



NEWSLETTER

Renfrew Museum & Park 1010 East Main Street Waynesboro PA 17268 APRIL 1982

Spring is upon us already!!

The staff has been hard at work cleaning, repairing, and rearranging in the museum. We're ready to open for 1982 and we hope to help YOU chase away those Winter Blues with a visit to Renfrew!! Come out and see us.

April 1 Exhibit Opening WAYNESBORO'S "OTHER" POTTER: D. M. BAKER

Little is known of John Bell's competitor in the Waynesboro pottery trade. Rumor has it that Daniel Baker worked in Bell's shop and perhaps, learned the trade there. Surviving examples of his wares are very rare and are marked with an interesting impressed stamp "D. M. Baker's Pottery Waynesboro PA." Unlike Bell, Baker appears to have made pottery exclusively for sale outside the Waynesboro area and was not concerned with the local market. He appears to have sold most of his pottery to a firm in Baltimore MD and probably, made pieces according to his clients desires rather than his own. Consequently, most of the Baker pottery that we know of today is very utilitarian with little of the decorative features evident in Bell pottery. Daniel Miller Baker was born in 1830 and died in 1911. In 1856 he married Catherine Phillipy and they had twelve children. Many of his descendants are still living in Waynesboro (including our own Park Superintendent Ed Miller!) and have been very helpful in trying to put this exhibit together. Many people have kindly lent pieces to the exhibit and we acknowledge them in the next newsletter. If you have any Baker pottery--we would love to see it!! And we hope you will come out and see the first exhibit ever devoted to the work of this local artisan.

A New Pottery Exhibit Area is Under Construction in the Renfrew Visitor's Center

Last year, the Renfrew Board of Directors voted to create a new exhibit area to feature our Bell pottery collection. However, one major obstacle stood in the way--lack of funds! But through the generosity of local individuals and businesses, we are reaching our goal. We are hoping to have the center open by mid summer, but still need donations in order to do so. Won't you join with the following donors? Send your tax deductible contribution to: Renfrew Exhibit Fund, Renfrew Museum, 1010 East Main Street, Waynesboro PA 17268.

A Sincere Thank You to Those Who Have Helped the Exhibit Fund

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Renfrew's Sulfur Inlay Blanket Chest Takes a Vacation!

Our lovely walnut chest made in Lancaster PA and pictured on pages 20-21 in our Highlights of the Renfrew Collection catalog will be visiting the folks at home. It has been loaned to the Heritage Center of Lancaster County PA. for

a year's visit. The chest will be displayed next to a Lancaster Shrank with sulfur inlay on the first floor. If you are traveling in the area, stop by and say hello! The Heritage Center is located next to the famed Farmer's Market on Penn Square in downtown Lancaster.

Special Thanks for the following donations:

Mrs. M. E. Gordon of Greencastle has donated a lovely English made silver tea scoop.

Mrs. Helen H. Hoffman of Waynesboro has donated two brass scissor candle snuffers.

Both donations fill a gap in our collection and are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed!!!!

Renfrew is always in need of interested, enthusiastic individuals to help us in a variety of ways in both the museum and park. Jobs range from office help, working on the Renfrew newsletter, research projects, guiding in the museum and guiding in the park, working in the soon to be finished Visitor Center. If you have some spare time and want to serve the public, give us a call at 762-4723.

Please Note: Renfrew Museum will be closed for Easter on Sunday April 11. The park will be open as usual.

PARK NEWS

Spring Bird and Nature Walks

Rev. Willard Rahn will conduct Bird and Nature Walks every Saturday morning in April and May at 7 a.m. in the Renfrew Park. Interested persons should meet at the Renfrew Parking Lot off Welty Road. Rubber bottom hiking shoes are suggested, and no prior knowledge of bird culture is necessary.

Renfrew Wildflower Slide Talk Available To Be Seen By Groups & Individuals

Thanks to Mrs. Melodie Stewart (with help from Russel Martz in photography) a photographic record of the wildflowers growing in Renfrew Park has been made. Mrs. Stewart has carefully documented the large number of flowers by name and location in the park. She has prepared a written script to coordinate with the slides. We are grateful to Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Martz for donating their time and talent for this valuable project.

Many Thanks to the Antietam Garden Club

The Antietam Garden Club has always aided Renfrew in many ways, from donations of plant materials to physical labor in weeding and planting on the grounds. Their recent generous gift of \$500.00 for plant materials will be used for additions to the Herb and Rose Garden to the rear of the museum.

Friends of Renfrew Membership News

The Renfrew Board of Directors voted to add a new category of membership to the Friends of Renfrew. It is called a DONOR category for \$25.00 and is intended for those individuals who would like to make an extra contribution. Call the museum for more information.

Current New Members since December

Mr. William H. Gelbach Jr.	Waynesboro
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Leckron	Waynesboro
Dr. & Mrs. Ivan J. McCormick	Waynesboro
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Current Renewals of Membership since December

Member since:

Mr. & Mrs. Chester E. Adams	Quincy, PA	1978
Mrs. Helen Berkey	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Biss	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Boerner	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. Don D. Brothers	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. Kenton H. Broyles	Waynesboro	1978
Miss Margaret Disert	Chambersburg, PA	1979
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Mrs. Carl Larson	Blue Ridge Summit, PA	1981
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Mr. & Mrs. Jack M. Luty	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Mose	Blue Ridge Summit, PA	1980
Mrs. Stephen Rollins	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Ruppert	Waynesboro	1978
Mrs. Ann Shade	Waynesboro	1981
Mrs. C. Winslow Thompson, Jr.	Waynesboro	1981
Mrs. Edwin Wingert	Waynesboro	1980
Mrs. Louise I. Woods	Pittsburgh, PA	1979

Do You Know Someone Who Would Like To Join With the Friends of Renfrew to Help Support YOUR Community Museum and Park?

Clip the form below and send today!

\$5.00 Supporting

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Address _____

\$25.00 Donor

Send to : Friends of Renfrew, 1010 East Main Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268

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