



NEWSLETTER

RENFREW MUSEUM & PARK 1010 East Main Street Waynesboro PA 17268

OCTOBER 1982

AUTUMN IS HERE And what could be more perfect than bringing along a picnic basket and enjoying a fall afternoon at Renfrew? The picnic area and the park's three hiking trails are still open. Come out and enjoy the beautiful colors. While you're at the park stop by the museum during regular hours every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday to see the . . .

NEW EXHIBIT The second floor display entitled "Curator's Choice: Seldom Seen Treasures, Odds and Ends from the Renfrew Collection" will feature such unusual and never-before-seen items as:

- * A 19th century screwdriver with John Bell's name engraved on the handle. The common household tool, believed to have been owned by Waynesboro's famous potter, was given to the museum by Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Miller.
- * An original copy of the Ephrata Song Book printed in 1747 at Ephrata Cloister. The Ephrata Song book is the oldest hymnal of original compositions in the Western world. The book, once owned by Elenore L. Hoover, is on long-term loan to the museum from the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library.
- * An English patchbox from the 1780's purchased by the museum in 1981. The lavender enamel patchbox features two profiles and the phrase "A New Puzzle of Portraits". Patchboxes were commonly used in the 18th century to hold small patches made of moleskin. The patches were believed to have been used by both men and women as beauty marks but recent findings indicate they had a more practical use -- to hide smallpox scars.
- * A John W. Bell flower pot given to the museum this year by Mildred Caron of Waynesboro, who inherited it from her grandmother, Mary Handstine. The 14" high pot with baroque handles could not be given to the museum until the Lantana plant it held for more than 20 years died. Mrs. Caron reports that the thick-stalked Lantana plant with its spray of orange flowers had survived for more than 20 years and that a Lantana plant has been in the pot for more than 35 years. Each summer the plant and pot were moved to the back yard and every winter placed inside. The most recent occupant of the pot grew to be four-feet tall!
- * The museum's latest gift -- a Jacob Wolf clock -- will also be displayed.

OCTOBER is going to be a busy month. More than 200 people have been scheduled for special tours. Renfrew runs as well as it does due to its large volunteer staff under the capable direction of Mrs. Ellie Miller. Without the assistance of volunteers the museum would not be able to operate. If you would like to be a part of this volunteer effort, please contact Ellie Miller (762-1334) or the museum.

THE ART OF MAKING COLONIAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND FLOWER ARRANGING will be demonstrated Nov. 1 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. by Denny Warrenfeltz, a talented flower arranger and member of the Washington County and Boonsboro Historical Societies. Mr. Warrenfeltz will show how you can make beautiful Williamsburg-type holiday decorations for your home during the Christmas season. The session is open for 50 individuals. For reservations call Ellie Miller (762-1334).

. . . And speaking of Christmas. . . Make plans to attend an evening of music and holiday festivity at Renfrew, Sunday, Nov. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. when the museum ushers in the yuletide season. A chamber group is scheduled to provide musical entertainment. Members of the Antietam, Toll Gate and Blue Ridge garden clubs have graciously agreed to decorate the interior and exterior of the museum with floral and period arrangements. A Christmas tree, donated by Bercaw's Village Barn, will be decorated with antique Christmas ornaments from the Nicodemus collection. The event, open to the public, will be a great way to kick off the holidays. Part of the Christmas program will be funded by a donation from David Thomas of the Fairfield Inn but volunteers and other friends of Renfrew will be asked to make a contribution of Christmas cookies for the event. A welcoming fire will blaze away in the kitchen and the house will be filled with the scents and sounds of Christmas. As an added-holiday bonus, a special exhibition of Nicodemus family memorabilia will be on display in the Visitor's Center FOR THAT NIGHT ONLY. The exhibit will feature photographs and letters from the Nicodemus-Geiser collection of family correspondence. November 21st promises to be a great evening. Come join us!

Mrs. Ellie Miller reports that former assistant curator Letitia Allen arrived safely in California and is staying temporarily with her brother in Long Beach, California.

Following Letitia's departure, the Renfrew Board is studying staffing requirements of the museum and will make recommendations about staff positions. In the meantime, Consultant Curator Jim Koenig is in charge of the day-to-day operation of the museum. Koenig has been with the museum since 1978. Volunteer Marie Lanser Beck has agreed to prepare the newsletter.

FRIENDS OF RENFREW MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewals of Membership for September

Member Since:

Mr. & Mrs. Merle Bowers	Waynesboro	1979
Patrick Brezler	Waynesboro	1978
Mrs. Jessie O. and Doris Large	Waynesboro	1978
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mathias	Waynesboro	1978
Mr. & Mrs. Earle L. McFerren	Waynesboro	1980
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mock	Waynesboro	1978
Rev. & Mrs. Clayton Moyer	Waynesboro	1978
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rinehart	Waynesboro	1978
Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Rowe	Waynesboro	1978
Mr. & Mrs. James K. Stock	New Oxford, PA	1981
Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Unger	Waynesboro	1981
Mrs. Betty Williams	Waynesboro	1981
Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Walker Williams	Waynesboro	1978
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zimmerman	Waynesboro	1978

New Members for September -- Welcome!

Hazel M. Keckler, Waynesboro	Louisa C. Decker, Waynesboro
Margaret Linn Lutzke, Waynesboro	Mrs. Alma G. Bercaw, Waynesboro
Mrs. Isabell W. O'Toole, Waynesboro	James E. Bowie, Waynesboro
Arthur E. Rinehart, Waynesboro	Ronald & Sherry Newcomer, Waynes-
M. Lamar Shockey, Waynesboro	boro
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Mrs. Edna M. Kline, Quincy, PA	Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Fleagle,
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Mrs. Nelson Pilling, Waynesboro	Jennifer & Ronald Robinson,
Doris Francis Beauty Salon, Waynesboro	Waynesboro
Shaffers Sales and Service, Waynes	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rowe,
Savoy Catering Service, Waynesboro	Waynesboro
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Theodore Hopewell, Waynesboro	
Roy M. Harshman, Waynesboro	Mrs. J. Paxton Kisecker, Waynes-
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