

Renfrew MUSEUM & PARK

“Cultivate Inspiration”

Winter 2024



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Warm & Cozy this Winter at Renfrew!

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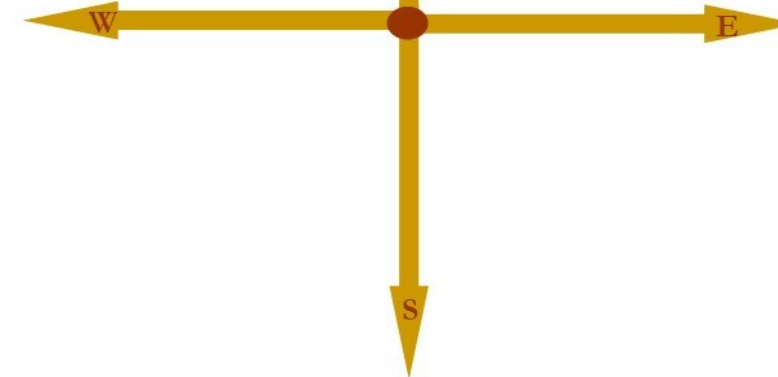
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Renfrew Museum and Park



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer (Mid-April—Mid-October)

Wed.-Fri. 9am—4pm; Sat. 1pm—4pm

Farmstead Tours: 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00pm

Winter (Mid-October—Mid-April)

Tue.-Fri. 9am—4pm

Park Grounds Open Daily, Dawn to Dusk

Our Mission

Renfrew Committee, Inc. supports the Borough of Waynesboro in its stewardship of Renfrew Museum and Park by preserving, interpreting, and educating others about its historic Pennsylvania German farmsteads, Early American decorative arts collection, built environment, and cultural landscapes. Creating lasting connections to Renfrew's distinctive character and dynamic heritage through unique experiences, we foster a meaningful sense of place for visitors of all ages.

Our Vision

Rooted firmly in Renfrew's past, we will cultivate inspiration for today, harvesting a shared history for tomorrow.

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 strive to be exceptional in everything we do.
- People:** We are committed to being a memorable and welcoming destination where everyone can cultivate inspiration and be recognized for their inherent worth.



RENFREW COMMITTEE, INC.

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A Message from our Executive Director:



Brr! Winter has arrived on the farmstead, friends, and it's been a doozy already—full of ups and downs. A frigid drop in temps and two big snowstorms in January left us all shivering, but then the weather pendulum saw fit to swing the complete opposite way giving us a streak of beautiful days in the 50's and 60's, right around the time Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring (do you even believe him?). Knowing Pennsylvania, though, it won't be long until the cold returns and we're waiting out these last several weeks, bundled up and longing for a lasting break in the weather to enjoy sunshine and warmth once again. Until then, we'll have to comfort ourselves with thoughts of that far-off spring, and enjoy the opportunity to stay inside for now, have something hot to drink, and get snugly.

In this winter issue, we're celebrating getting warm and cozy! We'll warm your heart with features and updates that'll remind us all that our 49th season is just around the corner.

Learn about a new acquisition to Renfrew's historic textile collection in "Stoner Family Coverlet" (page 2) and be inspired by the beauty and craftsmanship achieved by Early American artisans. Try your own hand at recreating another form of decorative arts during our Historic Tinsel Painting Workshop (page 5) on Saturday, March 23rd. In addition to an illustrated presentation and personalized instruction, you'll have the opportunity to view several original examples from a private collection.

Consider beating the winter blues by coming out to our 2024 Volunteer & Info Session (page 3). Make new friends, find out what it takes to be a volunteer at Renfrew, and enjoy a complimentary lunch of soup and salad with us. And speaking of volunteers, this winter we welcome a familiar face to the board of directors and say farewell to a dedicated, longtime supporter of Renfrew (page 4) after more than a decade of service.

What's cozier than a good meal? We have plenty of foodways programming coming your way with the return of our popular Springtime Farmstead Taste & Tour (page 8) and Historic Hearth Cooking Lessons (page 7). We've also added two new experiences, one for youth Pi Day = Historic Bake Oven Hand Pie Workshop on March 14th (3.14, get it? - page 6), and Bread & Butter, a hands-on baking and dairying workshop (page 9) with tours of the Renfrew Mill, Milkhouse, and Summer Kitchen.

Mark your calendar for our 49th Opening Day Celebration on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm (page 5). Planning is underway for this free event to kick-off our new season and showcase the Phase I completion of the Renfrew Mill. Activities will be centered exclusively at the Fahnestock Farmstead. Be sure to follow our progress with our latest "Mill Project Update" (page 10).

We hope you'll cozy up to Renfrew in the coming months. Stay warm, farmstead friends!

Rebecca J. LaBarre

Stoner Family Coverlet



Andrew S. Stoner
1808-1889

Pictured at right is a jacquard loom coverlet having a wool weft of three colors: red, blue and green on a cotton warp and ascribed to Andrew Snively Stoner (Jan. 12, 1808 - Nov. 29, 1889). Having been woven in two pieces the coverlet features a hand-sewn center seam, indicating that it was woven on a hand-powered loom rather than an industrial machine or one that could provide for larger finished widths.



— Object# 2023.001.001 Renfrew Museum and Park

Having fringe on just three sides it provides both an ornamental and attractive finish when draped over the side rails and foot board of a bed. The lower corners include so called "weaver's blocks" with the interwoven phrase "AN-DREW-S-STONER 1841". Historically, each corner block contains either the client's name or weaver's name, in this case Andrew S. Stoner's may refer to the fact that he wove it himself or that it was woven and presented specifically to him by an unknown weaver.

The ancestral name "Stoner" holds significance within Renfrew's cultural heritage. Johannes Steiner or "John Stoner" (1705-1769), was an early owner of the farm that would eventually become Renfrew Museum and Park, having arrived in Pennsylvania sometime prior to 1728 settling first, like most of his Anabaptist brethren, in the Philadelphia area. By 1743, Stoner was among the many westward migrants of Anabaptist Pennsylvania Germans to the fertile land of Franklin County. Records indicate that Stoner had the Renfrew property surveyed on March 27, 1767, two years prior to his death. The land then passed to his son Abraham Stoner (1745-1824), whose daughter Catherine Stoner (1769-1858) married Daniel Royer (1762-1838). Ultimately, the 150-acre farm was deeded to Daniel and Catherine whose heirs held it until 1896.

Andrew S. Stoner, the subject of this coverlet, was the son of David Stoner, Jr. and Nancy Snively. David, Jr. (1780-1875) was both born and died at the Stoner homestead near Linden Mill (Welly's Mill), on the East Branch of Antietam Creek southeast of present day Waynesboro, Washington Township, Franklin County, PA. His father, David Stoner, Sr. (1773-1820), also lived and died on this very farm which he had acquired from both his father and mother, John (Steiner) Stoner and Catherine (Brenneman) Stoner.

Consequently, Andrew S. Stoner would become the second cousin to Renfrew's own Catherine (Stoner) Royer (1769-1858). It was his grandfather, David Stoner, Sr., and her father, Abraham Stoner, who were both brothers and sons to John Stoner. As such, this very fine, well preserved example carries with it a solid provenance having been handed down through Andrew Stoner's descendants for multiple generations. It was thus a pleasure when on October 19, 2023, the museum was visited by Joyce D. Hege of Chambersburg, PA. who presented and subsequently donated this wonderful jacquard loom coverlet to Renfrew Museum and Park's permanent collection of Early American fiber and textile artifacts in memory of her great-grandfather William Tell Hess. As a result this tangible and significant artifact will continue to be preserved and carry on the history of the Stoner family legacy for future generations to learn about and appreciate.



Consider Volunteering! 2024 Volunteer Appreciation & Info Session

Saturday, March 9, 2024

11:00AM – 11:30AM Volunteer Recognition

11:30AM to 12:00PM – Lunch

12:00PM to 1:30PM – 2024 Info Session

Renfrew is seeking volunteers! As we approach our 49th Opening Day, we're looking for friendly, community-minded people to help us provide great experiences to our visitors during the upcoming season. Volunteers at Renfrew Museum and Park assist professional staff with a wide variety of tasks including our popular programs and events, gardening and grounds keeping, tours, interpretation, artifact collections and exhibits, guest engagement, outreach, and so much more! If you're interested in learning how you can help us advance Renfrew's mission this season, please plan to attend our mandatory informational meeting from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.

The day's program will begin at 11:00am with recognition of our 2023 volunteers followed by a lunch of soup and salad at 11:30am. New volunteers may opt to attend the whole day to get to know current volunteers a little better, or just join us for the information session from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.



Renfrew's 2024 Volunteer Info Session will be held from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in the Wagon Shed Room located at the Visitors Center. *A recording will be distributed to all registrants so, even if you can't join us live, you'll still be well-informed. This 90-minute session will be led by Renfrew's administrative staff. Join our dedicated team of volunteers and help Renfrew fulfill its vision to "cultivate inspiration for today, harvesting a shared history for tomorrow."

THREE WAYS TO ATTEND:

- ♦ **In-Person at Renfrew, All Day** (11:00am-1:30pm; *includes volunteer recognition, lunch, and info session*)
- ♦ **In-Person at Renfrew, Info Session Only** (12:00pm-1:30pm)
- ♦ **View recording within one week of program** (*Anytime; Must be pre-registered to receive recording*)

Pre-Registration Is Required by Monday, March 4 (no walk-ins).

Register online or call (717) 762-4723.

****All current and prospective volunteers interested in serving during the 2024 Season must register and attend the Volunteer Info Session via one of three options (no exceptions).***

**www.RenfrewMuseum.org/volunteerinfosession
or register by phone at (717)-762-4723**

Welcome, New Board Member!

Renfrew Committee, Inc. is pleased to introduce Patrick Dunigan as our newest member to recently join the board of directors. Pat brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and special skills to assist with advancing Renfrew's mission and move our institution forward. Join us in welcoming him to Renfrew's leadership team!



Patrick Dunigan, Board Member

A retired public school teacher having spent 35 1/2 years teaching in the Lumberton Township, NJ school system, Pat holds a degree and certifications in teaching Social Studies grades 7 through 12 and Elementary Education grades 1 through 8. His first 27 years of teaching were in middle school social studies and under his leadership he led the Jerseymen Club to win five consecutive state championships in National History Day competition allowing them to compete in the national finals at the University of Maryland at College Park. His last 8 1/2 years were spent teaching all subjects at the 5th grade level.

He has been a living historian for the past 39 years having reenacted Revolutionary War, both military and civilian Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic, and most recently a World War I YMCA worker. Along with his wife, Joanne, Pat is an accomplished Civil War era dancer having come to Fairfield, PA for the last 22 years to learn, practice, perform, and occasionally teach dancing.

Pat has attended all of Renfrew's signature events over the past several years providing historical interpretation and demonstration related to chair caning, 19th century fly fishing, and appearing as Renfrew's exclusive Belsnickel at Christmas on the Farm. Besides being a dedicated volunteer at Renfrew Museum and Park, he has been a docent at the Surrat House in Clinton, MD along with being a current docent for the Adams County Historical Society. He also holds memberships in the Officers for the Union, the Confederation of Union Generals, the Civilians of Gettysburg, Renfrew Museum and Park, the Adams County Historical Society, and Historic Gettysburg and Adams County.

Pat looks forward to bringing his experiences and skill sets to Renfrew to help enable the Board of Directors to accomplish their mission of preserving, interpreting, and educating others about its historic Pennsylvania German farmsteads, Early American decorative arts collection, built environment, and cultural landscapes. Creating lasting connections to Renfrew's distinctive character and dynamic heritage through unique experiences, fostering a meaningful sense of place for visitors of all ages.

Special Thanks to Our Outgoing Board Member



Dade Royer

Thanks is expressed to Dade for his many years of faithful service to Renfrew! Having been actively involved with the organization for over a decade, he generously gave his time to supporting and serving various committees, programs, and projects along the way. Holding positions on Renfrew Executive Committee (REC) (2010-2012), as past director of Renfrew Museum and Park (2012-2019), and having recently served as a board member of Renfrew Committee Inc. (RCI) (2019-2023). Dade steps down having been an integral member of the organization and his devotion to serving and giving back to Renfrew Museum and Park has been invaluable in assisting the organization in fulfilling its mission and strategic goals. From all of us at Renfrew, thank you, Dade!



Programs & Events



Historic Tinsel Painting Workshop

**Saturday, March 23rd
9am—12pm**

In-Person at Renfrew

\$50 per person /

\$40 Renfrew Member

**Pre-Registration is Required
(Limit 16 participants)**

Learn the folk art of tinsel painting, a decorative art that was popular during the 1850's thru 1890's

and which adorned many homes in America throughout the period. These reverse paintings on glass are made with an applied metallic foil on the reverse which, when viewed from the front, provide a depth and sheen to the glass painting. Discover the beauty and history of this traditional craft. Following an illustrated presentation about the history of tinsel painting and viewing original examples from a private collection, you'll create a 5" x 7" framed example of your own using period techniques. Participants will be provided with all materials needed to create an authentic framed tinsel painting. Paint and stencils will be provided. Class size is limited to sixteen (16) so make your reservation today!

**Workshop takes place in the Wagon Shed Room of the Visitor Center.
This adult workshop is designed for individuals 18 and older.**

**Register online at
RenfrewMuseum.org/presentationsandworkshops
or register by phone to (717) 762-4723**

SAVE THE DATE!

**49th Opening Day
Celebration**

Saturday, April 13, 2024

12:00pm to 4:00pm

Free Admission

Renfrew Mill

Phase I Ribbon Cutting,

&

Phase II

Campaign Kick-Off

Planning is underway for this free event to kick off our new season and showcase the Phase I completion of the Renfrew Mill. Activities will be centered exclusively at the Fahnestock Farmstead with the house, barn, and garden open to explore. Enjoy historic demonstrations and be one of the first to view the newly constructed Renfrew Mill and learn about our efforts to "Get the Mill Moving" in our Phase II Campaign. We look forward to welcoming you to Renfrew Museum and Park for our 2024 season!

**Stay tuned for more information in the
coming months and check
[www.RenfrewMuseum.org/
OpeningDay](http://www.RenfrewMuseum.org/OpeningDay)
for more updates!**



Pi Day = Historic Bake Oven Hand Pie Workshop

For Students

Ages 6-13

Thursday, March 14th

10am—12pm

In-Person at Renfrew

\$10 per student /

\$8 Renfrew Member

Pre-Registration is Required

Limit 20 participants

**(Student must be accompanied
by a responsible adult at no extra cost)**

**Students will participate
in a hands-on immersive
farmstead adventure to
make their very own fruit
hand-pies and bake them
in the Summer Kitchen
bake oven. They will also
learn about what it took
for Early American families like the Royers and
Fahnestocks to put a hot meal on the table.**



**For further information and to Register
See online at:
RenfrewMuseum.org/presentationsandworkshops
or register by phone at (717) 762-4723**

Mark Your Calendar!

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

- ♦ **Judy Elden Memorial
Summer Concerts in the
Park Series**
Thursday Evenings
June-July 2024
from 6:30-8:00pm
- ♦ **#RenfrewOnTheRoad:
Mainstreet Waynesboro
Market Day**
Saturday, October 5, 2024
from 9:00am-4:00pm.
- ♦ **9th Annual Oktoberfest**
Saturday, September 14,
2024 from 12:00-4:00pm
- ♦ **"Treasures from the
Collection" Members
Only Event**
Thursday, October 10,
2024 Reception: 6:30pm,
Program: 7:00pm
- ♦ **Legend of Sleepy
Hollow: A Dramatic
Reading**
Tuesday, October 29,
2004 5:00pm-6:30pm &
7:00pm - 8:30pm.
- ♦ **Christmas on the Farm**
Friday, December 6 and
Saturday, December 7,
2024 from 3:00 - 8:00pm
both days.

Historic Hearth Cooking Lessons

Personalized instruction for groups of up to four guests





Now Booking for the 2024 Season!

www.RenfrewMuseum.org/HistoricHearthCooking

HISTORIC HEARTH COOKING LESSONS

\$300.00 for a 3-hour session

Select Dates Only, 10:00am to 1:00pm

One to Four Participants

Pre-registration is required.

Private Lessons for up to Four Guests

Enjoy an intimate, hands-on culinary experience inside Renfrew’s 1814 Summer Kitchen. Guests will be taught the basics of early nineteenth-century open hearth cooking techniques by preparing their own period meal under the guidance of our domestic life historians in period dress. Menu selections reflect the seasonal ingredients available to local families like the Royers during the early nineteenth century and can be tailored to participants’ dietary needs. You will learn about historic hearth equipment, how it works, and use it safely to create a delicious and hearty repast. Nothing tastes better than a hearth-cooked meal made by your own two hands! Select from one of the dates listed below for your personalized instruction in historic cookery today.



Select Your Date!

- Monday, May 6
- Saturday, May 11
- Saturday, June 1
- Monday, June 3
- Monday, October 7
- Saturday, October 12



Farmstead Taste & Tour

Farm-to-Table Dining Experience



Three-Hour Program Package
from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Select 2024 Dates Only:

Tuesday, March 12 Friday, March 15

Tuesday, August 6 Friday, August 9

Tuesday, Dec. 10 Friday, Dec. 13

Offering guests the opportunity to sample seasonal, locally sourced fare inspired by the traditions of our historic Pennsylvania German farmstead.

For Further Information and to Reserve Your Table Go To:
www.RenfrewMuseum.org/tasteandtour

Treat yourself or someone special to a delicious farm-to-table dining experience at Renfrew Museum and Park this season. Our Farmstead Taste & Tour program offers guests the opportunity to sample seasonal, locally sourced fare inspired by the traditions of our historic Pennsylvania German farmstead. Your meal will be hosted in Renfrew’s Wagon Shed Room inside our converted Victorian barn. Servers dressed in authentic early 19th century clothing will wait upon you with old-fashioned hospitality.

Start with a hearty coursed meal of soup, salad, and a selection of fresh-baked breads with preserves followed by a delicious entrée. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the farmstead outbuildings and 1812 stone Museum House, then return for a scrumptious dessert. *Our menu changes seasonally and reflects the rhythms of life on the farm.* For listing of seasonal menus go to: www.RenfrewMuseum.org/tasteandtour

All dishes are freshly prepared by Chef Delaney Blubaugh of Delaney’s Delicacies & Designs Waynesboro, PA especially for guests of Renfrew Museum and Park.



Lilly Martin Spencer. *Kiss Me and You'll Kiss the Lasses*, 1856. Oil on canvas. Collection of Brooklyn Museum.

Spring Menu	
<i>Bread</i>	
Cornbread Muffin, Sourdough, Pumpernickel	
<i>Preserves</i>	
Honey Butter, Strawberry Jelly, Blackberry Jam	
<i>Soup</i>	
Rosemary Garlic White Bean	
<i>Salad</i>	
Spring mix, candied pears, toasted pecan, cheddar, vinaigrette	
<i>Entrée</i>	
Chicken Dijon with roasted potatoes and asparagus	
Or	
Stuffed Portobello Dijon with roasted potatoes and asparagus	
<i>Dessert</i>	
Chocolate Strawberry Trifle	
<i>Beverage</i>	
Choice of Unsweet Ice Tea or Water (Unlimited Refills)	
Ginger Beer (One Sample Serving Only During Entrée Course)	

Bread & Butter

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Hands-on baking and dairying workshop with tours of the Renfrew Mill, Milkhouse, and Summer Kitchen!

\$100 per person • Limit four (4) Guests • 10:00am to 1:00pm

Three Dates Only: April 27, June 11, & October 14, 2024

www.RenfrewMuseum.org/BreadAndButter

Immerse yourself in the past by learning the basics of those essential historic kitchen staples: bread and butter. In this unique three-hour experience, participants receive personalized instruction in baking and butter-churning under the guidance of our knowledgeable domestic life historians. We'll prepare a simple bread recipe from scratch, bake it over the open hearth, and churn our own fresh butter by hand in our 1814 Summer Kitchen. Your day on the farm also includes tours of the new Renfrew Mill to learn about the process of grinding grain into flour and the 1810 Royer Milkhouse where fresh dairy was stored and processed into cream, butter, and cheese. Participants receive a souvenir ceramic butter bell and recipe card to take home, along with any leftover bread and butter. Join us for a delicious afternoon at Renfrew!



3-hour session

10:00am to 1:00pm

Three Dates Only!

Saturday April 27, 2024

Tuesday June 11, 2024

Monday October 14, 2023

Register at

www.renfrewmuseum.org/breadandbutter

Building continues on the Phase I portion of the Renfrew Mill, a full-scale working interpretive structure to be located adjacent to the original site of the historic Royer Mill. Read on to learn more about the project.

Site Visit with Patriot Federal Credit Union:

Back on November 2nd, Renfrew staff was pleased to welcome Patriot Federal Credit Union (PFCU) Senior Vice President—Business Loan Officer Mary Cordell and her team from Business Services to the mill site and assess construction progress. PFCU has partnered with Renfrew to provide \$1 Million in bridge loan financing while we await reimbursement of the RCAP grant funds. The group viewed the interior of the mill and pumphouse/restroom buildings then enjoyed a brief tour of the Visitors Center exhibit galleries lead by Executive Director Becky LaBarre. Special thanks to our partners at Patriot for helping to make the Renfrew Mill project possible!



Masonry Completed, Gutters & Downspouts Installed:

Burgunier Masonry Contractors of Clear Spring, Maryland, have completed the random course limestone and brick veneer on the Renfrew Mill and adjacent pump/restroom building. Soffits and roof rakes have been painted in a documented historic colorway to match the original farmstead buildings. Gutters and downspouts are installed along with window framing installation.

HVAC Work in Progress, Electrical Begins:

Crews have moved inside to work on mechanical and electrical systems, furring and finish carpentry. Exposed ductwork is nearly complete with furnace and air conditioning units awaiting installation. Plywood walls have been furred and painted out gray, ready to receive reclaimed wood cladding. Cladding will also be installed on the floor surfaces and between timber joists overhead to hide plywood subflooring when viewed from above. Staff and the design team confirming outlet and lighting fixture locations, along with conduit sizing.



Renfrew Mill Phase I Ribbon Cutting & Phase II Campaign Kickoff:

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Check out our other updates about the Renfrew Mill and follow our progress at: www.RenfrewMuseum.org/Mill

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