's Series and Yuletide Open House Highlight Renfrew's Fall and Winter Schedule

Renfrew's annual Pumpkin Festival is set for Saturday, October 19th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This fun-filled fall event, co-sponsored by Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute, is now in its 9th year.



The Pumpkin Festival at Renfrew is the perfect place to celebrate the delights of fall. It's a great opportunity to have fun and help raise money for Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute. This year, we have a fun and exciting schedule offering something for visitors of all ages.

Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute join in thanking M & T Bank for their sponsorship of the 2002 Pumpkin Festival. M & T has played a vital role in the success of this event over the last several years.



*** SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE ***

- BABY FARM ANIMALS TO PET
- LIVE MUSIC BY "FAST TRAIN"
- PUMPKIN CHUNKIN'
- MONSTER CORN MAZE
- PUMPKIN SALES & DELIVERY TO PARKING LOT
- HAYRIDES
- FREE CIDER & HOMEMADE SOUPS & BREADS
- FACE PAINTING & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The cost for admission is: \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 4 to 12. The event is free to those under 4. Admission to the Festival includes most of the attractions listed above. There is an additional charge for pumpkins to take home or launch from the catapult. Hot dogs, sodas and event T-shirts will also be available for purchase. For more information please contact the Museum (762-4723) or Institute (762-0373).

Renfrew's trebuchet or "pumpkin catapult" sits quietly awaiting action on October 19th. A dedicated crew will be on hand throughout the day, launching pumpkins for your entertainment!



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Renfrew Park Information

- Join the Renfrew Weed Wackers -

Renfrew has a problem with invasive plant species in the park. This is an area that we wish to work on and, in fact, included the removal of invasive species and replanting of native varieties, as a work project on our last Pennsylvania Conservation Corps grant application. As part of our ongoing education we offer the following article written by Renfrew Institute faculty member, Doris Goldman, PhD.

Garlic mustard, multiflora rose, Japanese barberry, European buckthorn and privet, Japanese honeysuckle vines, three kinds of Siberian bush honeysuckles...These plants make up about half the understory of the woods in Renfrew Park. The catch is, none are native. Along the Edmajoda and Old Mill Trail, bushes from other continents are crowding out native trees and bushes. Meanwhile, garlic mustard, Japanese honeysuckles, and creeping euonymus are well on their way to eliminating low-growing wildflowers.

One third of the plants at Renfrew Park are non-native. Most imports, like wineberries and fragrant pink sweet rocket or dame's rocket, fit in fairly well in their adoptive home, and aren't very obnoxious. Scientists use various names for the few highly aggressive menaces that are squeezing out our native vegetation - invasives, exotics, alien invaders. Some, like tree of heaven, privet, Norway maple, garlic mustard, and buckthorn, have been causing trouble since the 1700s. Others, like multiflora rose, honeysuckles, and crown vetch, didn't arrive until the 1900s. Some came as accidental weeds, others were brought in for gardens or as game cover, and have spread wildly.

Exotics cause especially bad problems in disturbed areas where construction, trampling, heavy logging, or over-grazing have striped the native ground cover and exposed bare soil. The woods at Renfrew, beautiful as they appear, are very disturbed by secondary growth that developed after two centuries of heavy land use. Also, it is easier for alien species to overwhelm the native plants in small natural areas than in large ones. Natural areas that are close to towns are hit hardest, and Renfrew Park is a prime habitat for invading species.

As the area around Franklin county gets more developed, it becomes more important to make sure our parks are good refuges for native plants and the animals that depend on them. In fact, Renfrew Park already contains a number of endangered plant species. Several of them are just hanging on, with only a single plant left alive in the park. Renfrew has now been a park for more than 25 years, but it is now clear that the woods may never revert to a more

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Doris Goldman with a selection of wildflowers she planted at Renfrew. A member of the Renfrew Institute teaching staff, she is also responsible for bringing the four-square garden to the site.



completely native state without our help. It may actually continue to degrade. One problem is that the weediest alien plants in the park have a number of special adaptations that block the growth of natives. Japanese honeysuckle vines, introduced for gardening about 100 years ago, suck up so many soil nutrients that they halt the growth of native trees and saplings around them. Bush honeysuckles, native to Siberia, out-compete native bushes by leafing out a month earlier and losing their leaves a month later. Garlic mustard releases a toxin into the soil that kills native wildflowers.

The meadow is another problem area. "Canada" thistle, multiflora rose, crown vetch, and red fescue (all from Eurasia) are taking over an increasing portion of the meadow. In fact, thistles and multiflora rose are on the Pennsylvania Noxious Weed list. This means it's the legal responsibility of landowners to get rid of them, and you can be fined if you don't. At this time we are not using herbicides in the natural area of the park. Thistles, crown vetch, and multiflora roses are very hard to control by digging because they can regenerate from tiny bits of root left behind. Fescue, a sod-forming grass, is excellent for lawns but leaves no bare ground for ground-nesting quail. The fescue is probably too interspersed with the native vegetation to remove, but it might be possible to attack several of the largest patches of thistle and crown vetch by covering them with heavy plastic or carpeting for a year or two. Cleared areas could then be planted with native plants in the pea and sunflower family to make sure eliminating the vetch and thistle does not hurt the food supply for our native quail and goldfinches or *Distelfinks* (thistle finches).

Control of invasive plants is a complex and very long-term project, but we've decided it's one we need to tackle. Plant control would require a lot of volunteer help. Possible weed-control tasks range from light labor, like pulling garlic mustard before it goes to seed in the spring to heavy jobs, like cutting down thorny rose bushes and grubbing out the roots, preferably outside the growing season, during fall and winter. If you have a scout, school or church youth group that is interested in helping, please have them contact either Renfrew Institute at 717-762-0373 or Renfrew Museum at 717-762-4723.



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* In The Spotlight *
Rotary Club Honors Renfrew Volunteer

Renfrew volunteer, **Louise Kyser**, was recently honored by the Rotary Club of Waynesboro with their President's Award. The award is given to non-Rotary members from the Waynesboro area who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer commitment and dedication to the community.



Louise Kyser has served as a volunteer tour guide at Renfrew for more than 25 years. She has also assisted with countless Renfrew activities. She is currently in charge of scheduling our tour guides and plays a vital role in organizing the decorators and entertainers for the annual Christmas program.

Louise was nominated for the award primarily because of her many years of service to Renfrew. She has been a volunteer tour guide since the museum opened over 25 years ago. Her knowledge of Renfrew and extensive experience serves the museum well in her current position as our volunteer tour guide coordinator. Louise has scheduled our guides for duty during our hours of public operation (Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 pm) for the last two seasons. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and Louise's efforts, we have had close to 100 percent coverage during this period.

Louise is also a long-time volunteer at the Waynesboro Hospital. She has helped the institution with many different projects and fund raisers, and has also served as an officer in the hospital auxillary. She currently has approximately 6,500 volunteer hours to her credit under the hospital's electronic record keeping system. This, however, is not an accurate estimate of her contribution as she was a volunteer at the hospital prior to their current record-keeping format!

Renfrew Museum and Park relies on dedicated volunteers for virtually every aspect of its operation. Many talented individuals assist us every day with tasks ranging from the maintenance of our buildings and landscape to assistance with our collections and programs. Simply put, we could not do the things we do without the support of our many dedicated volunteers. The staff and board of directors of Renfrew Museum and Park wish to thank all of our volunteers for their assistance and to congratulate Louise Kyser for receiving the Rotary Club's President's Award.

- Memorial Contributions -
Former Board President Acknowledged

Everyone associated with Renfrew joins the Waynesboro community in sadly noting the passing of **R. Kinney Stouffer**. A long-time member of the Waynesboro Borough Council and former Council President, Mr. Stouffer was instrumental in the establishment of Renfrew Committee, Incorporated (RCI) in the mid 1990s. RCI was created as a non-profit 501C(3) corporation to manage the daily operation of Renfrew Museum and Park.

After the formation of RCI, Kinney served as the organization's first President, a position he held until 1999. His involvement was vital during RCI's first few years as the organization filed its corporate papers and established its by-laws and operating procedures.

Renfrew Museum was designated as the recipient of Mr. Stouffer's memorial contributions. We wish to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and organizations who contributed to this memorial fund. Please note that this list is current as of Monday, October 7th, 2002. Additional memorials may still be made to Renfrew Museum and Park.

- Ellen S. Bare
- Louis and Jacqueline Barlup
- Robert and Margo Bartle
- Jeffrey Bliemeister
- The Franklin County Housing Authority
- John and Jean Frantz
- Eleanor Funk
- Wanda L. Gardner
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- Margaret Snively
- Mary Lee Stouffer
- Kathryn S. Weyant
- Betty L. wolfe
- William and Janet Zehler

- ADDITIONAL MEMORIALCONTRIBUTION -

We also wish to acknowledge that **Betsy Payette** made a contribution in memory of her husband, **George N. Payette**. The funds are to be used wherever they are needed the most.



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Museum Donations & Wishlist John Bell piece added to the Collection

Renfrew recently received a new addition to its collection of John Bell and Bell family pottery. Mr. David Y. Grove contributed a stone jar lid, manufactured by John Bell of Waynesboro.

The lid features a blue tulip design in its glaze and is marked: "John Bell, Waynesboro." It is currently on display in the Visitor's Center as part of Renfrew's collection of Bell pottery.

We are glad to have this new addition to our permanent collection and thank Mr. Grove for his contribution. It is because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of community-minded people that we are still able to continuously develop this collection for the public.



John Bell pottery jar lid, recently donated to Renfrew by David Y. Grove. The lid is on display in the Visitor's Center as part of the Museum's collection of John Bell and Bell Family pottery.

The Renfrew Wishlist has become an ongoing feature of the newsletter. Please take a look at our list of needs to see if there is anything you can help us with. Your contribution may be tax-deductible and we can make arrangements to pick-up large items.

CURRENT WISHLIST

Table Saw (electric) to use for woodworking/restoration.

Hand Tools - wrenches, screwdrivers, wood-working tools, electric skill saw, etc - new or used.

Metal Folding Chairs for use in the Visitor's Center.

Card Tables, folding style for parties & special events.

Volunteer Tour Guides For 2003 Season (no experience required - we will train!). Volunteers to help with our gardens are also needed.

Large, Flat Stones for paving under the porch of the Fahnstock House. If you have stones that you wish to have removed from your property, please let us know and we will schedule an appointment for inspection (see photo on page 6 for more information).

Renfrew Improvement Projects Buildings Painted, Benches Built

Currently, there are several fall projects taking place throughout Renfrew Park. The Renfrew staff is receiving assistance from some dedicated volunteers for some of these much-needed tasks. At right, **George Buckey, Bill Shank (center)** and **John Frantz** fit a pair of shutters for the Fahnstock House. Renfrew recently purchased shutters for all windows on the building.



Staff members **John Frantz** and **Ron Harbaugh** created approximately one dozen hand-hewn log benches (left). Some of the benches will provide seating for programs at the Four Square Garden; others are situated on the Edmajoda Trail, where they will do double duty as a rest stop for visitors and teaching area for Renfrew Institute classes.



The Smoke House is another building that has received some attention from our staff this fall (right). **Ron Harbaugh** repaired the floor on the main level. Previously, the floor was in rough shape with loose and broken bricks. Ron repaired and replaced the damaged areas and levelled the entire surface. After completing the floor, Ron then repainted the building's wooden trim. The smoke house is now a bit safer and more inviting for our general visitors and school groups. Thanks, Ron!



During August, we engaged **Brian Brake Painting Service** to paint the Visitor's Center Barn. Brian and his crew did an excellent job, refinishing the entire exterior of the barn, including the doors, trim and cupolas.





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Antique Appraisal Day Annual Program Set For November 2nd

Our annual Antique Appraisal Day program is set for Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Now in it's fifth year, the program remains the premier public appraisal event for our area.

If you have any type of antique or collectible item that you wish to find out more about, consider bringing it to Renfrew on November 2nd. We have held the line on pricing for this event. Verbal appraisals remain \$3.00 per item and written certificates are still \$5.00 each. In the interest of fairness, visitors are limited to two items per appraisal session; however, you may register for additional appraisals after completing your first session.

Our appraisal staff is drawn from the ranks of antique dealers, appraisers, auctioneers and private collectors. They have generously donated their services, so all proceeds go directly to Renfrew.



Whether you have a "classic" antique like the coverlet at left, or a "baby boomer" collectible like the Mustang pedal car, above, Antique Appraisal Day offers the perfect opportunity to find out more about your treasure! Come to Renfrew on November 2nd and enjoy our version of the "Antiques Roadshow". For more information, please call 762-4723.



For Your Information... Park Biological Sample Collection Policy

Over the years, many school children (and general visitors) have used Renfrew Park as a collections area for insects, wildflowers, tree leaves and other natural specimens. Such use of the park places Renfrew in a delicate position. On one hand, we are an educational institution that wishes to encourage scientific study; however, we are also a natural preserve and cannot allow indiscriminate collection of specimens.

To clarify our position, the Renfrew Park and Buildings Committee, working with the Renfrew Institute for Cultural and Environmental Studies, drafted the following policy:

Collection of tree and shrub leaf samples is permitted in Renfrew Park during the months of September, October and November only, with the following guidelines:

- *Students (any age) for the purpose of studying tree and shrub identification only
- *Collection limited to one leaf per species
- *Collection of smaller plant species, grasses and "wildflowers" is prohibited
- *Collection of twigs, buds and fruit of any plant is prohibited
- *Collection of materials for use in art projects is permitted only with the approval of the supervisor of buildings and grounds

Note: Collection of animals of any species (including insects & crayfish) is not permitted in Renfrew Park, except for those taken in accordance with fishing regulation posted by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission in the "fly-fishing only" areas of the Park.

Renfrew Museum and Park

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FRIENDS OF RENFREW - Application for Annual Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State and Zip Code _____

Optional Information:

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Membership Categories

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| Life \$1,000 | _____ | Please send me information on volunteer opportunities at Renfrew: |
| Bell Society \$250* | _____ | |
| Curator's Associates \$200* | _____ | |
| Sustaining \$125 | _____ | |
| Family \$50 | _____ | |
| Donor \$25 | _____ | |
| Individual \$15 | _____ | |
| Student (ages 6-15) \$5 | _____ | |
| Endowment Fund: | _____ | |

(Endowment Fund Donations help to build Renfrew's future. They are invested for long-term growth, not incorporated into our operating budget). *Bell Society and Curator's Associates are categories with unique benefits and characteristics. Please call for more information.





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- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

Pumpkin Festival, Saturday, October 19th, 11am to 4pm. Join us for this annual fall festival.

Antique Appraisal Day, Saturday, November 2nd, 10am to 4pm. Find out what your treasures are worth on today's market!

Christmas Open House, Sunday, December 8th, 12 noon to 8pm. (please take note of the new date!).

Native American Lecture Series - Thursdays in the fall, featuring speakers from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. All lectures begin at 7:00 pm in the Visitor's Center and are free to the public.

November 7th, **Barry Kent** - "Jacob My Friend and the Susquehanocks."

November 21st, **Marshel Becker** - "The Lenape Transformation in the Colonial Period."

January 23rd, **Marshel Becker** - returns with a second topic to be announced. Please call for more information.

Selection of paving stones, donated by Andrew and Tara Papoutis of Waynesboro. These stones will be used to pave the area beneath the porch at the Fahnestock House.



Renfrew's Gift Showcase is stocked and ready to meet your holiday gift-giving needs. Please stop by and see our large selection of pumpkin gourds, Christmas ornaments, handmade crafts and objects bearing the Renfrew Rooster logo. Visit Renfrew and get an early start on your holiday shopping!



RENFREW'S PICNIC PAVILION IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL!

(Please call 717-762-4723 for more information)

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