



## RENFREW WELCOMES THE PA CONSERVATION CORPS

### *Restoration of the Fahnestock House and Site Improvement Projects*

### *Keep Renfrew's Staff & Board Busy During Winter Season*

Renfrew is finally up and running with its Pennsylvania Conservation Corps grant! After several months of delay in finding a crew leader, the Corps hired Mr. Paul Snyder of Chambersburg. Paul joined us at Renfrew this past November. After setting up his office in the Fahnestock House, he concentrated his efforts on recruiting his crew.

Working through the Career-Links office in Chambersburg, Paul identified locations where he could look for prospective crew members. He then created a presentation and did his recruitment.

After a lot of hard work, several possible crew members were located and interviewed. Schedules were worked out and Paul emerged with the beginnings of his crew.

*Paul Snyder, Renfrew's PCC Crew Leader, at his desk in the Fahnestock House. The House will serve as the Corps headquarters while they are at Renfrew.*



Right now, Paul has two young men in his crew. He can have up to 5 crew members at any given time. Members can be male or female but must be between the ages of 18 and 25 (16 and 17 year-olds may participate in special circumstances).

Right now, Paul is content with a two person crew. However, by spring time, he hopes to recruit three additional members, bringing the crew up to full strength.

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*Paul and his crew brace the back porch of the Fahnestock House. This porch will be partially reconstructed as one of the PCC's 2001-2002 work projects.*



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## PA Conservation Corps - Meet the Members -

Our PCC leader, **Paul Snyder**, brings 40 years of experience in the construction business to share with his crew at Renfrew. When he's not at Renfrew, Paul enjoys working in his wood shop and spending time with his wife, six children and nine grandchildren.

PCC Crew member, **Joshua Swope**, is a resident of Waynesboro. Josh works 8 hours a day at Renfrew, Monday through Thursday. He spends Fridays in school doubling up on his classes as he works towards his high school diploma. Josh learned about the PCC when Paul visited his school in Waynesboro to give a recruitment presentation.

Josh likes working for Paul and the PCC. He came to the job hoping to learn basic trade skills in the areas of plastering and construction. After school and the PCC, Josh is interested in either joining the Air Force or going to college.

**Matt Booher** is the second member of our crew. He lives in Fayetteville and is a graduate of Chambersburg Area Senior High School. Right now, Matt is enrolled at Penn State Mont Alto, studying Agro-Ecosystems. Matt says that working for Paul is refreshing, because their Crew Leader is "laid back and enjoys teaching."

Matt found out about the PCC through the internet. Like Josh, he hopes to acquire some masonry and construction skills while at Renfrew. Matt is nearing the end of his studies at Mont Alto and plans to transfer to Penn State's main campus this coming fall.



Left to right: Matt Booher, Paul Snyder, and Josh Swope taking a break on one of the picnic tables they constructed for Renfrew Park. All of us at Renfrew wish to welcome the PCC to our site. We appreciate their enthusiasm and hard work! If you know of any young man or woman who might be interested in employment with the PCC, please have them get in touch with

## Calendar of Events - Winter & Early Spring -

The staff of Renfrew is still at work planning our 2002 calendar of events. A complete list will appear in the spring issue of *der Wetterhahn*, as well as on our Museum web site. In the meantime, please feel free to call the Museum or Institute at any time for program updates.

### Dates to Remember (January - April)

February 28 (Thursday) Lecture - Renfrew Institute\*  
 March 9 (Saturday) Fly Tying Workshop - Institute, 9-12 noon  
 March 14 (Thursday) Lecture - Renfrew Institute\*  
 March 23 (Saturday) Fly Tying Workshop - Institute, 9-12 noon  
 March 23 (Saturday) Spring Clean-up Day at Renfrew, 8:30 -?  
 March 30 (Saturday) Brothers of the Brush Easter Egg Hunt  
 April 4 (Thursday) Lecture - Renfrew Institute\*  
 April 6 (Saturday) Rain date - Clean-up Day at Renfrew  
 April 13 (Saturday) 9th Annual Renfrew Fun Fly, 10 -4 pm  
 April 18 (Thursday) Program - Institute\*\*  
 April 21 (Sunday) Earth Day Celebration - Institute, 1-5 pm  
 April 21 (Sunday) Museum Opening for 2002 season

\***Renfrew Institute's Annual Lecture Series - Barns and Beyond: Farmstead Architecture.** Thursdays, February 28th, March 14th, and April 4th, 7:00 pm in the Visitor's Center. Underwritten in part by **Charles and Undine Warner**. Admission to all three is free. The program details are listed below.

**Robert Ensminger**, author of the book, *Pennsylvania Barns*, will be featured on February 28th, presenting his specialty - *the Morphology of Barns*. **Dr. Kent Mountford**, environmental historian and estuarine ecologist will present *Outhouse to In-house* (privies) on March 14th. **Dr. Sally McMurray**, PSU professor of history will close the series with her talk on *Farm Buildings and the Landscape*.

\*\*Renfrew Institute offers the program, **Greener Homes and Gardens** - The latest on safe home, lawn and garden pest, and weed control. This program, scheduled for Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 pm in the Visitor's Center, is underwritten in part by **Walker and McBride Offices**, division of Barley, Snyder, Senft & Cohen. **Lana Adams**, Franklin County Extension Agent, will offer updated information and methods for the control of pests and weeds using BMPs ("best management practices"). The program is also free to the public.

The above information was correct at the time of publication. Please contact either the **Institute (762-0373)** or the **Museum (762-4723)** to confirm program details. Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute staff are also working to prepare another summer/early fall lecture series using speakers from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Look for more information in our next newsletter.





**New Projects - Continued**  
Museum Doors & Milk House Floor

Renfrew is happy to announce the completion of two important site improvement projects. Museum volunteer, **William Shank**, constructed replacement doors for the Museum's bulkheads and staff member, **Ronald Harbaugh**, repaved the brick floor of the Milk House.

Both of the above projects are real "win-win" situations for Renfrew, as they were completed in-house by staff members or at cost by Museum volunteers. In the case of the Milk House, **Ron Harbaugh** used existing old brick,



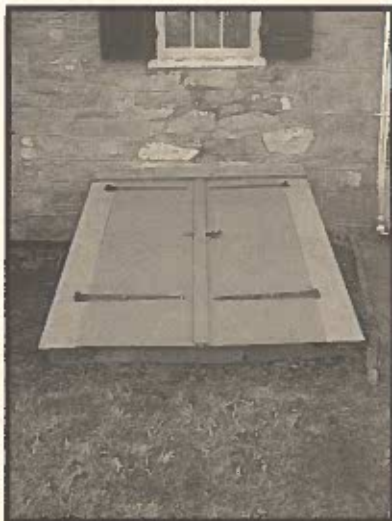
*Floor of Milk House after repair by Renfrew Staff member, Ron Harbaugh.*

saved from the former addition of the Fahnestock House, to repave the main floor.

Unfortunately, we do not have a "before" photo to compare with the image you see to the left. All we have to say is that prior to the completion of this project, the Milk

House floor was in poor overall condition. Now our school groups and other visitors will not have to contend with the distractions of an uneven and unattractive floor. Thank you, Ron, for doing an excellent job on this much-needed project.

We also wish to acknowledge the work of **William Shank**, who constructed two sets of matching bulkhead doors for the Museum. Working in his home shop, Bill built the doors from western straight grain cedar. Once completed, they were painted at Renfrew and installed by volunteers and staff. All of us at the Museum and Park appreciate the time and effort Bill put into this important job.



*Bulkhead doors on the east side, basement entrance of Renfrew Museum.*

*William Shank made a total of four doors for Renfrew, replacing the existing coverings, which were heavily damaged by exposure to the elements.*

*David Hykes, John Frantz, and Ron Harbaugh assisted with painting & installation.*

**Museum Donations**  
New Artifacts for the Collection

Since our last issue of *der Wetterhahn*, Renfrew received two outstanding items for its permanent collection. We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of a 19th Century wooden chest or trunk, given by **Mr. G. Craig Caba** of Enola, Pennsylvania. Mr. Caba has family ties to the Waynesboro area and this is his second gift to Renfrew within the last five years. Craig also



*Wooden chest or trunk given to Renfrew by Craig Caba. This artifact was purchased by the donor at the "Snow Hill" sale in 1998.*

serves as one of our Antique Appraisers and the trunk was brought to the Museum on Antique Appraisal Day, this past November.

The trunk has a local history. It was formerly located at the Snow Hill Cloister or "Nunnery" in Quincy. Mr. Caba purchased the item at the Snow Hill auction in 1998. We are thrilled to add the piece to our collections. Visitors may see the trunk when we reopen in April; it will be displayed as part of our Snow Hill room on the second floor of the Museum.

Our second new artifact was given by **Ms. Hermione Brewer**, a Friend of Renfrew, from Greencastle. This 18th century crossbow also arrived at Renfrew on the day of our Antique Appraisal. Ms. Brewer brought this unique item to the event to obtain more information about its manufacture and value. She knew it had local history. After speaking with members of our appraisal team, Ms. Brewer then discussed a possible donation with Renfrew's Curator.

Needless to say, we are thrilled to add such an interesting item to our collection. According to our appraisers, the crossbow dates from the mid-18th century and is mostly original. It features a hand-made arrow or dart, which is stored in the stock. The crossbow will be on display when we open in the spring.



*Wooden cross-bow, made in the English tradition, probably during the 18th Century. This object was donated by Ms. Hermione Brewer.*

Our thanks to both donors for their thoughtful contributions to Renfrew Museum's collection.



**Renfrew Wishlist**  
Our Needs & Our "Thanks"

After running the Renfrew Wishlist in several issues of *der Wetterhahn*, we are beginning to see some response from our membership. We wish to acknowledge the following people for their thoughtful contributions.

**Elaine Larson** and **Jim Oliver** gave us two different (and very useful) vacuum cleaners.

**Todd Rahn** brought us a hose and set of pruning shears.

**Mark Michaels** of North Carolina contributed a *Husqvarna 365* Chainsaw.

**Current Wishlist**

**Bubble Glass** for Museum Window Panes.

**Fiberglass Step Ladder**, 4 to 5 feet in height (new or used).

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

**Wooden Shutters** for the Fahnestock House and Museum (sponsorship to have them reproduced at a cost of approximately \$300.00 per pair).

**Volunteer Tour Guides** (no experience required - we will train!).

**Crew Members** for the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (see the first two pages of this newsletter for more information).

**Members** (Friends of Renfrew Museum and Park) Spread the word by asking your friends and neighbors to join!

**Renfrew Tidbits**  
Membership Update - We Need You!

Over the last year, the staff and volunteers of Renfrew have reviewed and updated all of our membership records. If you are on our mailing list, and in receipt of this newsletter, you should also have received a personal letter inviting you to renew your membership with Renfrew Museum and Park, sometime over the course of 2001.

We ask that you please take a look at the mailing label affixed to the front of this newsletter. If you have a blue mark on the top right corner of your label, this indicates that we have not received your membership renewal for a period of one or more years.

We value your past support of the Museum and Park and wish to retain you as a Friend of Renfrew. If our records are incorrect, we hope you will let us know. If not, we ask that you please take this opportunity to renew your membership using the application printed below.

As a Friend of Renfrew, you are one of our greatest assets. We rely on your membership contributions to fund our recreation, restoration and educational activities. Your support really does make a difference!



**Renfrew Museum and Park**

1010 East Main Street, Waynesboro PA 17268 (717) 762-4723

**FRIENDS OF RENFREW - Application for Annual Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional Information:*

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Categories*

Life \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Bell Society \$250\* \_\_\_\_\_

Curator's Associates \$200\* \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Student (ages 6-15) \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

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(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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**- RENFREW TIDBITS -**

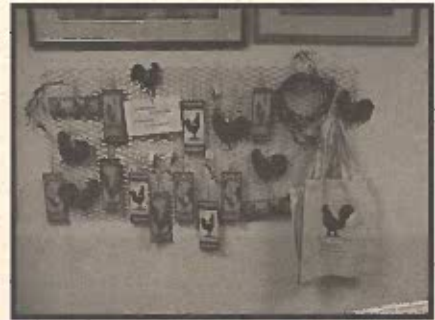
**Renfrew Gift Showcase Continues To Grow**

Renfrew's Gift Showcase manager, **Becky Dietrich**, is happy to report that we have several new objects for sale in the Visitor's Center. Becky has worked very hard over the last two years to reorganize our showcase.

*New items in the Gift Showcase (from left to right): Metal Rooster, Renfrew Hat, Wooden Rooster, Children's Doll Book, Hollow Gourd Bird Feeder, Renfrew Magnet & Renfrew Patch*



*Right: An assortment of roosters in wood, metal and cloth, hang on a display rack in the Visitor's Center. The tote bag at right is an exclusive item featuring the Renfrew logo.*



We now have a wide variety of interesting and appealing objects to offer our visitors.

Becky has really gone out of her way to insure that the showcase stocks only high quality merchandise that is appropriate for our setting. Many items are hand-made, some exclusively for the Museum. As you can see from the photos, we also have a line of objects that bear the Renfrew logo.

Although the Museum is closed until spring, you may stop by during the week to view the Showcase. Please call 762-4723 to be certain a staff member is on hand to assist with your visit.

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