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Renfrew Grant News

Renfrew's New View

A grant from The Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission given to Renfrew Museum and Park enabled us to develop a presentation for onsite and offsite facilities.

Thanks to the very talented Greg Kohler, son of RCI and REC Board member Allie Kohler, for undertaking this daunting project. Because of Mr. Kohler's expertise in media development, Renfrew now is able to present a state-of -the-art DVD.

Weaving still photos with live video, along with engaging music selections and intriguing dialog the DVD gives a dynamic 8-minute overview of Renfrew.

Added to this we were also able to obtain a new projector and other necessities for use with the DVD at Renfrew and other locations.

Groups visiting Renfrew or individuals who cannot physically visit all the sites on the property will be able to become familiar with the beauty of the farmstead and park as a result of the DVD.

We are very excited about the final product, and do hope that our members will spread the word. We would be happy to present the Renfrew DVD to any group you, or anyone you know would have an interest in this viewing. Please feel free to call 717-762-4723 or email us at: renfrew@innernet.net for more information.

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Grant Announcement for Pumpkin Fest-2008

A grant has been obtained from The Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission for Renfrew Museum and Park to assist with the Annual Pumpkin Fest.

The grant will enable Renfrew to expand on the offerings presented to attendees at this very popular fall event - the date this year will be October 18th from 11:00am until 4:00pm.

We are very excited about the possibilities for presenting an even better fest, and will give more details of what will be offered as they unfold.

Save the date on your calendar for this family friendly, fall event!

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**Renfrew Business Members
2008**

Wacco Properties– Executive member
First National Bank of Greencastle– Standard member
Savage Family Pharmacy– Standard member
Antietam Dairy– Beginning member
Timothy W. Misner–Beginning member

**Renfrew Endowment Fund
Contributors– 2008**

Mr. J. Edward Beck
Mr. Kenton Broyles
Mrs. Marilyn McCarney

**Life Members
2008**

Daniel W. Arthur
Leonara R. Bernheisel
Mr. and Mr. James Bowersox
Dr. and Mrs. Max Creager
Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Dunlap, Jr.
Mrs. David E. Eddy
Rep. and Mrs. Patrick Fleagle
Franklin County Visitors Bureau– Janet Pollard
Mr. William H. Gelbach, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. William George
Philip and Gail Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight F. Hastings
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heefner
Mr. Max Hoover, Jr.
Doris R. Large
Frances W. Levick
Marilyn K. McCarney
Margaret L. McCleary
Mrs. Josephine McCleary
Mrs. Betsy Payette
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Savage
Mrs. Stanton Shank
Eunice G. Statler
Dr. S. Annette Warrenfeltz

Curator's Associates

Mike and Denise Beck & Family
Mr. and Mrs. George P. Buckey
John W. Keller
Angela Grove Weagly

**Sustaining Members
2008**

Martha A. Adams
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Beck
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Brown
Sanford H. and Nancy L. Evans
Rose Dagen and Richard Frank
John and Jean Frantz
D. Mark and Elisabeth H. Keener
Tom Moore– Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore
Dr. A. Kathryn Oller
Sanford and Helen Smith
Charles and Undine Warner
Bill and Sandy Weagly
Mary Jane Weagly
Mrs. Doris E. Welty

**Family Memberships
2008**

Alberta R. Barkley
Steve and Maxine Beck
Charles and Linda Blubaugh
Donald and Dorothy Bollinger
Don and Phyllis Brothers
Kenton and Audrey Broyles
Mr. and Mrs. James Deegan
Jim, Lisa and Maddie Devlin
Greg and Debi Duffey
Kenneth and Kaye Duncan
Mr. and Mrs. G. Mark Elden
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon H. Eshelman
Robert L. Evans
Karen and Ron Freitag
Robert F. and Doris Armstrong-Goldman
Stan and Darlene Grube
Jack Handshaw (Hobbitt House Pottery)
Jay and Pat Heefner
David and Diane Hykes



**Family Memberships
2008**

Edgar and Ruby Hykes
Robert and Bonnie Iseminger
Linda and Charles Jordan and "Summit"
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy
Bill and Kathleen Kominski
Donald and Alice McCleaf
Peggy McCleary
Dr. and Mrs. James G. McKenzie
Wayne and Deborah Martz
Richard and Martha Mathias
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Maxwell
Richard and Wendy Mohn
Clayton and Polly Moyer
James and Evelyn Oliver
Mr. and Mrs. William Pflager
John and Carolyn Poffenberger
Willard and Virginia Rahn
Dade Royer
Marvin and Jean Rosenberger
Mr. and Mrs. William R. Russell, Sr.
Linden and Ruth Showalter
Sue Smith & Donald Barthalow
Donna and Bob Steiner
Joe and Karen Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stonesifer
Douglas Tengler
Gordon Thomas
Bill, Cathy, Grace and Sophie Van Gilder
Dick and Peg Walsh
Richard and Karen Wagner
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willhide
Yvonne and Andrew Yoder
Donald and Carrie Yost, Jr.

**Donor Memberships
2008**

Ferdinand and Frances Betts
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bittner
C. Robert Brezler, Jr.
Patrick Brezler
Mrs. Jean A. Brinser
Elizabeth L. Cook
Ruth and Stanley Davis
Becky Dietrich
Debra E. Flinchbaugh
Charlene L. Good
W. Lehman Guyton, MD
Margaret B. Honodel
Joyce L. Horst
Solly and Connie Hummer
Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Hutton

**Donor Memberships
-Continued-**

Paul and Joan Jones
Phyllis and Ralph King
Kim Kleppinger
Mrs. Harold (Adele) Lombard
Joseph and Eleanor Miller
Mr. Aldine N. Moser, Jr.
Murray B. Reed
James and Melodie Anderson-Smith
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith
Mitchel and Katherine Smith
William O. and Doris S. Spangler
James K. Stock
Roy Stoner
Roy and Andrea Struble
Mrs. Deloyce Watkins
Philip L. Wert
Mrs. Louise B. West
Jim and Kathy White

**Individual Memberships
2008**

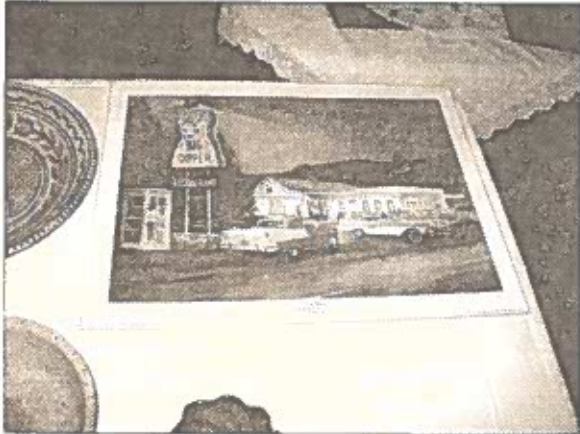
Nancy K. Brake
William Brevard
Shirley B. Brown
Phyllis L. Croson
Ruth E. Durbin
James S. Flohr
Tracy Holliday
Helen F. Hykes
John R. Hykes
Brenda Kline
Allie and JoAnn Kohler
Ritchard E. Lyon
Elizabeth S. Mose
G. Barr Newcomer
Delmos E. Oldham, Sr.
Bill Savage
Karen M. Shinn
Catherine Shivers
R. A. Starliper
Lois Good Thompson

In Remembrance of...

The passing of long-time Sustaining member
Mrs. Kathleen Calabrese on December 9, 2007.



“No winter lasts forever...”



“Remember the Big Dipper?”



“An Array of Auction Items”



“Just Resting”



“Catching Up”

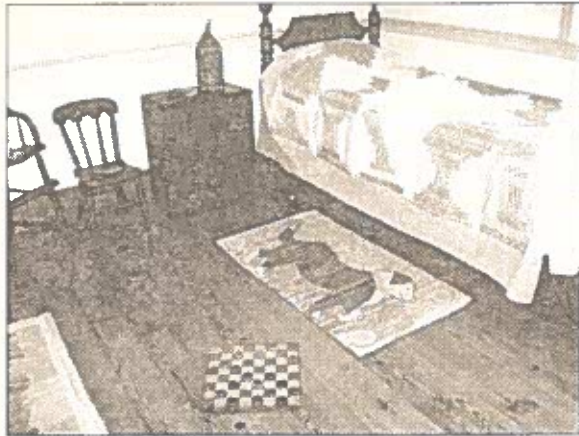


“Old Friends”



No spring skips its turn.”

Hal Borland



“The Children’s Bedroom”



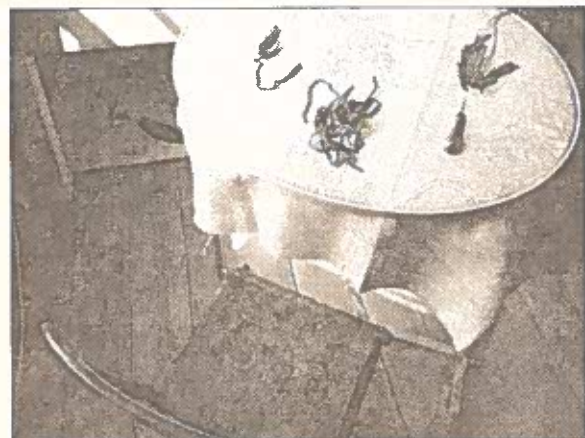
“A Colorful Runner”



“Urban Bedroom”



“Rugs Galore”



“It All Begins Here for Rugs”



**Spotlight on
Visitor Services**

With Spring right around the corner we are busy at the Museum and Park sprucing the place up for our opening day on Saturday, April 26th. One change you will see while visiting us this year is the painting of Emma Geiser Nicodemus' step-grandfather, Samuel Hoeflich, a nice addition to the front parlor.

Lighting has been an issue in the museum for many years, especially on the stairs and during our evening events. The decision was made to update the lighting fixtures over the doorways and to add additional lighting over the main staircase. Also, new fixtures were installed over the bare bulbs on the back staircase. These improvements have made the house and its' contents much easier to see, especially on overcast days.

John Frantz and Ron Harbaugh have been busy building stanchions for our museum house. It has become apparent over the years as our programs have grown in attendance that measures needed to be taken to protect and preserve the collection. Each of the stanchions, made of wood, have been painted to match the trim color in the room. Connected by manila rope with brass snaps, they will allow the guides to move freely behind the barriers to interpret the space to the visitors. This will provide another layer of protection and professionalism to our site.

Just a quick update on the ParkPals program, as of this printing we have 119 dogs registered. A great big thank-you to all of the responsible dog owners who have taken the time to help us keep the park clean and safe! If you walk your dog in the park, and have not registered yet, please come to the Visitors' Center and register your furry pal with Sue or Bonnie. Also, see the link from the Contact Us page on the website to download the PetPals registration form .

**Renfrew's
Season 2008 News**

CHANGING GALLERY EXHIBIT

With the opening of our 33rd season, on April 26th, at Renfrew Museum and Park we are excited about sharing some of the beautiful hooked rugs we have with everyone. In our Changing Galley, as well as throughout the other areas of the museum, we have tried to present an assortment from those that the extraordinary Mrs. Nicodemus acquired and used.

OPENING DAY- APRIL 26

This year, we have planned for the opening of the season at Renfrew Museum and Park, a group of artisans who will display their talents. Joe and Mary Shoemaker (glass beads); Ed Beard (shaker baskets and woodworking); Sharon McGee (Botanical imprints in fabric and paper); and Anita Pfeuffer (Scherenschnitte).

Joining in attendance on April 26th will be Becky Dietrich, who will do a book signing of her new book about the history of local artists.

There will also be an exhibit by Chambersburg artist, Charles H. Brown. This will be an opportunity to meet the artist and see the 12 paintings he created using the 2006 Threshing Exhibit at Renfrew as his subject. The exhibit, located in the Visitors Center, will available for two weeks.

WEBSITE

Please take a few minutes to view the new additions to our website. A link from the Membership page will allow you to download the form for your convenience to submit with your payment.

On the Contact Us page, you will now be able to check availability (by month and day) for a pavilion rental. We have the capability to send as an attachment to an email the pavilion rental form, also for your convenience.

Note:

On the Exhibit page view some photos of the Changing Gallery Exhibit of the beautiful rug collection .

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**Recognition of Individuals and Business
Organizations for Recent Contributions to
Renfrew Museum and Park
THANK YOU!**

Items for the Graham/Steck Collection— Steve Graham
 Donation— William Gelbach, Jr.
 Time and talents of Greg Kohler for Renfrew's new DVD
 Grant for producing a new interpretation of Renfrew Museum
 and Park and equipment needed for project— Pennsylvania His-
 toric and Museum Commission and Grant for Pumpkin Fest –
 2008
 Children's book-1836 (Chambersburg) and installation of new
 lighting in museum— David Hykes
 Updating of website— Bob Iseminger
 Music at the German Heritage Supper— Mia Hoover
 Auctioneer at German Heritage Supper—Jerry Scruggs
 Donation of adult beverages for German Heritage Supper—
 Wayne Minnich—Wayne Disbributions and Richard Mohn
 PA German Decorative Bowl –auction item for German
 Heritage Supper—Christine Toasten—Souders
 Tin Barn Lantern—auction item for German Heritage Supper—
 Robert North
 Donation of a watercolor painting by Marjorie Carnegie and a
 Engle original pottery piece for German Heritage Supper—Steve
 Graham
 Spring Changing Gallery exhibit set-up— Allie Kohler, Richard
 "Red Mohn", Alice McCleaf, and David Hykes
 Shenandoah Pottery Presentation— Dr. Eugene Comstock
 Assisting with Traveling Trunk Program—Helen Shelley
 Donation to Gift Shop— Anita Pfeuffer

**Renfrew Museum and Park
Wish List-2008**

Large cooler
 Lightweight wheelbarrow
 Items for children's bedroom
 Counter-top revolving post card stands
 Pewter or wood plates for kitchen
 Pre-1840 drinking glasses for kitchen
 Quilt racks or drying racks
 Local history books
 If you have any of the above-mentioned items
 or would like to help us purchase one of them,
 please call the museum— 717-762-4723 and ask
 to speak with Bonnie Iseminger, the Adminis-
 trator.
 If you need assistance with a pick up of items,
 we will be happy to arrange a time.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Renfrew Committee, Inc.
Members-2008**

John W. Keller, President
 Douglas Tengler, 2nd Vice President
 David Hykes—Director
 George Buckey—Director
 Edgar Hykes—Director
 Brenda Kline, 1st Secretary
 Allison "Allie" Kohler—Director
 Brenda Kline, 1st Secretary
 Alice McCleaf, Assistant Secretary
 Charles Strausbaugh, Treasurer

**Renfrew Executive Committee
Members-2008**

David Hykes, Chairman
 George Buckey
 Sue Smith, Acting Secretary
 Steve Graham
 Richard "Red" Mohn
 Thomas Moore
 Allison "Allie" Kohler
 Virginia Rahn
 Charles Strausbaugh, Treasurer

**Renfrew Museum and Park
Staff-2008**

Bonnie Iseminger—Administrator
 John Frantz—Supervisor of Buildings and
 Grounds
 Susan Smith—Supervisor of Visitor Services
 Ron Harbaugh—Building and Grounds
 Personnel

**Renfrew Museum and Park
Docents –2008**

Bonnie Barlup	Virginia Rahn
Anna Harford	Sara Seabold
Lauren Hood (Smith)	Helen Shelley
Mia Hoover	Roy Struble
Carolyn Krouse	Louise West
Phyllis King	Peggy Wright
Eleanor (Ellie) Miller	
Anita Pfeuffer	
Gretchen Potocheny	

**Interested in becoming a volunteer, give
us a call! 717-762-4723.**

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**Renfrew's
Gift Showcase**

With the arrival of our season on April 26th the Gift shop hours will be expanded to Tuesday through Friday noon until 4p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are: 1p.m. until 4 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

Do stop by while you are in the park to see what is new in the gift line. With Mother's Day approaching in May, Father's Day in June, and graduations, there is probably an appropriate gift for everyone.

Contributors to "der Wetterhahn"
Sue Smith-Spotlight on Visitor Services
Bonnie Iseminger—Editor
Photos- Bonnie Iseminger

**Renfrew
Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars for these events:

April 26 - Museum season opens ... 11:00 am -4:00pm
Displays of crafts, and special art exhibit-see article page 7.

August 8,9,10 -annual Civil War Encampment at Renfrew-
many activities offered—more details in the next
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September 13th- 10am until 5 pm- Fourth Annual
Cumberland Valley Pottery Fest at Renfrew- Members of
the Cumberland Valley Craft Guild and Mont Alto Pottery
Cooperative- a joint event with the Nicodemus Center.

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