

# Renfrew MUSEUM & PARK

“Walk Back In Time”



Summer 2022

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Our mission is to preserve, enhance, promote, and interpret the Royer family Pennsylvania German Farmstead, the Nicodemus and Bell collections, and the surrounding Park.

## All-American Summer Splendor

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MUSEUM & PARK



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Winter (Mid-October—Mid-April)  
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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:



Summer is in full swing here at Renfrew! Our beautiful site is bustling with activity as visitors from near and far flock to the grounds to exercise, gather, explore, and enjoy the All-American Summer Splendor offered at everyone's favorite farmstead.

Summertime, to me, evokes old-fashioned images of lazy days, American flags waving in the breeze, tasty treats, and the endless possibility for new adventures. In this issue, we'll celebrate summer with articles and upcoming events that highlight the very best of Renfrew at the peak of its season. Come along for an exciting overview of what's new!

If you've been to Renfrew in the past few months, you'll have noticed big changes to the Pennsylvania German Four-square Garden at Fahnestock Farm (see *Spring 2022 issue* for more information). Now that the back beds are clear, we can finally reach our three heirloom gooseberry bushes! Learn more about this unusual historic fruit on page 2. You're invited to help celebrate our progress on the Garden Project at "A Garden Party at Renfrew!" summer mixer (page 7) presented in partnership with Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce on Thursday August 4th from 5:00-7:00pm. RSVP for this free event by August 2 to be included on the guest list.

In the spirit of summertime Americana, we are pleased to present an artifact feature on Renfrew's recent traveling exhibit "A Salute to Early America: Decorative Arts of the Federal & Jacksonian Eras" (pages 3 & 4). Introduced for the 49th Annual Gettysburg Civil War Collectors Show back in June, this small curated selection of incredible early objects from Renfrew's museum collections features ceramics and images with presidential or patriotic themes, and will become a staple for future #RenfrewOnTheRoad outreach initiatives showcasing the museum's holdings.

This issue is also packed with information on upcoming programs and events including Renfrew's 7th Annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser (pages 5 & 6) to be held on Saturday September 17, 2022 from 12:00 to 4:00pm, our next #RenfrewOnTheRoad trips to Pippinfest in Fairfield (page 6) and Mainstreet Waynesboro's Market Day on October 1st, along with a save-the-date for Christmas on the Farm to be held December 2nd and 3rd (page 8). Don't miss your chance to attend Treasures from the Collection: Members-Only event on Thursday October 6th by taking advantage of our Early Bird Membership Renewal offer by September 30th (page 10) and lend your support to Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Brandt's project to construct a footbridge at Renfrew (page 9).

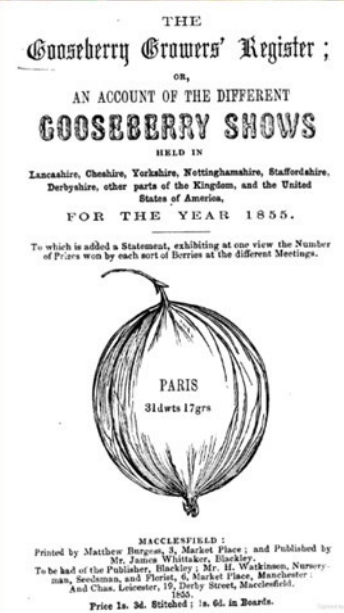
Sincerely,

*Rebecca J. LaBarre*

**We hope you'll join us as we celebrate an All-American summer at Renfrew!**

# Gooseberry Jam

## A Taste of History from the Four-Square Gardens at Renfrew



Fairly uncommon in today's American diet, gooseberries were included among the cultivated fruit grown in many home gardens during the nineteenth century. The gooseberry is the common name given to the species of Ribes, flowering shrubs that bear edible berries in green, orange, red, purple, yellow, white, or black. This also includes currents.

Gooseberries are native to Europe and western Asia, brought by settlers to the New World. Long cultivated in cool weather climates of Britain and the Netherlands, historic references to gooseberries tend to appear chiefly in English and Dutch sources until becoming increasingly popular in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when they start to be introduced into French and German cuisine as well.

With the comingling of ethnic groups in southcentral Pennsylvania, the gooseberry was soon adopted by American families of English, Scotch-Irish and Pennsylvania German decent. Recommended by period cookbooks to be treated in the same manner as raspberries and strawberries, the gooseberry was chiefly used for desserts and to be preserved as jams and jellies.

Its popularity increased in the United States throughout the nineteenth century with recipes often appearing in newspapers and periodicals as seen in the below excerpt from *The Saturday Evening Post*.

### Gooseberry Jam—The Saturday Evening Post, July 12, 1856

Pick and clean red gooseberries, thoroughly ripe. Boil them by themselves for 20 minutes, skimming them frequently. Then add brown sugar, in the proportion of one pound of sugar to one pound of fruit. Boil for half an hour after the sugar is in. Skim it, and pour it into earthenware jars. When cold, paper up the jars, and set aside in a dry cool situation. Strawberry, and black currant jams are made in precisely the same manner as the above; but instead of brown, use lump sugar.

Renfrew's Pennsylvania German Four-square Garden, representative of plant varieties common to the mid-nineteenth century, boasts three gooseberry bushes: Hinnomaki Red Gooseberry (*Rode Grosselbeere*), a Finnish variety; Jostaberry, a thornless variety of gooseberry crossed with black current; and Crandall Native Black Gooseberry. Ripening late June through mid-July, gooseberries may be harvested green, with a blush of red, or fully darkened to purple or almost black. The darker the berry, the sweeter the fruit. Ripe gooseberries are low in natural pectin, so using green berries in jellies and jams helps them to set.

Renfrew's modest gooseberry harvest this year yielded enough fruit for one pint of jam! Using the above 1856 recipe, our staff created one jar of preserves to be offered at the silent auction during Renfrew's 7th Annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser (see pages 5 & 6).



Pint of Gooseberry Jam made from berries harvested from Renfrew's Pennsylvania German Four-square Garden to be auctioned off at this year's 7th Annual Oktoberfest.

# A Salute To Early America!

Decorative Arts Objects of the Federal & Jacksonian Eras  
from the collection of Renfrew Museum and Park



**Giorgio Washington Engraving - #1992.001**

- ♦ Print by engraver Angelo Bertini after life-sized marble sculpture by Italian artist Antonio Canova, c. 1820.
- ♦ Statue commissioned for North Carolina State Capital in 1815, completed c.1820. Installed December 24, 1821. Destroyed by fire when state house burned on June 21, 1831.
- ♦ Engraving of Washington, dressed "all'antica" (in the manner of the ancients) in Roman military armor and shown seated holding a tablet in his left hand and a quill in his right hand; stylized as a modern Cincinnatus drafting his farewell address to the nation. At his feet are a sword and baton. Tablet inscribed "Giorgio Washington, a Popolo degli Stati Uniti 1796, Amici e Concittadini; 'to the people of the United States 1796, Friends and Fellow Citizens'"

For those that may not have seen "Renfrew On the Road" this past June in Gettysburg, PA at the 49th Annual Civil War Collector Show, this issue of *der Wetterhahn* features a photomontage of artifacts highlighting the early Federal and Jacksonian Eras in American history. These objects are just a sampling of collections Renfrew showcased as part of the traveling exhibition aptly titled **"A Salute To Early America!: Decorative Arts Objects of the Federal & Jacksonian Eras from the collection of Renfrew Museum and Park."**

**George Washington Liverpoolware Bowl - #1981.032**

- ♦ English creamware with transfer printed portraits of George Washington & Benjamin Franklin along with idyllic scenes of naval military motifs, c.1780-1800.
- ♦ "Queensware", or "Liverpoolware", is a cream-colored earthenware produced during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Liverpool, Lancashire, England.
- ♦ The term Liverpool is often given to this type of ware because of its frequent exportation from Liverpool, England to American markets between 1790-1825.



**"General Lafayette" Blue Transfer Washbasin - #1976.783**

- ♦ "Landing of General Lafayette" Staffordshire washbasin by James and Ralph Clews, c.1825-1830.
- ♦ Diam. 12 3/4" (32.4 cm) x 4 1/2" H (11.4 cm)
- ♦ English Staffordshire washbasin made for the American market, white earthenware with deep blue transfer pattern.
- ♦ Scene depicts the landing of General Lafayette at Castle Garden, New York, on August 16, 1824, commemorating the Revolutionary War hero's American tour.
- ♦ Wide rim decorated with flowers which was one of Clews' most frequently used borders. Stamped with James and Ralph Clews' crown stamp "Clews Warranted Staffordshire".



**Transfer and Spongeware Patriotic Pitcher - #2015.15**

- ♦ English Staffordshireware, c. 1820-40, produced in the Stoke-on-Trent potteries for the American export market.
- ♦ Exceptional example of mixed decorative treatments of both cobalt blue spongeware and transfer applied prior to firing.
- ♦ Features Federal Eagle against shield with 13 stars.

**"Jakson" Reverse Painted Glass Portrait - #1976.365**

- ♦ Depicts General Andrew Jackson, "The Hero of New Orleans", in military regalia, painted by unknown folk artist c.1825-50.
- ♦ One of several European or immigrant-made reverse painted glass portraits in Renfrew's collection depicting famous people, saints, and allegorical figures dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century.
- ♦ Measures 10" h x 7.5" wide
- ♦ Possibly based off of 1819 Charles Willson Peale portrait, now in the collection of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.



**Red, White, and Blue Spongeware - #1976.301 a-b, #76.298 a-b**

- ♦ English pearlware soft paste porcelain tableware, c.1820-30.
  - ♦ Sugarbowl
  - ♦ Teacup & Saucer
- ♦ Patriotic color scheme hand-applied with sponges in the potteries of Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, for both the British domestic and American export markets.
- ♦ Everyday domestic dishware commonly found in households of the late Federal and Jacksonian Eras.





# Programs & Events



## OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER

**"A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CELEBRATION OF  
HISTORY AND THE HARVEST!"**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2022**  
**12:00pm - 4:00pm**

- ♦ Tours, Activities, Music & Biergarten
  - ♦ Pre-Purchased Dinner Service from 12:00-3:00 pm Only
  - ♦ Happy Hour from 3:00-4:00 pm

### Ticket Options:

- ♦ **General Event Admission (12:00 - 4:00 pm, No Meal):**  
\$15 per person (age 18+) / \$10 Children (ages 3-17)  
Kids ages 2 & Under Admitted Free. **Pre-Registration Encouraged.** Walk-ins welcome! Please purchase admission at the Welcome Tent upon arrival.
- ♦ **Full Package (Includes General Event Admission & Meal, Meal served from 12:00 - 3:00 pm ONLY):**  
\$35 per person (age 18+) / \$25 Children (ages 3-17)  
Kids ages 2 & Under Admitted Free  
**Pre-registration Required.**  
Limited meal tickets available!

### Available for Purchase:

- ♦ **Biergarten:** \$5 Pours from 12:00-3:00pm / \$3 Pours from 3:00-4:00pm  
(Age 21 + only. Photo I.D. Required. Please drink responsibly and designate a driver.)



For Further Details and to Pre-purchase Tickets Go To:  
**RenfrewMuseum.org/Oktoberfest/**

Come enjoy a fun-filled day at Renfrew's Seventh Annual Oktoberfest! This seasonal favorite is set amongst our beautiful historic farmstead to take full advantage of the scenic views and unique period setting. As always, this traditional event will have a distinctive Renfrew feel as we honor the German roots of the Royer family that worked this land. It's fun for everyone with a one-of-a-kind family-friendly celebration of history and the harvest. Your admission includes entry into the festival featuring live music, abbreviated tours of the 1812 Royer House, historic trade demonstrations, silent auction, children's farmstead activities, games, and so much more! Relax in our fenced, tented Biergarten and sample local craft beer. With so much to do, you're bound to have a great time! Show your support for Renfrew's German heritage as we celebrate Oktoberfest together.

**Live Traditional German Music**  
Dockenspieler 12:00-4:00pm

**German Themed Meal (w/Full Package Ticket Only)**  
**SERVED 12:00 - 3:00PM ONLY**  
**WITH PRE-PURCHASED FULL PACKAGE TICKET.**

### Biergarten

Open 12:00 - 4:00pm

**\$5 Pours from 12:00-3:00pm / \$3 Pours from 3:00-4:00pm**

Enjoy locally crafted beer in our tented biergarten

**Happy Hour Specials 3:00 - 4:00pm!**

\$3 Pours, \$1 Individual Snacks,

\$5 Snack Pack: Beer, Bag of Pretzels, & Beef Stick  
(Age 21 + only. Photo I.D. Required. Please drink responsibly and designate a driver.)

### Silent Auction Fundraiser

Bidding from 12:00-2:00pm; Winners announced at 2:30pm

**Historic Crafts & Trades Demonstrations and  
Fall Harvest Inspired Activities**

Enjoy family-friendly fun with crafts, games, and more!

### Royer Museum House Tours & Family Fun Area

Open 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Take time to tour and explore the history of Renfrew and the Royer family led by costumed docents.

### Event Sponsors Needed!

**Four Levels Available**  
**Looking for a way to**  
**promote your business and**  
**support a great cause?**  
**Visit the Oktoberfest**  
**website to learn more.**



## Mark Your Calendar!

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

- ♦ **A Garden Party at Renfrew!**  
Thursday, August 4, 2022  
from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- ♦ **Terrific Tuesdays: Architecture**  
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 10:00am-12:00pm
- ♦ **Seventh Annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser**  
Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 12:00pm-4:00pm
- ♦ **#RenfrewOnTheRoad: Pippinfest Fairfield, PA**  
Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 9:00am-4:00pm
- ♦ **Treasures From the Collection**  
Tuesday, October 6, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
- ♦ **Christmas on the Farm**  
Friday, December 2, 2022 from 3:00-8:00pm  
& Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 12:00-8:00pm

# A Garden Party at Renfrew!



Thursday August 4, 2022 from 5:00-7:00pm

Free Admission. Registration required.

Presented in Partnership by:

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[www.RenfrewMuseum.org/GardenParty](http://www.RenfrewMuseum.org/GardenParty)

You're invited to a garden party at Renfrew! Venture up to the Fahnestock Farmstead to check out the progress on Renfrew's Pennsylvania German Four-square Garden, which is currently undergoing extensive renovations thanks to a \$7,000 grant by *Americana Corner*.

- ♦ Tour the freshly planted beds, filled with heirloom vegetable varieties dating to the mid-nineteenth century when the farmstead was occupied by the Fahnestock family.
- ♦ Enjoy light refreshments
- ♦ Live music by acoustic solo artist Tresa Day
- ♦ Get information on how your business can partner with Renfrew to reach its diverse audiences through annual membership and signature event sponsorship.



**RSVP BY 4:00pm ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022.** Please enter via the Visitors Center lot from Main Steet/Buchanan Trail/ PA-16 and carefully proceed up Fahnestock Lane toward the garden and barn. Event parking will be located on the left side in front of the hayfield. There are no restrooms at the Fahnestock Farm. Please plan to use facilities located at the Visitors Center.



## #RenfrewOnTheRoad: Mainstreet Waynesboro Market Day October 1, 2022 9am - 4pm

Look for our booth among this wonderful yearly gathering of local artisans and merchants along downtown Waynesboro, PA. Renfrew will offer handmade items along with other selections 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!

Learn more at: <https://www.mainstreetwaynesboro.org/market-day>



## "Treasures From the Collection" Members Only Event

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Reception: 6:30 pm, Program: 7:00 - 8:30pm

**SPECIAL OFFER!** Friends of Renfrew Museum and Park Members who renew or join now through September 30, 2022 are eligible to attend this exclusive evening reception with Executive Director Becky LaBarre and Manager of Visitor Experiences Steve LaBarre. Enjoy light refreshments in the Visitors Center gallery then gather in the Wagon Shed Room as Becky and Steve share a special selection of artifacts from Renfrew's collection with you. Take turns viewing these treasures up close and personal then enjoy a presentation on the background of each object from the perspective of Renfrew's resident material culture historians. Don't wait - book now! Don't miss your chance for this unique opportunity to experience Renfrew's collections first-hand. Not a Friends of Renfrew Member yet? Join now or renew your membership online.

Visit: [RenfrewMuseum.org/treasuresfromthecollection](http://RenfrewMuseum.org/treasuresfromthecollection)

## Save the Date! Christmas on the Farm

Friday, Dec. 2nd 3:00-8:00pm  
& Saturday, Dec. 3rd 12:00-8:00pm



Rediscover the simple joys of Christmas past at Renfrew Museum and Park this holiday season! "Walk Back In Time" through over 200 years of celebration at our annual *Christmas on the Farm* event. Follow the soft glow of flickering lanterns and the fiery blaze of torches to the beautifully decorated Museum House where you'll encounter how treasured traditions evolved over the centuries.



We invite you to join us at Renfrew this December for an unforgettable holiday experience and make memories that will last a lifetime at Christmas on the Farm.

More to come in our next issue!



## Eagle Scout candidate, Ethan Brandt, to construct footbridge at Renfrew.



Ethan Brandt is 17 and lives in Fayetteville, PA. For his Eagle Scout service project with Boy Scouts of America, Ethan has chosen to construct an oak footbridge on the western bank of Little Antietam Creek near the future site of the Renfrew Mill. This area, on Antietam Trail, often floods after significant rainfall making for a difficult journey for visitors along the path. Ethan states, "I am excited to help Renfrew Park by building a footbridge. Scouting has been an important part of my life since 2nd grade. I have had so many great experiences with scouting along with learning many valuable life lessons."



Ethan, along with his team of helpers, will assist Renfrew's Manager of Buildings & Grounds, Gene Kelley, with the overall construction of a 14' long by 5' wide solid oak bridge.

The estimated cost of this project is \$1200.

Ethan is currently seeking donations to help support his endeavor. Please consider a tax-deductible gift to help Ethan accomplish his goal!

**Donations may be made by cash, credit card, or check payable to Renfrew Museum and Park 1010 E. Main St. Waynesboro, PA 17268 or give online at**

**[www.RenfrewMuseum.org/EagleScoutProject](http://www.RenfrewMuseum.org/EagleScoutProject)**

## 2023 Membership Early Bird Offer



As the saying goes, the early bird gets the worm! Won't you help us start next year off right?

Dear Friend of Renfrew Museum and Park,

August 2022

Thank you for your continued support of our historic Pennsylvania German Farmstead! Whether you're a regular visitor to the museum and park, or engage with us from afar, your fondness for Renfrew means the world to us. We love having you in our "nest", and as "birds of a feather" it's important we "flock" together!

Renfrew relies on membership revenues to meet our mission each and every year. Membership funds allow us to maintain and to preserve Renfrew's historic and natural beauty while offering exceptional programs, events, and exhibits—enabling the Waynesboro community and our many visitors to enjoy this one-of-a-kind place as their very own place to "roost".

As we look forward to finishing our current season strong and begin planning for even more great experiences next year, we're asking for your support. Please consider joining or renewing your annual membership for 2023 early. Getting a jump start on membership revenues helps us care for our artifact collections, historic buildings, and landscape, make improvements to our property and park amenities, and offer a robust calendar of events so there's even more of Renfrew to enjoy. That's plenty to "crow" about!

Your "Early Bird" membership will be current through December 31, 2023 and includes:

- Free admission to most Renfrew Museum and Park paid events (excludes fundraiser events such as Oktoberfest)
- Free unlimited admission to the Museum House throughout the season
- Free admission to lectures and presentations
- Reduced admission to workshops
- 10% discount on gift shop purchases (excludes consignment and sale items)
- Print copy of our quarterly newsletter *der Wetterhahn* mailed directly to your home or business
- Exclusive *Members-Only* invitations to special experiences, previews of new displays and events, etc.
- **NEW! Time Travelers reciprocal membership program – enjoy benefits for over 400 museums and historic sites**

★ **RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> to receive EXCLUSIVE EARLY BIRD MEMBER BENEFITS** ★

- ✓ 2023 Die-cut Magnet featuring the Milk House!
- ✓ Attendance to "Treasures from the Collection" evening program on Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Enjoy light refreshments in the Visitors Center followed by a unique presentation with our museum staff that gives you an opportunity to see special pieces from Renfrew's collection up-close and personal. Learn more at: [RenfrewMuseum.org/TreasuresFromTheCollection/](http://RenfrewMuseum.org/TreasuresFromTheCollection/)

Join now or renew online at: [RenfrewMuseum.org/support/membership/](http://RenfrewMuseum.org/support/membership/)

Make checks payable to: Renfrew Museum and Park, 1010 E. Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268



**Yes! I'm an Early Bird. Please process my 2023 Friends of Renfrew Membership Today!**

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☐ I would like to RSVP for Treasures from the Collection on Thursday, October 6, 2022. # Guests \_\_\_\_\_