

Renfrew MUSEUM & PARK



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is in our hands.
Let's Dream Big!

Dear Friend,

Have you ever had a dream so big that it seemed nearly impossible to do alone, but with the help of others you were finally able to achieve your goal? That feeling of accomplishment was probably even more meaningful with the knowledge that you had the support and encouragement of those in your corner, rooting you on to success!

Here at Renfrew, we know what it means to "Dream Big." Our very existence as a nonprofit institution, from the preservation and maintenance of 107 acres of historic farmstead, trails, creek, and gardens, to the exhibits, programs and the services we've been able to provide over our 46-year history—all of this was made possible because our founder, Emma Geiser Nicodemus, and those who came after her, had the courage to "Dream Big."

As a little girl growing up in Waynesboro, Emma dreamed of one day living in the old stone Royer house, nestled along the banks of Little Antietam Creek. The historic farmstead was her special place, discovered as a child while on a bike ride with her father. After years of treasuring it in her heart, Emma was able to truly call the old farmstead her own when she and her husband, Edgar Nicodemus, purchased the property in 1943 and began a loving restoration of the buildings and grounds.

Three decades later, **Emma dared to "Dream Big" by imagining what her beautiful old farmstead could be in the future.** With the help of others, including her longtime estate caretaker, attorney, bankers, municipal officials, friends and more, she devised a way to make an incredible lasting gift to the community by willing what she named *Renfrew* to the people of Waynesboro as a public museum and park. Her generous bequest, an investment in the future, created a one-of-a-kind historic site, a scenic natural respite set aside for generations yet unborn to discover, learn, enjoy, recharge — and dream.

Emma's dream has been carried forward by countless others who have continued to invest in Renfrew's future. Day in and day out, our staff, board, committees, and volunteers work hard to make the most out of the resources you and others so generously share which enable Renfrew to fulfill its mission to "preserve, enhance, promote, and interpret the Royer family Pennsylvania German Farmstead, the Nicodemus and Bell collections, and the surrounding Park." From welcoming guests to tour the Museum House and explore our permanent exhibits in the Visitors Center to preserving and maintaining the buildings and grounds of our 107-acre historic farmstead, we rely on the generosity and encouragement of others to achieve Renfrew's vision, our dream, "to be a welcoming and memorable destination where everyone can walk back in time."

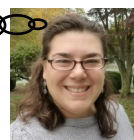
Renfrew's future is in our hands—let's "Dream Big!" A gift to help grow the Renfrew Endowment Fund is an investment in the future sustainability of this community treasure and will ensure Renfrew continues to "Dream Big," being available for everyone to enjoy as their own special place now and in the future.

I hope you'll consider making a tax-deductible gift of support to Renfrew Museum and Park's Endowment Fund. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Please return your check with the enclosed gift form in the envelope provided. You may also contribute online via:

www.RenfrewMuseum.org/support/donate.

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Thank you for helping
Renfrew "Dream Big!"



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