



# NEWSLETTER

RENFREW MUSEUM AND PARK

MARCH 1980

IT'S SPRING AGAIN!! What better time to take a walk through Renfrew Park and see the early flowers in bloom?

RENFREW MUSEUM OPENS FOR 1980 SEASON Thursday April 3 the museum will open for another year. Until further notice, hours will remain Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays 1-4 p.m. and by appointment (call 762-4723).

You won't want to miss this RE-OPENING! The Renfrew Staff has been hard at work to make the museum more interesting than ever. There are new exhibits, newly acquired artifacts, and new room arrangements. The Staff has been doing more research into period room studies and Early American life. We have been working at bringing the public more features of an average home prior to 1830.

ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION Renfrew has been given several very important artifacts which will be on exhibit for the first time in April.

Mrs. M. E. Gordon of Greencastle donated some lovely Meissen and Rauenstein china to add to our porcelain collection.

Mrs. R. Yingling has donated a set of rare Adams creamware in a variation of the "Sprig" pattern.

Both donations will be unique additions to the Renfrew ceramic collection.

For those of you who missed the JOHN BELL POTTERY exhibit last year, the pottery will remain in the gallery until the end of May. Included is a recently purchased John Bell redware bowl, similar in shape and design to Renfrew's Butter or Foot Tub.

Other new exhibits include a display of LIGHTING DEVICES typical in homes in the early 19th century. A new display area for the CERAMIC TABLEWARES COLLECTION has been built. Included in this new display are several types of earthenwares previously in storage.

GOT SOME TIME ON YOUR HANDS? Why not be a RENFWREW VOLUNTEER? If your interest is in Antiques and American Decorative Arts, join the Museum Volunteer Guide Program. If you're the outdoors type, become a V.I.P. (Very Important Person and Volunteer In the Park). For more information call 762-4723.

AS A MATTER OF FACT! Volunteers are being sought by Mrs. Marion Grove to help clean up and plant around the Fahnestock House. If you have been following the newspaper accounts, Mrs. Grove and the Waynesboro Historical Commemoration Society has been instrumental in working with the Renfrew Board of Directors to stabilize the Fahnestock House. Now that the construction work on the house has been completed, Mrs. Grove hopes to

clean up the grounds around the building so that Park visitors can enjoy walking around the area. If you are interested in volunteering your services or plant material, call Mrs. Grove at 762-2220.

**BIRD WALKS** The popular Renfrew Bird Walks will begin again April 5, and continue every Saturday morning through May. The walks will be led by Rev. Willard Rahn and are free to the public. All age groups are invited to attend. Interested persons should meet in the Renfrew Park parking lot off Welty Road and be ready to start by 7 a.m. For further information call Rev. Rahn at 762-1285.

**ENVIROMENTAL DAY** On Saturday April 26 the Blue Ridge Summit Garden Club and the Renfrew Museum and Park in association with area garden clubs will sponsor an ENVIROMENTAL DAY. The all day program is free to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Regristration and coffee begins at 9:30 a.m. until noon with opening remarks in the morning. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a choice of two programs: Nate Bacon, Caladonia State Park Naturalist will lead a Wildflower and Edible Plant Walk. Also at 1:30 Nick Hunter, Naturalist and Penn State Professor of Park Planning will present a slide show and walk on the identification of trees and shrubs. The concluding remarks will be at 3:30 p.m. Please call Mrs. Willard Rahn at 762-1285, for further information.

**WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!!**

**P.S. NOTECARDS NOW ON SALE IN MUSEUM RECEPTION AREA** In addition to the postcards of Renfrew house and collection, we are happy to announce that Renfrew now has the Lester J. Stone pen and ink notecards of Renfrew house on sale. The notecards are \$4.00 per package of 12 cards with envelopes. You won't want to miss a set of these beautiful cards by one of Pennsylvania's most important contemporary Artists.