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"FRIENDS OF RENFREW"

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Dear Friends:

The "Friends of Renfrew" membership program continues to grow. There are now 77 family memberships and 89 individual memberships.

OLD PROGRAMS

There was a very good turn-out for the seminars on "Ways to Identify Antiques for the Beginner." Those who attended the seminars were instructed on basic ways to determine if something is old or not.

If you missed the seminars, you'll have another chance to attend. No date has been set, but sometime next spring the Museum will again have seminars on: "Ways to Identify Antiques for the Beginner."

HOOKED RUG EXHIBIT

The exhibit: "Hooked Rug as Folk Art" is now installed in the upstairs gallery. The exhibit will remain on display until the first week of December.

Why not plan a visit to Renfrew and see the exhibit of hooked rugs? Remember, there is no admission charge for "Friends"- just show your membership card to the hostess during regular museum hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RENFREW

We like to think of Renfrew as a lively place for the entire community. Your suggestions about programs or exhibits are always welcome.

More Seminars!!!

The Consultant/Curator (also known as Jim Koenig) is at it again! Another seminar is planned for November. "Caring for Your Antiques" is the topic of the 2 hour seminar.

Reservations are necessary, so call the museum and sign-up for:

or Wednesday, November 8 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon
Thursday, November 9 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

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The seminar will provide useful information on caring for a variety of antiques from old books to your favorite oil painting. The seminars are for the non-specialist, you need not know anything about antiques or "caring". Plan to attend!

THANKSGIVING FESTIVITIES

A special treat is in store for visitors to Renfrew on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19. The fourth Annual Cookery will be held featuring: Brunswick Stew, hot biscuits, apple butter (mmm!), coffee and cider.

The best thing about the cookery (besides great food) is that "Friends" can attend at no charge!

The festive treat is possible through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Jane Miller, Mrs. Blanche Dukehart, and Mrs. John Baylor. Thanks to the ladies for their interest and culinary talents.

Speaking of Ladies (and Gents).....

Renfrew Museum functions so well as a cultural resource for the community primarily through the efforts of a large volunteer staff. The ladies (and one gentleman!) serve as guides for tours and provide talent and labor for special events like the Cookery and Mothers' Day Open House.

Here comes Santa Claus!

A new exhibit will be opened in the gallery on Thursday, December 7, featuring hand painted eggs by Mrs. H. R. Bailey. The decorated eggs will be displayed in the lighted, built-in exhibit case.

At the same time, there will be an exhibit of winter theme paintings and prints on the gallery walls.

Renfrew will also feature a traditional cedar Christmas tree with old fashion ornaments and toys in the downstairs parlor. The decorated tree and toys will be ready for public viewing on December 7 and thereafter during regular museum hours.

A Special Christmas Treat.....

On December 16, 1978 between 7:15 - 9:15 P.M., The Elizabeth Towne Recorder Consort will perform in the Gallery. The Consort will play a selection of holiday theme music as well as your 17th and 18th century musical favorites!



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Punch and cookies will be served by Renfrew Hostess,
Mrs. John Baylor.

(The arrangements for the musical program, art exhibit and
decorated egg display were made by Mrs. Mary Jane Miller
and Mrs. Blanche Dukehart.)

One Final Thing.....

The Museum will be closed from December 31, 1978 until
March or April 1979 depending on the weather.

We are tentatively planning a major exhibition of
silhouettes for April or May. Not only will there be an
outstanding selection of silhouettes, but you can have your
very own silhouette cut. A simple devise known as the
Camera Obscura will be used to trace your profile.

Full details about the exhibit and activities planned
for next year will appear in the next "Friends" Newsletter.

Happy Holiday and Best Wishes
for the New Year!!