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# Renfrew MUSEUM & PARK

## “Walk Back In Time”



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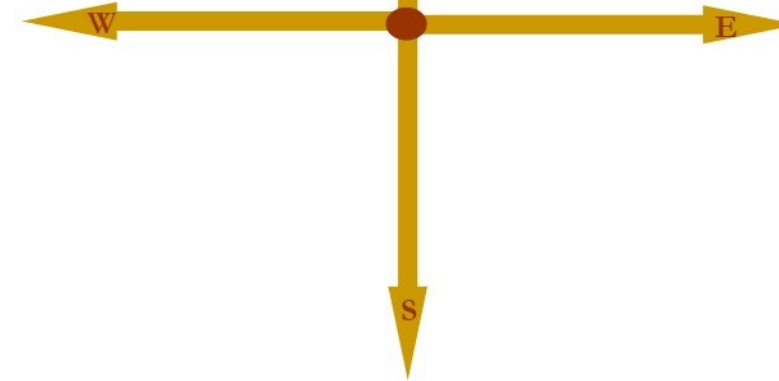
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### Our Mission

To preserve, enhance, promote, and interpret the Royer family Pennsylvania German farmstead, the Nicodemus and Bell collections, and the surrounding Park.

### Our Vision

To be a welcoming and memorable destination where everyone can walk back in time.

### Our Values

**Integrity** — With honesty and truth, we will adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards in all our endeavors.

**Authenticity** — We will interpret with historical accuracy all of our exhibits, collections, programs, and events.

**Excellence** — We will be exceptional in everything we do.

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## A Message from our Executive Director:



Spring has sprung at Renfrew! The farmstead is just bursting with buds and blossoms and all manner of new growth. It's been a banner year for our redbuds, their dark pink flowers striking against the bright blue sky, and the dogwoods and pear trees are now in full bloom. The beauty of nature combined with the backdrop of our centuries-old structures is both inspiring and uplifting. A walk through the park on a warm spring day is just the thing to shake off the winter blahs and get ready for the promise of a new season ahead. No wonder we say that Renfrew is "the perfect mix of history and nature just waiting to be explored!"

In this issue, we'll discover how Renfrew is feeding the heart, mind, body, and soul this season. No matter what brings you to this special place, you're sure to be filled and depart refreshed. Whether it's time spent outdoors on a walk, in our heirloom gardens, or at one of our many events, there's something for everyone this spring. Read on to learn about how Renfrew's historic foodways programming (page 2) is feeding our bodies as well as our minds by sharing the benefits of traditional gardening, farm-to-table cooking, and healthy eating with our guests. We'll also be continuing our popular Farmstead Taste & Tour luncheon program (page 4), hosting private hands-on Historic Hearth Cooking Lessons, and taking our heirloom produce beyond the farmstead to the greater community at the Mainstreet Waynesboro Farmers Market (page 5).

More opportunities to feed the mind include our in-person educational classes for families such as Terrific Tuesdays (page 4), our new early childhood program Farmstead Fun for Wee Ones, and bi-monthly Historic Site Spotlight Series (page 5) where we travel to other museums across the country together — virtually!

Feed your heart and soul with enriching cultural experiences at Renfrew including the return of Friday Yoga Flow and our 2021 Judy Elden Memorial Summer Concert Series on select Thursday evenings (pages 3 and 4) in the Museum House backyard.

Finally, learn how Renfrew hopes to feed the future with a proposal to reconstruct the Royer Gristmill (page 6), integrating the industrial and agricultural heritage of this one-of-a-kind property into the authentic stories we're already sharing everyday. Enjoy a taste of the exciting things happening at everyone's favorite farmstead and join us at Renfrew Museum and Park this spring!

Sincerely,

*Rebecca J. LaBarre*



## Cooking Up Something New: Foodways Programming



Recent visitors walking along the path through Fahnestock Farm, heading down the lane, are encountering something special this season. On any given day, they may catch a glimpse of farmers dressed in historic clothing weeding and tending the gardens or smell the wafting fragrances of hearth fires burning as they approach the Summer Kitchen on the Royer Farmstead below. These sensory experiences coincide with Renfrew's renewed focus on historic foodways programming which combines heirloom gardening with seasonal eating experiences. Our goal with this new initiative at Renfrew Museum and Park is to help visitors understand the rhythms of life on the farm, learning where their food comes from and how our ancestors grew, processed, and gained nourishment from the bounty of the land.

Renfrew now features two historic gardens. The Summer Kitchen Garden, located to the rear of the small stone structure at the entrance to Fahnestock Lane, is representative of what was available to Franklin County families like the Royers around 1820. Its diminutive size and close proximity to the hearth allows for the cook to source fresh greens, herbs, and other varieties of fruits and vegetables to complement the meal being prepared. It is modeled on the Pennsylvania German four-square plan, with rotation of crops in each quadrant occurring annually to take advantage of the nutrients in the soils and to gain a better crop yield. Plants in this garden include heritage varieties of lettuce like Spotted Allepo (c.1804) and Curled German Batavian (pre-1820), early tomatoes such as Yellow Pear (pre-1800) and Red Fig (c.1805), along with Long Red Cayenne Pepper and White Egg Plant. Root vegetables include the Early Blood Turnip-Rooted Beet (c.1820), Scarlet Globe Radish (pre-1800), and American Purple Top Rutabaga (pre-1800). Legume varieties (pod plants) include Lazy Wife Pole Beans (pre-1800), Wren's Egg Pole Beans (pre-1825), and Blue-podded Capuciner Peas (pre-1800).

The Pennsylvania German Four-Square Garden adjacent to the Fahnestock Barn is being transformed into a mid-nineteenth century garden, featuring heritage varieties from 1860 or prior. Its large size is indicative of the scale needed to feed a farming family for an entire year. Perimeter beds retain the herbs, flowers, and medicinal plants commonly used throughout the era with the four vegetable beds planted with heirloom varieties of greens, legumes, fruits, and roots rotated annually like the Summer Kitchen Garden below. Visitors will note similarities which carry through much of the period, but some early varieties specific to this year's garden plan include pre-1800s Ball Lettuce, Brown Dutch Lettuce, and Premium Late Flat Dutch Cabbage. The large size of the raised beds allows for creeping and trellised vegetables like Riesentraube Old German Tomatoes and Green Striped Cushaw Winter Squash (both pre-1800), Long Green Improved Cucumber (1842), and Long Pie Pumpkin (1832). Listrada de Gandia Purple Eggplant and Anne Arundel Melon (both pre-1800) will add color to the beds. Root veggies like the Deacon Dan Beet (pre-1850), Hollow Crown Parsnip (1820), and Salsify also called "Oyster Plant" will feature along with Champion of England Peas (1843), Refugee Beans (1822), Stowell's Evergreen White Corn (1848), and many more heirloom varieties too numerous to mention.



The produce grown at Renfrew will be used in our interpretation along with public programs like Farmstead Taste & Tours, Historic Hearth Cooking Lessons, and will be sold at the Mainstreet Waynesboro Farmers Market as available to help support and sustain Renfrew's gardens and foodways programming. We invite you to peruse the gardens and check out what's new during your next visit to Renfrew Museum and Park this growing season!







# Programs & Events

## 2021 Judy Elden Memorial Summer Concert Series

Sit back and enjoy live music in a beautiful setting on the lawn behind the Museum House on Thursday evenings. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free to the public. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and kindly remember that Renfrew is a non-smoking facility and alcohol is prohibited on the property. \*Note: No Concert Thursday, July 1st.



Renfrew's 2021 Summer Concerts are presented with generous support from Waynesboro Community Concert Association.

Learn more online at: [RenfrewMuseum.org/summer-concerts/](https://RenfrewMuseum.org/summer-concerts/)



June 3  
Tresa Day



June 10  
Lucky Punk



June 17  
Drew Adams



June 24  
Across the Pond



July 8  
Frank-N-Bob Band



July 15  
Center of Gravity



July 22  
Brian Forberger



July 29  
Home Comfort



August 5  
Evan Crider



August 12  
Rebekah Foster



August 19  
Note Riders



August 26  
Buck Fisher and Friends

## Friday Yoga Flow at Renfrew



Join instructor Wendy Royer for FREE yoga sessions in the Museum House backyard at Renfrew on select Friday mornings\* June through August, 2021.

Class focuses on relaxation, flexibility, and strength through basic yoga poses connecting movement and breath. Accessible to all ages and fitness levels.

No reservation required. Please bring your own yoga mat.

*\*Weather dependent. Rain location is the Wagon Shed room in the Visitors Center or Fahnestock Barn if Wagon Shed is already reserved. Children are welcome to attend in the company and under supervision of a responsible adult.*

6/4/2021	7/2/2021	8/6/2021
6/11/2021	7/9/2021	8/13/2021
6/18/2021 (No Class)	7/16/2021	8/20/2021 (No Class)
6/25/2021	7/23/2021 (No Class)	8/27/2021

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS: Historic Activities for Families



Tuesday Mornings  
from 10:00-11:30am  
\$5 per child /  
\$2.50 for *Friends of Renfrew* members

### Come for a new adventure!

Learn about life on our historic Pennsylvania German Farmstead while making fun craft projects inspired by the authentic stories found in our collections, buildings, and landscape.

### Terrific Tuesday Dates

5/4/2021	No Class
5/11/2021	Frakturs
5/18/2021	Spongware/Spatterware
5/25/2021	Floorcloths
6/1/2021	No Class
6/8/2021	Marbled Paper
6/15/2021	Bandboxes
6/22/2021	Scherenschnitte
6/29/2021	John Bell Pottery
7/6/2021	No Class
7/13/2021	Toleware
7/20/2021	Punched Tin
7/27/2021	Leather
8/3/2021	No Class
8/10/2021	Thaumatropes
8/17/2021	Food Preservation
8/24/2021	Candle Dipping
8/31/2021	Corn Cob Checkers

*Limit 16 per session. Recommended for kids ages 6-13, but all are welcome. Must be accompanied by a responsible adult admitted at no charge. Masks and distancing required.*

Registration is Required  
Visit [RenfrewMuseum.org/terrific-tuesdays](https://RenfrewMuseum.org/terrific-tuesdays)

## Mark Your Calendar!

(More info and registrations to follow in future issues.)

- ♦ **#RenfrewOnTheRoad:**  
Gettysburg Summer Civil War and Militaria Show Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27, 2021
- ♦ **Farmstead Day**  
Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 10:00am - 4:00pm
- ♦ **6th Annual Oktoberfest**  
Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 12:00-7:00pm
- ♦ **#RenfrewOnTheRoad: Mainstreet Waynesboro Market Day** Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00am-4:00pm
- ♦ **"Treasures from the Collection" Members Only Event**  
Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm
- ♦ **Longrifle & Early American Collectors Show**  
Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9:00am-3:00pm
- ♦ **Christmas on the Farm**  
Friday, December 3, 2021 from 3:00-8:00pm & Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 12:00-8:00pm





## #RenfrewOnTheRoad: Mainstreet Farmers Market

Join Renfrew's historic interpreters at Mainstreet Waynesboro's Farmers Market downtown! Look for our booth among this wonderful weekly gathering of local farmers, food vendors, and artisans in Main Street Park. Along with heirloom seasonal produce from our gardens (as available), Renfrew will offer handmade items from the museum gift shop including

pottery, folk art, jewelry, décor items, and more! Each purchase supports our mission of preservation and stewardship of this 107-acre community treasure.

We'll also have information about the history of our 200+ year old Pennsylvania German farmstead, upcoming programs, and may even have a fun activity or two. Stop by, snap a pic, and say hello!

Visit <https://www.mainstreetwaynesboro.org/> to learn more.

## Historic Site Spotlight Series: Rose Hill Manor Park and Museum

Travel with us on this virtual adventure and discover a historic site that you're sure to love! Explore Rose Hill Manor Park & Museum in Frederick, Maryland, with Museum Manager Kari Saavedra. Built in the 1790s by Pennsylvania Germans John and Anne Grahme, the site was originally known as Rose Garden. The property, which now features a manor house, ice house, log cabin, blacksmith shop, carriage collection, and two barns, was later renamed Rose Hill by Maryland Governor Thomas Johnson in 1778. The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor opened its doors in 1972, providing a hands-on learning approach to history. The Museum focuses on providing children opportunities to experience life in early America from learning to card wool, to grating spices, to playing with toys from the past, as well as the history of agriculture and transportation in Frederick County.



Register at: [RenfrewMuseum.org/presentations-and-workshops/](https://www.RenfrewMuseum.org/presentations-and-workshops/)

## Farmstead Fun For Wee Ones

Join our interpretive staff for an hour-long program designed especially for little learners! Divided into three 20-minute segments, children will make a craft, enjoy a song and story, then participate in sensory play – all inspired by life on our historic Pennsylvania German farmstead.

### CHOOSE YOUR DATE:

(Program activities will be identical for all three.)

Monday, June 14, 2021

Monday, July 12, 2021

Monday August 19, 2021

10:00-11:00AM

\$5 per child / \$2.50 for Friends of Renfrew Members

Limit 16 children per session.

Recommended for ages 18 months

to 5 years, but all are welcome.

Please Arrive on Time.

*Participants must be accompanied by a*

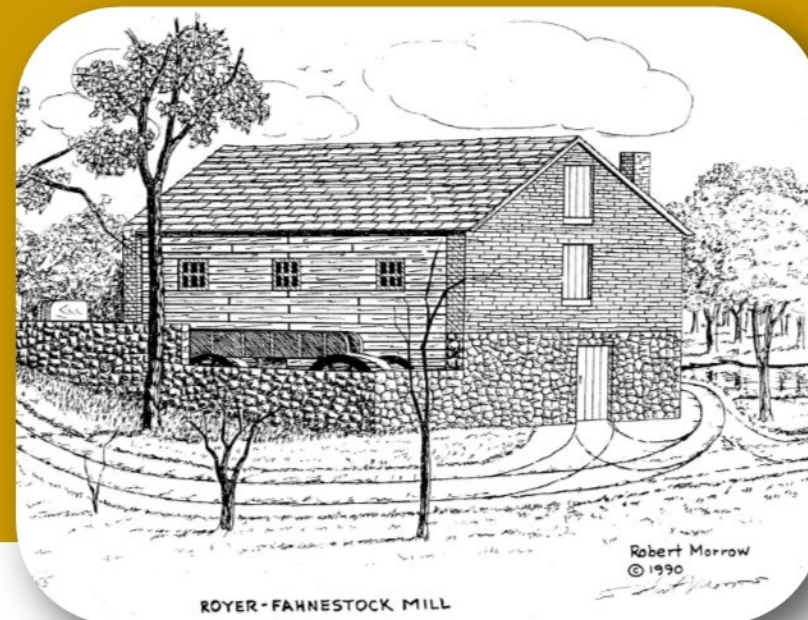
*responsible adult admitted at no charge.*

*Please observe COVID-19 safety guidelines.*

*Masks required for adults and children over two years of age.*

Learn more at: [RenfrewMuseum.org/farmstead-fun-for-wee-ones/](https://www.RenfrewMuseum.org/farmstead-fun-for-wee-ones/)

# Milling It Over: Reconstructed Mill Proposed



## WANTED! 5000 BUS. WHEAT! The old Miller at his old Trade!

THE undersigned having associated themselves in the Milling business, and having leased of Peter Fahnestock the old Royer mill property, one mile southeast of Waynesboro, are now prepared to purchase grain from their friends at the highest market price; and also to do all kinds of Grinding, including chopping corn and cob. We are also prepared to furnish at the lowest market prices, all kinds of Mill Stuff, also Plaster by the ton or bush. Our old friends will please call and see us.  
JOHN WALTER,  
JOSEPH ELDEN.

Dec 6-18

Above: Excerpt from "Village Record"  
Waynesboro, PA January 3, 1862.

Renfrew Museum and Park is pleased to share its vision for reconstruction of the Royer Gristmill near its original site at the southeastern end of our property. The proposal for

constructing a true-to-scale, fully operational gristmill has been a goal in Renfrew's strategic plan for some time, with significant development toward realization taking place over the past three years. With financial commitment from our generous benefactor, James Luty, Renfrew has researched and adopted a feasibility study prepared by Bushey Feight Morin Architects of Hagerstown, Maryland which was approved by the Waynesboro Borough Council in 2019. Renfrew hopes to begin seeking approvals this year. The potential project is proposed in two phases: first to erect a three-story structure and pump house about fifty feet from the original foundation, then for historic millwright Gus Kiorpes and his team to custom-build wooden millworks, bringing the whole operation to life!

On the 1807 tax rolls, Daniel Royer (1762-1838) was listed as having a gristmill valued at \$2,000. By 1831, there were sixteen mills operating in Washington Township, Franklin County, PA and Royer's mill had increased in value to \$5,500. He owned the mill until his passing in 1838 at which point his son, Jacob Royer (1800-1852), inherited and ran the mill until his own death. Jacob's heir assumed operations for the next two years. In 1855, possibly through 1857, Daniel's widow Catherine Stoner Royer (1768-1858) appears to have taken ownership. Following her death, their youngest daughter Nancy (1812-1898) and her husband Peter Fahnestock (1805-1883) continued the milling tradition on the property. An advertisement in the *Village Record* on May 8, 1863 announces that the Fahnestocks were grinding both corn and plaster (lime), although many grain crops including oats, barely, rye, and wheat were also ground there over the years. A later clipping dated April 24, 1879 reveals that Nancy and Peter's son, A. J. Fahnestock was attempting to sell the old family mill two decades later: "This mill has two run of burs [grinding stones], a pair of choppers and one set of Plaster Stones. The water-power is not surpassed in the Township. The water wheels are fourteen feet overshot. The mill has a fine custom trade and in this respect is one of the best stands for the business in the Southern part of Franklin County. The mill will be sold with 7 or 8 acres of best quality land or without land as the purchaser desires." Unable to secure a buyer, Fahnestock and neighboring dairy farmer John H. Frantz teamed up to convert the mill to a creamery commencing their joint venture by removing all milling equipment and machinery in October 1881. The creamery operated until the mill building was razed by then owner Dr. Abraham H. Strickler, who had purchased the Royer farmstead in 1896.

The original mill structure, which is now a 45' x 50' stone ruin, has captivated generations of visitors to the Renfrew property. Many visitors have wondered at its foundation, trying to imagine what it may have looked like and how it worked. The Royer Gristmill is an extremely important feature currently missing from Renfrew's historic landscape. Its significance to the development of the site as both an industrial and agricultural center cannot be overemphasized. The physical presence of a mill structure, combined with the sensory experience of hearing and seeing actual moving millworks, has the power to transport visitors back in time. A full-scale, operational structure would aid guests' understanding of the milling process in a real, tangible way that photographs, models, or engravings could never offer. Reconstruction of a gristmill near the archeological ruins of its original footprint and near the Fahnestock Farmstead could not only fill in the visual gaps and enhance interpretation of Renfrew's story, but has possibilities to serve our audiences in many other ways. The rebirth of Renfrew's lost gristmill has the potential to give the Waynesboro community, and its many outside visitors, an exceptional experience that, when combined with our site's many other offerings, helps to foster a life-long appreciation for the agricultural and industrial heritage of this special place.

Watch for further updates about this exciting project proposal in the coming months!