

Streamside

Newsletter of the Renfrew Institute

MISSION STATEMENT

“Renfrew Institute’s mission is to guide the people of the Cumberland Valley Region to become stewards of their natural and cultural worlds.”



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Learning As We Grow

Six institute faculty members headed out of the visitor center the other day following our fearless scientific leader and fellow staffer, Dr. Doris Armstong Goldman. They were venturing into the park for a bit of sponge learning. That’s when you tag along with Doris and sponge up all the amazing natural and cultural history information she can dole out within the allotted time. It was to be a one-hour walk.

Well, four hours later we returned to the visitor center—full to over-flowing with plant names, plant facts, plant folklore, insect behaviors, historical tid-bits, Renfrew park legends and a bazillion questions, some that would be springboards for the next walk...the very next morning. All right, so the second walk was only three hours, but the fact that we got out there twice was quite an accomplishment! Though we had talked of doing periodic staff walks to explore, question, learn, it just never seemed to happen. Let’s hope we can keep the momentum!

Though Doris is our highest degreed (PhD biology) academician with an incredible intellect and wealth of scientific knowledge, other staff members have special areas of expertise too. So lots of information sharing goes on during such an experience. And even though we are teachers of these topics, there is no end to the additional information we can learn!

There is much to discover within the park, both naturally and historically. We investigated native vs. invasive grasses and vines, observed native bees in action, learned why basswood trees have that name, spotted a pileated woodpecker that was squawking loudly as it flew overhead, speculated on the presence of foxes these days, and visited an old stone retaining wall that was once part of the miller’s house near the gristmill. The wall is hardly noticed and few know its story.

We checked the growth progress of the new pine plantation and found what we think may be the largest sycamore leaf yet to be discovered at Renfrew. Stephanie Kober (nature name “Firefly”) found it. She brought it back to the visitor center, traced around it on a big sheet of tracing paper and then returned it to the park. Perhaps we have the start of a “Biggest Leaf Book” for kids to add to during their visits! Can anyone beat Firefly’s?

We also came up with another idea—a log style journal to be kept at the visitor center. Renfrew Discoveries could hold entries provided by park visitors recording their magical moments, fascinating findings and rare sightings throughout the year. Could that tell us how the park might change over time?

Why do I relate this staff walk story? Because days, weeks,

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Andrew Sussman— Jazz Man

Former institute board member and long-time Renfrew Jazz Festival organizer, Andrew Sussman, holds the place of honor

On Top of the Mushroom.



Andrew is well known to area music lovers as the executive director of the Cumberland Valley School of Music. A native

of Philadelphia, Andrew earned a degree in music from Philadelphia's University of the Arts. His songs have been performed and recorded by nationally acclaimed singers, and his musicals have been performed in NYC and locally. He spent years working in various facets of the music industry, and later worked in the publishing industry in New York and New Hampshire.

Andrew and his wife, Sally, moved to our area in the late 1980s when Andrew accepted a position as Senior Vice President of Direct Marketing and Book Clubs with TAB Books (later McGraw Hill), in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. He joined the staff of CVSM in 1994.

Andrew recalls that he was invited to join Renfrew Institute's Activities Committee (now called Community Events Committee) by then-chair Mary Caverly. He eventually became the committee chair, and later served on the institute's board of directors. During his six-year term (1994-2000), Andrew continued to chair the Activities Committee and was also vice president of the board for three years.

"The Activities Committee added several new events that proved popular," Andrew said, "Shakespeare in the Park, the annual Kite Fly and Father's Day musical revues among them." Another favorite activity took participants farther afield. "For several years, I organized and led a bicycle tour, which took us out to Clopper's Orchards (where they gave us a tour of the orchard), and the Leitersburg Peach Festival."

Renfrew's Jazz Festival was born in 1991 when fellow committee member and president of the institute board, Dudley Keller made the suggestion, knowing of Andrew's passion for jazz. "I never dreamed at that stage it would become a 16-year tradition," he said. "I had presented artists in concert before at various venues in the New York area," Andrew said. "I knew I needed relatively local musicians who were strong enough to support a

big-name headliner."

His answer came when he attended a performance by guitarist Paul Bollenback at the Park Circle restaurant in Hagerstown. "He was amazing, totally unexpected," Andrew said. Paul was willing to participate, and the first festival was built around the guitarist. "Paul was fun to work with," Andrew said, "and agreed to come back. Over the years he has played with a remarkable list of legendary artists. The only festival Paul didn't make was in 2000, when he was in Japan."

The festival has become a popular annual tradition among area music lovers. "It wouldn't happen without Andrew," says Melodie Anderson-Smith, executive director of the Institute. "We are very fortunate to enjoy an incredible concert each year because Andrew donates his time and expertise. It is so rewarding to work with him as he thoroughly enjoys what he does—bringing world class jazz to our small rural town. Lots of smiles come out of this event!"

Andrew is pleased that he had the opportunity to bring such an event to Waynesboro, as a way "to do something different and to make a difference in people's lives." This opportunity to make a difference is also "what I love about Renfrew Institute," Andrew said. "The institute strives to have an

impact on the local community, providing educational services for students of all ages and a wide range of cultural opportunities for everyone in the communities it serves."

Andrew and his wife, Sally, live in Waynesboro and have three children, Nigel, Adrienne and Nicola.

Kudos and thanks to Andrew Sussman for many years of "making a difference"—both at Renfrew and in the community!

Andrea Struble

RENFREW JAZZ FESTIVAL ARTISTS IN REVIEW

1992—Jim Snidero (sax), Paul Bollenback (PB) (guitar), Drew Gress (bass)
1993—Buck Hill (sax), PB*, Steve Novosel (bass), Jerry Jones (drums)
1994—David "Fathead" Newman (sax & flute), PB*, Steve Novosel (bass), Kadino Newman (drums/vocals)
1995—Gary Thomas (sax), PB*, Tommy Williams (trumpet), Tommy Cecil (bass), Byron Landham (drums)
1996—Ron Holloway (sax), PB*, Ed Howard (bass), Allison Miller (drums)
1997—PB*, Marshall Keyes (sax), James King (bass), Nasar Abadey (drums), Melissa Walker (vocals)
1998—Steve Wilson (sax), PB*, Steve Novosel (bass), Lenny Robinson (drums)
1999—René Marie (vocals), PB*, Allison Miller (drums), Sam Yahel (organ)
2000—Frank Morgan (sax), Bob Butta (piano), James King (bass), Nasar Abadey (drums). (This is the



*PB = Paul Bollenback

Downstream

with guest author Sue Smith, Supervisor of Visitor Services, Renfrew Museum & Park

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Downstream* is a regular column in this newsletter. It features articles about environmental awareness and action that can help us be better stewards of our natural heritage.

Renfrew's New Pet Policy



Dogs love Renfrew, & the new pet policy is designed to allow them to enjoy it responsibly.

We have decided to implement a new pet policy here at Renfrew beginning in October. The decision has been driven by many factors, not the least of which is protection of our natural resources.

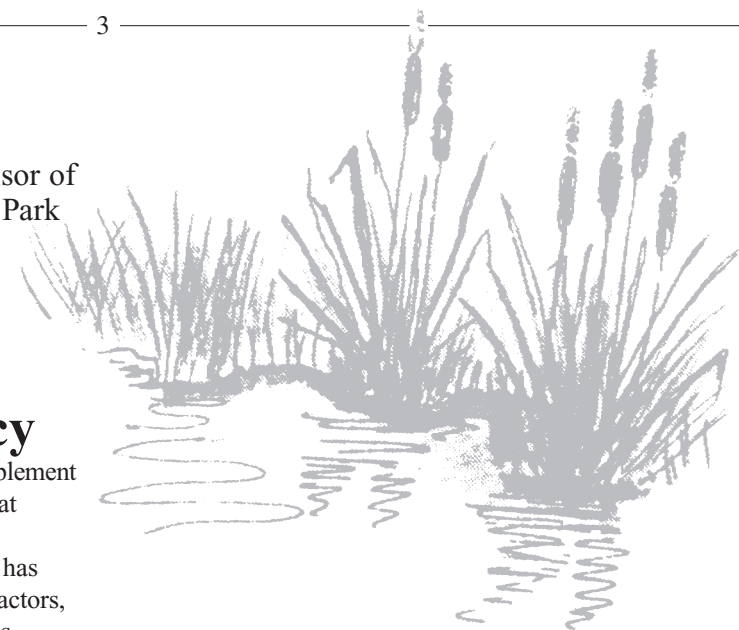
The Chesapeake Bay watershed is impacted by waters flowing into it from our area; specifically the east branch of the Antietam Creek. As you probably know, the Antietam runs through Renfrew's land. We have had many instances over the years when dog owners did not pick up their pet's waste. This allows the waste to eventually wash into the creek and it can contaminate the water.

The fact that Renfrew is a public park means that children participating in school programs, families on picnics, fisherfolk and waders in the creek, birders on the trails and everyone in the park—and downstream from Renfrew—may be exposed to the pollution caused by pet wastes! We are attempting to be good stewards of the land, but we need all of you to assist us in this process.

In short, the new pet policy consists of a pledge form with rules that pet owners must sign that states the following:

1. *I promise that I will clean up after my dog and take home any "waste," so that everyone in the park has a clean and healthy experience.*
2. *I promise that I will keep my dog on a leash at all times while in the park.*
3. *I promise to help Renfrew enforce its pet policy by informing others about the rules.*
4. *I have paid my \$5.00 lifetime dues (per dog) and have received one tag for each dog.*

We will be posting signs throughout the grounds informing everyone about the new policy. The museum staff (Bonnie Iseminger and Sue Smith) will be in the Visitor's Center office from 9:00–5:00 Monday through Friday, and are available to answer questions and register pets. If you need more information please feel free to contact them at 717-762-4723 or via email at renfrew@innernet.net.



Did you know?

"...it has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans. EPA even estimates that two or three days' worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay, and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it, to swimming and shell fishing."

Source:

www.doodycalls.com/resources_toxic_dog_waste.asp

Some answers to typical questions...

Q. Why should I pick up after my dog when other animals (squirrels, birds, etc.) already use the "great outdoors" as their bathroom?

A. The poop from a large number of dogs in a concentrated area cannot be adequately or naturally absorbed into the environment. Large, unnatural numbers of any animal in a small area can cause this problem—not just dogs. Rural streams that are home to an unnaturally large number of deer have been found to have a high fecal coliform (a bacteria found in feces) levels as well. [Since Renfrew is one of the only parks in the Waynesboro area that allows dogs, and since the human population of our area is growing, there are increasing numbers of dogs at Renfrew.]

Q. Why is dog poop bad for streams?

A. There are two reasons. First, the microorganisms in dog poop can cause serious diseases in humans, including cholera and dysentery, if contaminated water comes in contact with an open wound or is ingested. Second, some bacteria require oxygen in order to live and, as a result, will reduce the amount of oxygen in the water that is available for fish. Many species of fish cannot survive in streams that have reduced oxygen levels.

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Missing Pieces



Virginia &
Willard Rahn

She has been with us from the start. Virginia Rahn, nature name—“Mrs. Sun.” After 21 years of teaching in the Renfrew school programs, Virginia is hanging up her wooden cookie nametag and her teaching assignments. We will miss her involvement with the schools, but she has promised to stay active with us in other ways. She will make and repair program props (Virginia is a seamstress and craftsperson), help out with our community events and continue her active participation with Renfrew Museum and Park.

Virginia serves on REC (Renfrew Executive Committee), the management committee for the museum and park. She is a museum guide and is called upon whenever the museum is having a special activity—like the annual Yuletide Celebration in December. Her dedication to Renfrew (both the museum and the institute) through the years has been extraordinary.

Virginia began her teaching duties as a volunteer when the school programs first launched (under the auspices of Renfrew Museum) in the fall of 1986. Virginia was a Girl Scout leader at the time, so she and her troop created a tie-dyed cloth sun, approximately five feet in diameter, for the first Renfrew environmental education program, *Green Energy*.

The sun was hung on an exterior barn wall, providing

the focal point of a meeting place for students and teachers called Sun Center. It was a visual icon, as the “source of energy for all living things.” The sun had a number of small ties stitched into the cloth. Students would tie natural items (walnuts, leaves, snake skins, animal bones, sticks, etc.) onto the sun to represent the idea that those items are full of stored up sunlight energy, and that food chains explain the transfer of energy from the star to us. Mrs.

Sun kept the cloth sun in good repair all those years, even giving it a new tie-dye when needed. Though *Green Energy* is no longer offered as a regular program, the cloth sun will shine again in another activity.

In addition to years of *Green Energy*, Virginia also taught the *Earth Encounters* program with its puppet show, water balloons and puzzle pieces. Yes, Virginia operated puppets and helped keep them repaired too! She was also involved with the *Royer Legacy* program, where she put her years of museum guiding experience to work. Sixth grade students are taken through the museum house during the program.

Though Virginia has been the family’s daycare provider for her grandchildren in recent years, she has been able to fit in time to teach the school programs. We are very grateful to her for juggling her schedule!

Virginia continues to help out with many Renfrew Institute activities beyond the school programs, providing flower arrangements, decorations and homemade food items for events and staff celebrations. Virginia and her husband, Willard are avid gardeners. Willard has his own history as a Renfrew volunteer, most noted for his bird walks and long-time service on both museum and institute boards of directors and numerous committees.

Our deepest thanks to Virginia for her many years of service as a Renfrew Institute volunteer and faculty member. We are pleased that she will still be around to help, and we will always call upon “Mrs. Sun.”

Melodie Anderson-Smith

Third Annual “Recycle/Reuse”Earth Day Yard Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008 • 9 AM–3 PM

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Earth Day Recycle/Reuse Sale on Saturday, April 19. Rent a space for yourself, your family or your organization. Spread the word to help the Institute raise funds through space rentals and don’t forget to come to the sale to find great bargains! Spaces are available for \$15 each, double spaces for \$25 and triple spaces for \$30. Each space accommodates an 8-ft. table or two card tables.

For more information call the institute at 762-0373.



Cultural Currents

with Sherry Hesse

EDITOR’S NOTE: *Cultural Currents* is a regular column in this newsletter. It features articles about past ways of life in our area, and strives to help us better understand our cultural heritage.

The Smokehouse

Renfrew Museum and Park is fortunate to include several historic buildings on its 107-acre property. Among the most prominent is the smokehouse, which stands to the left of the 1812 Royer House. The smokehouse was built circa 1815–20. In the days before refrigeration, smoking meat was a common method of preserving it.

Several years ago a dedicated group of volunteers developed an interpretive plan for the Royer smokehouse. Based on their research, the group produced a report suggesting that in addition to the typical processing and preservation of meat in and around the smokehouse, a variety of other activities occurred in and near the building.

“Only the loft was used for smoking meats,” according to the report. “With its fireplace, high-ceilinged workspace, and availability of water from the mill’s head-race, the lower room (and adjoining outside space) was used for a variety of functions throughout the year: butchering and curing meats, making soaps, washing clothes, candlemaking, cleaning and dyeing wool, and other farmstead activities.”



The Royer smokehouse at Renfrew Park, built circa 1815–1820, has two stories and was used for a variety of farm tasks.

While the Royer smokehouse is typical of larger outbuildings of its time, and doubled as both a smokehouse and “summerhouse,” smokehouses of the period varied in architecture, construction and size. The Royer’s large structure provided a spacious workspace for many activities, but other smokehouses of the period were smaller, built with the sole purpose of preserving meat. The size of the smokehouse depended on the amount of meat the family needed.



The earliest smokehouses were built of logs. Later structures were built of wood, stone, brick or a combination of such materials. Often the building materials were found right on the farm.

A typical smokehouse had no windows and the door was the only opening. Most smokehouses were square or rectangular, but occasionally were hexagonal or round. Ventilation was important in order to allow the smoke to move over the meat and then out of the building.

Meat to be smoked was hung on iron hooks in the smokehouse, and a green, smoky fire was built. A variety of woods were used, including hickory, oak, maple, cherry, apple and sassafras. Pine was not used, as it gave the meat a bad flavor. Heavy green stumps provided a smoky, long-burning fire. The fire was contained in a variety of ways. Sometimes a simple fireplace was built into the smokehouse. In other buildings the fire was in the center, sometimes in a pit dug into the ground.

In the Royer smokehouse, both floors were used in the smoking process. The meat was hung in the upstairs chamber. The downstairs room housed a large fireplace, where a fire was built at smoking time. A “door” was closed in the chimney, causing the smoke to billow out into the upper room instead of going out the chimney, thus smoking and preserving the meat.

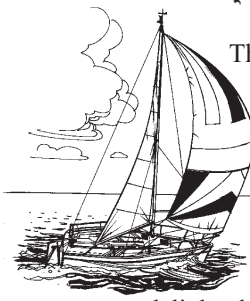
Maintaining a steady temperature was important in order not to freeze or cook the meat. According to *The Pennsylvania German Family Farm*, small pieces of meat were smoked for one to three days, and larger pieces up to a week. Imagine the work of keeping the fire going during the entire process!

Butchering took place in the late fall or early winter when the temperature was above freezing, but below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. For more information on Pennsylvania German butchering and meat preservation, see *Cultural Currents* in the September 2005 issue of *Streamside*.

After meat was smoked, it was stored and used as the farm family needed it. Some ham could be left hanging in the smokehouse, as long as it was not touching another piece of meat. Often the meat was wrapped to prevent

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2007 Bay Supper Raises More Than \$9,000



The 10th Annual Chesapeake Bay Supper was held on June 29, 2007, at the Waynesboro Country Club. This wonderfully successful annual event was attended by 145 hungry diners who ate their fill of steamed hard shell crabs, clams and other goodies. We were delighted to see a lot of new faces this year.

The dinner and auction netted \$9,346 and remains the top fundraiser event for the Institute.

Once again, **Allegheny Power** made a significant contribution in underwriting the cost of the crabs. And **Steve Graham** of Pungoteague, Va. (formerly of Waynesboro), kindly repeated his donation of little neck clams, which were steamed for the supper. Thanks go to all who attended, contributed, and donated their time and effort to make this such a special event.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for next year's Supper: **Friday, June 27, 2008!!** If you'd like to be a part of the Bay Supper Committee, we would love to have you. Just call the Institute at 717-762-0373.

Pat Heefner

Thank You...

Thanks to everyone who supported the supper including the following...

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Special Thanks to Tom McFarland for pinch-hitting as auctioneer for the live auction.

Thanks again to Steve Graham for providing the littleneck clams

Appreciation to Dave & Jane's Crab House, Fairfield, PA, for procuring, preparing and delivering the crabs

More Thanks...

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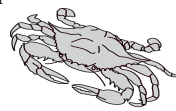
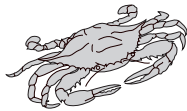
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And...A huge **THANK YOU** to the following members of the planning committee & their helpers:

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Created by Sue Kuhn & Angie Minnick;

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Waynesboro Studio Art Club Kids' Camp

Extravaganza

Invitations: Eunice Statler (Chair), Shirley Faith,

Barbara Gaydick, Pat Heefner, Jo Ann Kohler,

Angela Grove Weagly, Janet Zook

Food & Arrangements: Jo Ann Kohler (Chair),

Dick Hersh, Waynesboro Country Club-

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Allegheny Power

Kudos to Allegheny Power for underwriting the cost of the crabs.

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we are honored to support Renfrew Institute and their environmental education programming provided in part by the Chesapeake Bay Supper fundraiser."

—Edward C. Miller, Allegheny Power Regional Sales Manager & then Renfrew Institute board member

Renfrew Institute is Pleased to Announce New Underwriting Support

Home Sweet Home seems a perfect fit for funding support from an individual associated with the real estate profession. **Michael Cordell**, ABI, GRI, Associate Broker for **Jack Gaughen Realtor ERA** in Carlisle, seized the opportunity to make the match when he offered exclusive annual underwriting sponsorship for the environmental education program. Michael relates his experience of discovering firsthand what *Home Sweet Home* entails. "I had attended a *Home Sweet Home* presentation several years ago along with a 4th grade class, and was able to see through their eyes what magic lay within Renfrew Institute programs. This is truly a hands-on educational experience that the children will reflect upon for the rest of their lives."

Developed for 4th and 5th grade students, *Home Sweet Home* is an exploration of ecological communities. Students meet the "Mayor" of Renfrew Park, who invites each of them to take a job as a plant or animal within the natural community of the park. To "move in" to one of three available communities (field, forest or marsh), organisms must consider all their needs. The ecological concepts of community and interrelationships are the focus, as upsets in the ecosystem stir up a chaotic reorganization in the three areas. The result is a court trial with "Judge Mopner" presiding. Amusing results emerge through nutrient recycling.

In addition to his new role as *Home Sweet Home* underwriting supporter, Michael serves on Renfrew Institute's board of directors. His enthusiasm for the work of the organization is demonstrated by unfaltering attendance at community events and fundraisers. Michael arrives full of good ideas and eager to contribute. We are grateful for the many ways Michael supports the work of the institute.

Wal-Mart Foundation has provided underwriting support for the farmstead program, *Growing Clothes: Flax Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans*. Attended by area 4th grade students, the program was designed around the growing and processing of flax and its historic importance to farm families of the region. Wal-Mart's community involvement approach is a unique one. As outlined on their website, Wal-Mart's corporate philosophy stresses that community concerns are best addressed locally. The company supports a grassroots style of giving, which enables their associates to identify and support organizations that are improving the quality of life in their local communities.

Pam Pfeffer, Community Involvement Coordinator in Waynesboro, attentively guided the way through the Foundation's Matching Grant program. **Jody Clark**, store

manager of the Waynesboro Wal-Mart, expressed her agreement with the company's sentiment. "We are so happy to be a part of the community," she said, "and to contribute toward such a great program."

During the *Flax Culture* program, students learn the history of flax production in the region and use reproduction tools to experience the steps in creating linen, the 1800s "cloth of the farm." By working with flax firsthand, children learn how people in the past met the demands of early life by extracting energy from the local environment. Students process flax from drying and braking, to scutching, hatcheling, spinning and weaving. Many declare that they would gladly surrender their fall school attendance to stay and work with us on the farm as we process our flax crop. We urge them to return to their studies for now, and join us again *next* fall, when we will offer new opportunities to step back in time and learn about farm life of the 1800s.

Frick Federal Credit Union has pledged new support of this newsletter. *Streamside* has become a rather hefty volume, with much to report in two annual issues. As its creation has become more demanding, our production costs have grown. Thanks to a number of folks and organizations who are willing to take on partial sponsorships, we are able to continue to report to our members about the work we are doing, discuss issues of concern and announce upcoming events.

Pat Shew, CEO of Frick Federal Credit Union, a newly seated institute board member, speaks of her care for the work of Renfrew Institute.

"I'm very proud to be part of the board of Renfrew Institute. The institute has become an important part of the educational and cultural life of the communities of this region, and especially of Waynesboro. The programs offered for children, youth and adults are superior and we are so lucky they are available in our community."

Frick Federal Credit Union is the smallest financial institution in Waynesboro, well capitalized, and has a high rating with the National Credit Union Administration. Personal service is a hallmark of the institution and employees take the time to provide personal attention and individual help to members. The credit union is full service and is open to anyone who lives, works, or does business in Franklin County.

We extend thanks to these organizations and individuals for their new support, and welcome them to our family of program and event underwriters. We look forward to their future involvement.

Tracy Holliday

gifts
New
Sponsorships



First grade students entering the dairy building at Renfrew.

Beginning in 1999, **The First National Bank of Greencastle** has made annual contributions to Renfrew Institute's farmstead interpretive program *Von Gras zu Milch (From Grass to Milk): Dairy Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans*. At that time, First National of Greencastle was the "new kid on the banking block," but has in the ensuing years opened multiple branches in Franklin Co. and Washington Co. Maryland.

Kim Shockey, Sales and Business Development Officer for the bank, relates the bank's concern for the preservation of local agricultural history. "The First National Bank of Greencastle has always placed an emphasis on the education of children. For them to learn about dairy production when it is so prevalent in our area is a win-win situation for everyone. We are pleased to be

Sponsor Spotlights



First National Bank of Greencastle

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Sponsor Spotlight* is a regular feature of this newsletter, highlighting Renfrew Institute's programs or events and their underwriting sponsor(s). The generosity of these sponsors enables the institute to offer a variety of educational activities to our community.

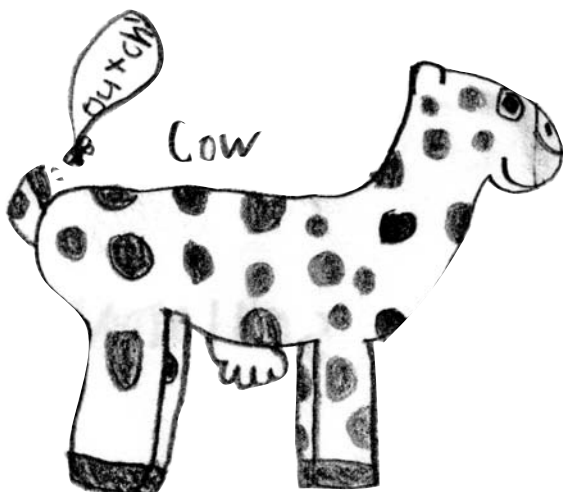
able to sponsor a program that promotes both education and the farming industry."

Dairying has a long tradition in the Cumberland Valley, and Franklin County continues to rank second in the state for dairy production. In order to preserve this rich heritage, it is important that we help students gain an appreciation for their agricultural heritage, as well as an understanding of the modern dairy industry that meets their dietary needs.

During their dairy culture experience, students hear the story of Nancy Royer, youngest daughter of the family that inhabited the Royer farmstead. She tells of how she helped to preserve milk produced on the farm by making butter.

The children then enjoy an opportunity to churn cream into butter, wash and press it using traditional tools, and taste their handiwork. They even take a sample home to share. Incredibly, some young folks arrive thinking milk and butter come "from the store." It is our pleasure to help them better understand the process and its origins that surround them here in the region. We are grateful for The First National Bank of Greencastle's commitment to helping us do so.

Tracy Holliday



Dear farm experts,
It was fun
I liked the story of Nancy
[Nancy Royer].
I liked that we made butter.

Unsigned by Second Grader
Grandview Elementary School, Chambersburg
Spring 2007

Sponsor Spotlights



State Farm Insurance Co.

Since 2001, **State Farm Insurance Co.** has been the exclusive underwriting supporter of Renfrew Institute's first grade environmental education program *Marvin Visits Earth*. The Renfrew Institute/State Farm partnership was born out of our relationship with Joann Hersh, longtime State Farm agent, now retired.

Joann has been an enthusiastic supporter of our work since the beginning. Her commitment to the program only deepened after she arrived to participate in a spring session of nature exploration with first grade students nearly seven years ago.

Upon Joann's retirement, new State Farm agent Chad Slimmer continued to nurture the partnership that Joann had initiated, with equal enthusiasm. Chad was dubbed "Star Dude" during the time he spent with children exploring the natural world for his role in carrying the stars discovered along the trail.

During their two-hour visit, first grade students explore the nature trails of Renfrew to learn about the non-living essentials of life on Earth. Their quest for answers is "launched" by an otherworldly puppet character, Marvin, from Planet Popcorn. At his request, students travel a star-studded trail in search of clues that lead them to the knowledge they seek.

Along the way, they discover what distinguishes living things from non-living things. They then encounter spots on the trail that offer experiences to help them under-



Chad Slimmer of State Farm with grade one students as they explore in the pine forest.

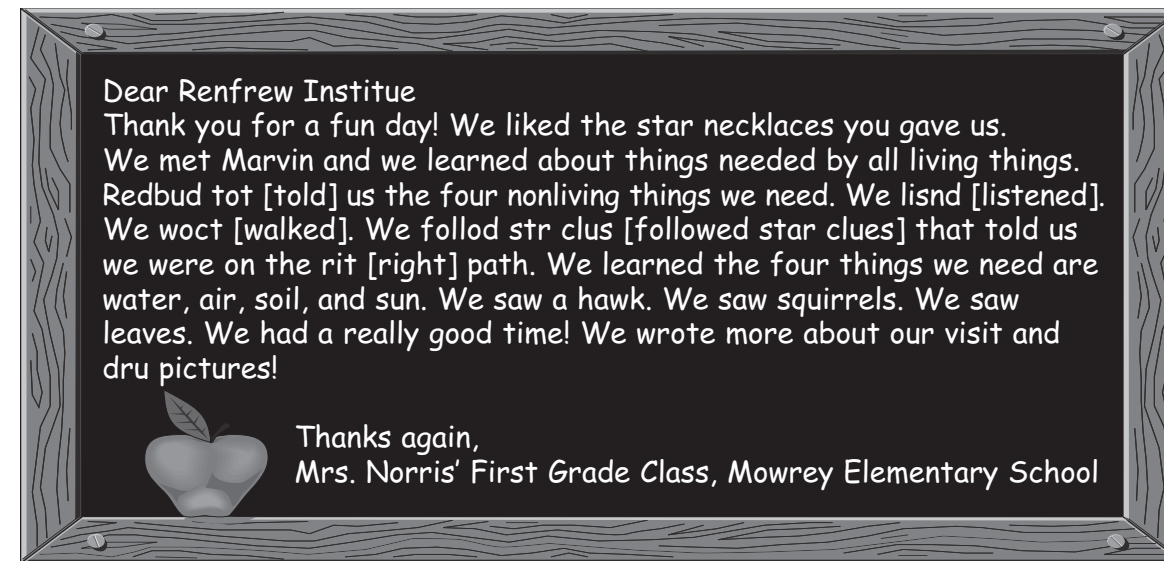
stand how soil, air, water and sun support life on Earth.

According to Chad, "Here at State Farm we help people plan for the unexpected and realize their dreams. The *Marvin Visits Earth* program is a perfect fit for State Farm and first graders. It helps the children uncover the unexpected and to realize what supports life on Earth."

State Farm Insurance Company has demonstrated a commitment to community support for the long haul. Their gifts have touched the lives of thousands of students who journeyed the trails with Marvin of Planet Popcorn.

We extend thanks on behalf of all those who benefit from their investment in youth education.

Tracy Holliday



Dear Renfrew Institue
Thank you for a fun day! We liked the star necklaces you gave us.
We met Marvin and we learned about things needed by all living things.
Redbud tot [told] us the four nonliving things we need. We lisnd [listened].
We woct [walked]. We follod str clus [followed star clues] that told us
we were on the rit [right] path. We learned the four things we need are
water, air, soil, and sun. We saw a hawk. We saw squirrels. We saw
leaves. We had a really good time! We wrote more about our visit and
dru pictures!

Thanks again,
Mrs. Norris' First Grade Class, Mowrey Elementary School

Summer Fun at Renfrew

Once again, **Summer Institute** brought lots of activity to the park! Programming expanded to include new offerings and continued old favorites as well. On Tuesdays from late June through July, children gathered under the tree near the Visitors Center to hear *Summer Stories* and enjoy related hands-on activities.

On Wednesday mornings in July young school-age children participated in *Nose to Nose with Nature*. In its second year, this popular program featured fun-filled exploration of nature in the park. A highlight of the program was wading in the creek on those hot, hot summer days.

Sun and Earth: Into the Woods was a new nature walk for older elementary and middle school kids. Participants explored Renfrew's trails with our experienced biologist.

The *Heritage Crafts* program included six workshops. Invited artists taught classes on piercing tin, tin cookie cutters, quilting, scheren-schnitte (paper cutting), pottery and basketry. During this very popular program, students learned about crafts of our ancestors and created beautiful finished products to take home.

We also featured one-day workshops that immersed students in the history of our region. *Bugs and Blossoms: Into the Garden* integrated science and history while children experienced typical summertime activities of an 1800s farm child. Students worked in the Pennsylvania German four square garden, and made crafts and toys of long-ago.

A program for an adult and child to do together, *Old Friends Are Worth Saving* spotlighted historic preservation. Participants constructed a log cabin, learned how the Fahnestock Barn and other buildings in the park were built, and tried old-fashioned "people powered" tools.



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ADULT/TEEN PROGRAMS & PRESENTERS

Doris Goldman–*Wildflower Workshop*

Cora Hook, PHC

Commonwealth Speaker–

Listening to Your

Community's Story

Lori Schlosser–*Owl Walk*

Merri Tabor–*Chair Caning*

Workshop

Jeri Jones–*Geology Program*

& Field Trip: A View of

Waynesboro & South

Mountain Through the Eyes

of a Geologist

Steve Hoog–*Permaculture in*

Your Daily Life

Dan Brown–*First Steps to*

Energy Independence

Joel Anstrom–*Automobiles &*

Fuels of the Future

Jodi Stewart Schwarzer–

Global Warming: Help Cool

the Heat!

Willard Rahn–*Spring*

Birdwalks

YOUTH AFTER-SCHOOL/WEEKEND PROGRAMS & PRESENTERS

Note: Summer 2007 programs

will be listed next year in the

2007-08 list

Children's Summer Stories

Claire Hunter (Chr.)

Jean Cashin

Dorothy Fawks

Heritage Crafts

Barry Donohoe–*Woodworking*

Jack Handshaw–*Pottery*

Karen Manderson–*Quilting*

Susan Matson–*Basketry*

Robert North–*Tin Punch*

Workshop

Nose-To-Nose With Nature

Stephanie Kober (Staff Instructor)

Summer Institute Day Camp (2006)

Sherry Hesse, *Director*

Building History...from Creek

to Cabin

Melodie Anderson-Smith

Liane Benchoff

Robert North

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Virginia Rahn

Nora Slick

WaterStriders

Robin Shipman (Staff Instructor)

Melodie Anderson-Smith

(Staff Instructor)

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Biologist)

Danielle Bautista

Danae Draper
Ben Henneberger
Esther Jacobs
Nathan Jacobs
Peter Masters
Andrew Payne
Emily Shipman
John Tabor
Preston Tabor

COMMUNITY EVENTS: VOLUNTEERS & PRESENTERS

Jazz Festival 2007

Andrew Sussman (Chr.)

Liane Benchoff

Mike Cordell

Lisa Johnson

Pat Heefner

Carol Henicle

Diana Keilholtz-Gunder

Allie Kohler

Edward A. Miller

Edward C. Miller

Clay Moyer

Susan Shull Murphy

Debbie Pflager

Donna Steiner

Angela Grove Weagly

Linda Zimmerman

Halloween Storytelling

Susan Shull Murphy (Chr.)

Jennifer Vanderau

Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art 2007

Barbara Aldrich (Tobacco

Prevention/Penn State

Extension)

Charlie Baer (Cumberland

Valley Chap. #27/Soc. for

PA Archaeology)

Bill Barns & Jeff Knepper

(Hagerstown Honda)

Wayne Bartholow & Angie

Summers (Greyhound Pets

of America/Md. Chapter)

Vertis Bream (Energy Options)

Judy Bricker & Maggie Cisar

(Flower Buds–Waterside

Gardens)

Gloria Kaufman & Annette

Murphy (Foot Bath Spa)

Sherry Clayton (Franklin Co.

Planning Commission)

Candy Clopper (Antietam

Humane Society)

Craig Coulter & Laura

Biesecker (Carbon Fund.org)

Barbara Crutchley

(Waynesboro Hospital

Cardiopulmonary)

Ruth & Stanley Davis

(Population Connection)

Beth & Chris Firme

(Keystone Trails, tables)

Debbie Geiss (Children's Art)

Doris Goldman (Plant Swap)

Tammy Gross & Donna Hayes

(Franklin Co. Conservation

District)

Lindsey Hoover (Record

Herald)

Kristy Hahn (Melaleuca)

Organization & Volunteers (continued from pg. 12)

Cindy Hallberton
(Conococheague Audubon)
Pat Heefner (Antietam
Watershed Association)
Ben Henneberger
(WaterStriders)
George Hurd (Penn State
Cooperative Extension)
Allison Kohler
Rudolf Lemperg (My Farm at
Goose Pond)
Florine & Russell Long
(Long's Tree Service)
Mark Long (Peace of Mind
Home Inspections)
Carrie Mahoney (Children's
Art)

Karen Manderson (Shoulder

Works–seated massages)

Lenny Mazza (Hundred Fold

Farm)

Tom McCarty (Groundwater/
Penn State Coop. Extension)

Bev McFarland

Tom McFarland

Angie Minnick (Arbonne

International)

Susan Shull Murphy

Jack & Holly Olszewski

(Mother Earth Creations)

Cheryl Plummer (Franklin

Co. Commissioners)

Ray Quackenbush & Stephen

Cummins (PA Forest Fire

Museum Assoc.)

Steve Rettig (Antietam

Watershed Assoc.)

Alicia Robertson (Smithsburg

High School Enviro Club)

Patric Schlee (Drum Circle)

Richard Schulman (Freedom

Electronics Recycling, Inc.)

Jodi Stewart Schwarzer

(Children's Art)

Mary Ellen Selvaggio (School

Exhibits)

Cheryl Shields (Waste

Management)

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(WaterStriders)

Holly Smith (Audubon of PA)

Tom Smith (Franklin Co.

Rock & Mineral Club)

Susan Stampien (Natural

Alternatives & Energy

Vitamins & Health Foods

Store)

Byron Barnes (PA Bureau of

Forestry– Michaux State

Forest)

John & Preston Tabor

(WaterStriders)

Angela Weathers (Franklin

Co. Master Gardners)

Donna Willard, Laura White,

Marty Matteil & Others

(Antietam Neighborhood

Girl Scouts)

Festival of Art

Bridget Brown (Chr.)
Mary Hickman
Bert & Ann Kramer
(Annapaca Farm/alpaca
wools)
Michael McIntyre (pottery)
Vicki Negley & Pam Knepper
(Humming Brook Farm)
Patric Schlee (Wind Song)
Bryce Shipman (Two If By
Sea–recycled wood)
Mary & Joseph Shoemaker
(lampwork beads & jewelry)
Beth Skroban (weaver)

Youth Festival 2007

Kathy Bourdeau (Co-Chair)
Kim Sheffler (Co-Chair)
Vicki Sprenkle (Co-Chair)
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Krista & Maggie Serpi
Melodie Gober & Girl Scouts

FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Pumpkin Festival 2006

George Buckley
(P.Fest Co-Chair)
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Patrick Adams (BS Troop #65)
Katie Alexander
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Frank Beckner
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Garrett Blanchet
Sean Blanchet
Phyllis Brothers
Grace Brown
Alfred Brubaker
Mary Marshall Buckley
Brenda Butts
Carolyn Carson
Waynesboro College Club
Susan Conway
Mike Cordell
Bob Correll

Phyllis Croson
Chris & Rick Cumming
Marc Desrosiers
Deb Donoghue
Keith Dorsey
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Terry Eberly
Bill Elden
Dottie, Laura, Ricky Fawks
Feezers Food Distributors
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Kay & Paul Fontaine
John Frantz & Family
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Trey Gelbach
Doris Goldman
Charlene Good
Ginny & Gabi Gulla
Paul Gunder & Diana
Keilholtz-Gunder
Nancy Hall & Family
Ron Harbaugh
Jodi Harbaugh
Susan Hartley
Pat Heefner
Dick & Joann Hersh
Tracy Holliday
David & Diane Hykes
Edgar & Ruby Hykes
Bonnie Iseminger
Paul & Margie Jednat
Lisa Johnson
Martha Baylor Kirby
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Denny Koons
Peggy Leister
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Lynn MacBride
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John & Jean Martin
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Mary Kay McCleary
Bev McFarland
Tom McFarland
Ann Miller
Amanda Miller
Red & Wendy Mohn
Clay & Polly Moyer
Roy & Doris Nester
Alice Noll
Jim Oliver
Carla Palavecino
Paul's Country Market
Bill & Daniel Pflager
Jason Piatt
John & Jenny Poniske
Virginia & Willard Rahn
Kaye Ressler
Jeff & Bonnie Rhodes
Edna Rice
Jim & Barb Rock
Mary Rocks
Carleen & Dave Russell, Noah
& Micah
Mary Ellen Selvaggio
Marcy & Mike Shea
Crystal Shockey & Cadet
Troop #737
Jeff, Caleb, Rebekah Simmers
Nora Slick
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Undine & Charles Warner
Angela Grove Weagly
Sharon Weaver
Kathy White
Laura White & GS Troop #971
Donna Willard & Girl Scouts
Carolyn Wolff
Sara & Neil Yost

Earth Day Recycle/Reuse

Yard Sale 2007

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CHESAPEAKE BAY SUPPER

[PLEASE SEE COMPLETE LIST
OF BAY SUPPER VOLUNTEERS,
PATRONS AND SPONSORS
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Institute Staff Now Numbers More Than a Baker's Dozen!

Renfrew Institute welcomes its newest staff members, pictured below: Left to right, Beth Skroban, Robin Shipman and Robert North.



On a beautiful summer day, the entire Renfrew faculty and staff assembled for a rare group photo. Left to right, front row: Sherry Hesse, Stephanie Kober, Bev McFarland, Pam Rowland, Robin Shipman, Nancy Hall, Nora Slick. Back row: Tracy Holliday, Andrea Struble. On the fence: Melodie Anderson-Smith, Beth Skroban. In the tree: Doris Goldman, with Robert North to the right, and Lori Schlosser in the tree. Cameraman was Bryce Shipman.



NOSE TO NOSE WITH NATURE WITH STEPHANIE

"I liked this program because you get to be a kid and an explorer (of nature) at the same time. The teacher (of this course) is very happy and is always smiling!" —Joshua age 8

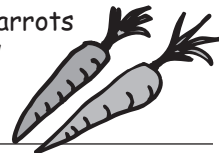
Students enjoyed all sorts of experiences and made exciting discoveries about nature and themselves during Summer Institute.

SUN AND EARTH PROGRAM

"I really enjoyed exploring in the stream. There is no better time to be in the stream than in the summer...and there is no better stream to be in! (than the Antietam Creek)" —Julia age 10

BUGS AND BLOSSOMS

"I liked eating the small white carrots! I didn't know there were white carrots in the world!" —Josh age 8



Cultural Currents (continued from page 5)

exposure to the air. Each piece was wrapped individually in cloth, and then in paper.

Allowing the meat to cure for a time before eating it yielded the best flavor. Ham cured for at least two months, and bacon was ready in 10 to 15 days. The meat was stored in a cool, dry and dark place, often an attic or dry cellar. The danger of leaving it in the smokehouse was that it could have been stolen!

Today we still enjoy the smoky flavor of meat, although mechanization and refrigeration have made our job much easier. Some of you may remember participating in the butchering and smoking process, and have your own stories to tell.

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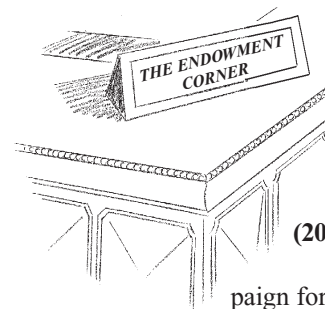
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Learning As We Grow (continued from page 1)

even years go by and we miss what's around us in the world. I'm lucky to work at the park, where I can step out any day of the year and drink in those natural wonders. I can walk out front to ask the museum staff a question about Renfrew history. Yet, even I get too busy to do it.

By the time you read this, the park will be full of school children and our staff will be busy helping *them* to discover the wonders of their natural and historical worlds at Renfrew. We staff, and you parents, grandparents, adults in general...come on out to the park. Take the museum's new orientation tour, see the Frank Feather exhibit in the changing gallery, walk the trails, enjoy the bountiful beauty of the four-square garden in fall, fish or wade in the creek, bring your friends. Don't miss the chance to learn here at Renfrew. It may be just the spring-board you need to launch the next return visit, then another and another and...

Melodie Anderson-Smith



Endowment Fund Gaining Speed...

Our sincere THANK YOU to **Bonnie Bachtell and Martz Plumbing, Heating & A/C, Inc.** for generously donating to Renfrew Institute's growing endowment fund since the last issue of *Streamside*.

Thanks go to our endowment trustees, George Buckey, Lynn MacBride and Christopher Richwine for their care and management of the fund. **Donations last year (2006-07) totaled \$12,654.40! Total value of the fund as of June 30, 2007 was \$61,547.40.**

You will receive a mailing in December 2007 for our annual supplemental giving campaign for the fund. Enclosed will be a new brochure encouraging potential donors to consider several options for **legacy giving** to Renfrew Institute. Please look over the brochure and see if a legacy giving option might be a good fit for YOUR future as well as for Renfrew Institute's.

Contributions are welcome year round. Please make your check payable to Renfrew Institute (memo "endowment") and send to: Renfrew Institute, 1010 E. Main St., Waynesboro, PA 17268. For more information, please call our office 717-762-0373 or email us at renfrewinst@innernet.net.

Membership Building Reception Highlights Institute's Progress

On September 17, Renfrew Institute's Membership Committee hosted its first Membership-Building Reception. Under balmy skies, members and their guests gathered on the back lawn of the Museum House where, thanks to the organizational skills of committee co-chairs, Diana Kielholtz-Gunder and Edward Miller, they snacked on delicacies prepared by local chefs, soothed by the soft stringed sounds of the violin.

Renfrew Institute members assumed the role of ambassadors, inviting friends, family members and acquaintances to learn more about the work and mission of the institute, and to consider supporting through personal membership.

Over 100 attendees listened as first institute board president Martha Dudley Keller described her care for the institute by recalling the proposal drafted in support of the Fahnestock Barn restoration in 1987. "Renfrew is a magic spot—it is the reservoir of our community's cultural and natural heritage. In the 1790s, a Pennsylvania German, Daniel Royer, began developing the Renfrew property. Now, almost two centuries later, much of this farmstead remains, a reminder of our Waynesboro ancestry."

She recalled how in that year, "over 550 school children participated in a pilot program called *Man and His Environment*. Combining earth education with studies in farmstead life, this program will continue and expand

throughout the coming years so that all our children will be able to benefit from their educational experience at Renfrew."

Continue and expand it has—today, close to a quarter of a million school children and adults have participated in institute programs. We record nearly 10,000 student visits annually, and thousands of folks enjoy community events, lectures and workshops throughout the year. Keller com-

mended those who have developed a secure future for the institute by "establishing an endowment fund and continuing to raise funds, friends and leaders in support of those programs that help make this such a magical spot."

On behalf of the institute, thanks to all who support our work through membership, and special thanks to those who were able to accept our invitation to urge others to "say yes" in support of Renfrew Institute in its mission to guide the people of the Cumberland Valley region to become

stewards of their natural and cultural worlds.

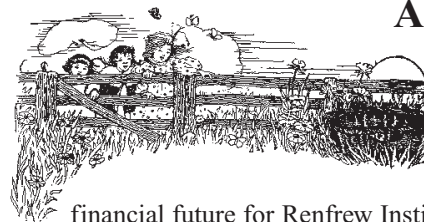
We extend gratitude to Paul and Diana Gunder for providing for the evening's beautiful music, and to Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, The Lodge at Blue Ridge Summit, Main Street Deli and Catering, Mountain Gate Restaurant, Savoy Catering Service, Susan Small, Pastry Chef, and Subway of Waynesboro for feeding the crowd with a stunning array of goodies.

Tracy Holliday



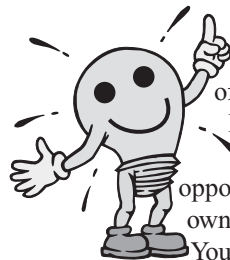
Ed Miller, left, and William Gelbach, Jr. welcome a guest to Renfrew Institute's first Membership Building Reception.

A Gift in Memory of Margaret Keller



A belated thank you to John N. Keller & Martha Dudley Keller for their generous gift in December 2006 in memory of John's mother, Margaret E. Keller. The Kellers asked that their contribution be used in support of both the endowment fund and the general operating fund. The Margaret Keller Memorial Program Fund is now held within the Endowment Fund, growing to provide a solid financial future for Renfrew Institute. "Margie" Keller was a special friend of Renfrew Institute and Renfrew Museum and is remembered fondly by all who knew her. The Institute gratefully acknowledges the thoughtfulness of donors like John and Dudley who contribute in this way.

Adult Education Committee Seeks Members



Would you like to help plan and implement the adult lectures and workshops offered by Renfrew Institute? The Adult Education Committee is looking for additional members. This is an opportunity to bring new ideas and your own talents to the institute stage.

You may be an "idea person," a presenter or both. Topics range from natural history and environmental issues to cultural heritage and the arts. From owl walks and geology field trips to fly-tying and spring bird walks; from wildflowers and astronomy to energy use and global warming, nature provides endless educational subjects. From antique furniture to local Native American culture, from German farmstead architecture to dance, music and toys of the past, our cultural history is rich with opportunities for learning.

The committee meets monthly from September through June (no meetings in July and August). Planning for the year begins in the spring and continues into December as ideas are finalized, presenters contacted and dates confirmed for programs. By the end of December most programs for January through June are set and promotional materials are prepared. The institute's staff handles all materials, publicity and logistics for programs. The committee creates the roster of programs and contacts presenters. It is enjoyable and rewarding to be part of this creative process!

If you are interested...call or email Melodie Anderson-Smith at our office, 717-762-0373 or renfrewinst@innernet.net

Preserving "Quiet" and the Garden Wall...

Very special thanks to board president Jim Rock, also president of GRC General Contractors, Inc. and his skilled employees for recent construction project assistance at Renfrew.

Our four-square garden terrace walls had rotted top boards, exposing metal rebar. The boards were replaced by GRC and now students can once again climb over and sit on these walls without danger.

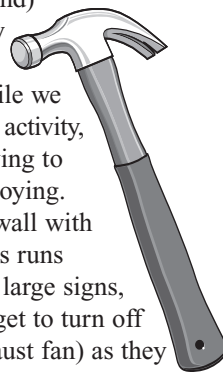
Noise levels (of the motorized kind) in the institute office were exceptionally high following replacement of an exhaust fan in the men's restroom. While we love the sound of busy people and lively activity, a loud motor running when you are trying to communicate on the phone is very annoying.

The restrooms share a common wall with the office and the ductwork for the fans runs uncovered above our desks. In spite of large signs, little boys (and some big ones too) forget to turn off the lights (which are linked to the exhaust fan) as they exit the restroom.

After much hair-pulling and running back and forth by the office staff, Jim Rock and GRC came to the rescue. With permission of Renfrew Museum and the blessing of buildings supervisor, John Frantz, GRC boxed and insulated the ductwork, greatly reducing the noise of the men's room fan.

Thank you...Jim Rock and GRC General Contractors, Inc. for this donated service!

Thanks too, to staff member, Lori Schlosser, for painting the "boxed in" area.



BIG THANKS... Departing Board Members

Renfrew Institute bid farewell to three long-term board members when their terms expired June 30, 2007.

According to the institute's bylaws, board members can serve two consecutive 3-year terms and then must step down for at least one year after which they can be nominated again. Departing the board were Leonora Rocca Bernheisel, Edward C. Miller and Susan Shull Murphy.

We extend deepest thanks to all three for their dedication and many contributions to our organization.

Leonora Bernheisel served as secretary of the board and chair of the Adult Education Committee. She also served on both the Facilities and Development committees. Lee is the vibrant, enthusiastic owner/proprietor of Mary's Delight Farm in Sabillasville, Md. Her organically raised sheep produce beautiful fleeces that are used as part of students' hands-on experience during the institute's school program, *Raising Clothes...Wool Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans*. Lee not only raises sheep, she uses the fleece to knit beautiful garments and has a "cottage" business selling lamb and wool products from her farm.

Lee's contributions to the institute are many. She has been one of our most generous long-time supporters, sponsoring two school programs and a faculty chair position. Her creative ideas for programs have been implemented through the adult education committee and her inspired leadership in development has been great appreciated. She is a steadfast believer in the mission of Renfrew Institute, and has influenced others with her mantra, "Well, why can't we?" Fortunately, Lee has agreed to continue as a member of the adult education committee.

Susan Shull Murphy was dubbed "Miss Microphone" when she was given her wooden cookie award (an institute tradition) upon departure from the board. Every organization needs someone who feels comfortable on stage and can represent the group in a professional and easy manner. Susie certainly has done that for Renfrew Institute. As chair of the Community Events Committee, she welcomed audiences, introduced speakers, presented awards and acknowledged sponsors—all with a flair of great stage presence and humor. Susie is also former co-chair of the annual Chesapeake Bay Supper fund-raiser.

In addition to stepping into the event spotlight, Susie has been part of the Youth Education Committee, guiding decisions about the school programs, youth after-school offerings and summer camp and workshops. As a Waynesboro Area School District teacher, she brought students to the institute's programs and has been able to provide good feed-back and ideas. She has offered to help out in the future when we need her.

Edward Miller began his first term of board service as a quiet observer. As Allegheny Power Manager of Major Accounts, Ed was schooled in the corporate model of business management. Of course, non-profit governance

often operates on a slightly different platform. As he learned the rhythms of board member responsibilities, he accepted a role of great import in fulfilling the mission of Renfrew Institute when he agreed to chair the Membership Committee.

Ed has masterfully blended skills gleaned from his professional life, along with welcome doses of humor, to assume leadership of the Membership Committee. Under his guidance, the committee has launched several successful initiatives resulting in a broadening of the institute's important membership base, exceeding the group's goal for new members. Ed is an organizational taskmaster who cheerfully keeps his committee energized with frequent communications and feelings of camaraderie.

In addition to his membership-related activities on behalf of the institute, Ed has been our liaison with Allegheny Power in helping to arrange their long time financial support, first of institute environmental education program *Earth Encounters*, and later by underwriting the cost of those delicious blue crabs savored by all who attend the Chesapeake Bay Supper Fundraiser.

We are grateful for Ed's willingness to extend his service as he continues to co-chair the membersip committee, along with Diana Keilholtz-Gunder, in order to pass the torch to her with care.



Tom McFarland Receives Environmental Artistry Award

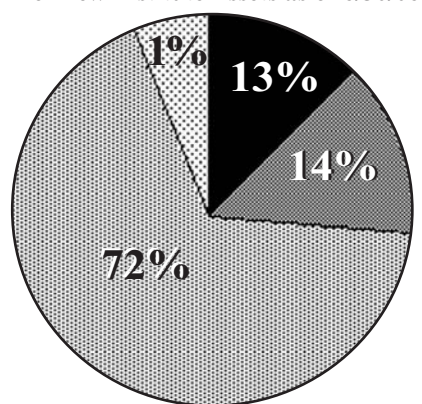
Tom McFarland of Waynesboro (shown above) received Renfrew Institute's 2007 Environmental Artistry Award, presented by Art Festival Chairperson, Bridget Brown at Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art on Saturday, April 19, 2007. McFarland is recognized world-wide for his signature turtle sculptures, but he also is an accomplished musician. He has been a long-time honorary member of Renfrew Institute, serving on its adult education committee, presenting hands-on musical instrument workshops for adults and teens. He also does workshops for children at the institute's annual Youth Festival and donates his time and talents to many other institute activities. Tom teaches art at Saint Maria Goretti High School in Hagerstown, Maryland, and ceramics at the Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies located at Penn State Mont Alto campus.

Congratulations, Tom!

Renfrew Institute's Financial Health

Renfrew Institute Financial Statement 2006-07			
(July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)			
Operating Income		Operating Expenses	
Memberships	\$30,235	Salaries, Benefits, FICA	\$116,094
Capital Income	250	Capital Expense	1,250
Bequests, Memorials	6,829	(copy machine)	
Student Fees (inc. adult/teen wksp)	30,622	Community Events	7,068
Grants/Sponsorships (educational programs/publications)	43,363	Fund Raisers	11,050
Grants/Sponsorships (community events)	8,009	Suppl., Printing, Postage (programs, office, newsletter, etc.)	14,318
Grants/Today's Horizon Fund (devel. support)	9,000	Professional Devel.	363
Fund Raisers (Pumpkin Fest, Haunted Farm, Bay Supper)	26,321	Admin./Consult. Fees	1,375
Other (special projects, interest, misc. donations, etc.)	2,362	Phone/Internet/Equip. Maint.	1,853
		Insurance	1,851
		Misc. (petty cash, bank fees)	62
Total Income	\$156,991	Total Expense	\$155,284

Renfrew Institute Assets as of 6/30/06



14%—Money Market Account—\$12,460
72%—Endowment Fund/Margaret Keller Fund—\$61,547 (these two combined)
13%—Checking Account—\$11,353
1%—Accounts Receivable—\$5,646

TOTAL ASSETS: \$85,360

Fall/Winter 2007-08 Calendar of Events



Halloween Storytelling

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30–7:30 pm

Underwriting support provided by Patriot Federal Credit Union

Annual evening of spooky tales featuring professional teller, Jennifer Vanderau. The event will be held in the Fahnestock Barn or another site on the property. Suitable for all ages. Bring flashlights. Free admission.

Creatures of the Night - Owl Walk

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm (Storm Date: Dec. 13)

• **NOTE: THIS YEAR, LIMITED ENROLLMENT OF 50 PARTICIPANTS—PLEASE REGISTER AHEAD** •

Renfrew Institute faculty member, Lori Schlosser, will conduct this outdoor walk to areas of Renfrew Park most likely to attract owls, including the Barred and Great Horned owls. Schlosser will use taped owl calls to attempt to draw owls close enough for viewing. A brief pre-walk information session will help participants learn more about these nocturnal creatures and the methods used to locate them. The event is free and open to adults and children accompanied by adults. Dress warmly and bring flashlights.



Adult Fly Tying Workshop—Beginners

Saturday, March 29, 9 am–12 noon, Visitors Center

Presented through a partnership between Renfrew Institute and Antietam Fly Anglers

“Make and take” workshop led by Sterling Buzzell, President of Antietam Fly Anglers. Complete instruction & tying materials provided. Tools and equipment provided for use by Antietam Fly Anglers. Fee to be determined. Sponsored by Adult/Teen Education Committee. Pre-registration required. Ages 15 & up.



Astronomy Program: Pluto

Thursday, January 17, 7 pm (Snow date: January 24) Visitors Center

Presented through a partnership between Renfrew Institute and Tri-State Astronomers

Laurence Marschall, Department Of Physics, Gettysburg College will speak on the planet Pluto. More details to come. Free, open to the public.

More programs for winter and spring are being planned.

Call for complete listing after January 1, 2008.

Antietam Watershed Association



Getting Feet Wet

The members and supporters of the Antietam Watershed Association are like ducks.

We might look placid on the surface, but we're paddling mightily underneath. One major project, the rain garden at Summitview Elementary School, was a perfect blueprint for community involvement and ultimate success. We hope that the school district will be able to utilize it as a wonderful teaching tool.

Two other projects are in progress. The Antietam Meadow Committee, made up of many community members, is working with Washington Township in designing a plan for the wetlands area off North Welty Road. In addition, a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and administered by PA DEP enabled a review this summer of the West Branch of the Antietam. This will lead to the development of an implementation plan to help restore the creek.

AWA's stream monitoring is a year-round program that continues to expand. If you are interested in helping to preserve and protect the Antietam Creek, just call AWA at 717-762-9417, or visit www.antietamws.org.

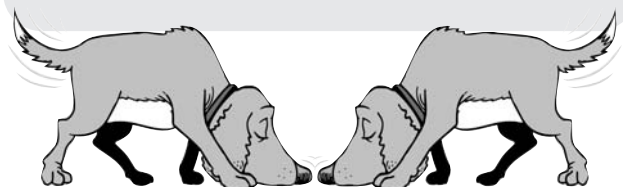
Pat Heefner

Downstream—New Pet Policy (continued from page 3)

Q. Why is dog poop bad for our waterways?

A. Slower moving water, such as that found in creeks and streams, is susceptible to “algae blooms” responsible for large-scale fish kills. When it rains, fertilizer, dog poop and other nutrient-rich material gets carried into these waterways. This sudden, unnatural surge of nutrients causes a rapid explosion of the algae population, called a “bloom.” The bloom, which is near the water's surface, blocks sunlight that is needed by other aquatic life. Additionally, when the bloom can no longer be sustained, it decays in an environmentally cataclysmic event that sucks all of the oxygen out of the water, suffocating and killing any fish that live there.

Source: Metro Water Services, Storm Water Div. NPDES Office, Nashville, TN
ftp://ftp.nashville.gov/web/stormwater/scoop_on_poop_2004.pdf



Thanks

...to **Doris, Bob and Nathan Goldman** for working on the composting toilets and the compost box for the four-square garden.

...to **Jim Rock** (GRC Contractors) for repairing the retaining wall in the four-square garden. [see related article, pg. 16]

...to **Liane Miller Benchoff** for assisting with the 2007 Summer Institute program, Bugs and Blossoms.

...to **Pat Heefner** for weekly help in the institute office.

...to **Mary Ann Payne** for continuing work on the institute's photo albums and other tasks.

...to **Jes Head** for assisting staff member Nancy Hall with office and program tasks.

...to **Roy Struble** for assisting with PR mailings

Special Thank You

... to those who provided food stand items for last spring's Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale fund-raiser.

... to **Waynesboro College Club** for selecting Renfrew Institute as recipient of its community service donations. College Club members donated 5 bags of miscellaneous office supplies and \$126 in cash!!

... to board member **Diana Keilholtz-Gunder** for providing colorful mums for the membership builder reception.

...to **Bob Curley** (owner, Rolling Mill Tavern), for donating a dinner certificate which was won by Greg Price. Greg entered a drawing for those joining Renfrew Institute as new members during the 2007 Jazz Festival held on August 26th at Renfrew.

...to **Applebee's of Waynesboro** for donating two gift certificates for dinner. The certificates were presented to the membership committee members who scored the highest points during the 2006–07 membership campaign.

... to **Blue Ridge Summit Library** for loaning large outdoor canopies for the institute's member builder reception and the Pumpkin Festival.

... to **Waynesboro Historical Society** for frequent loan of its beautiful coffee-maker urn for institute events. The urn makes delicious coffee!

Thank you to the following who have made a special donation to Renfrew Institute

in memory of...

Elaine Larson

by Phyllis & Don Brothers

in memory of...

Laurette Lucid

by John N. & Martha Dudley Keller



WELCOME New Members!

Note: New members sponsoring specific programs are listed under *Gifts—New Sponsorships* on page 7.

* = Honorary - for donation of special time, talent and/or materials

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Our Wish List...

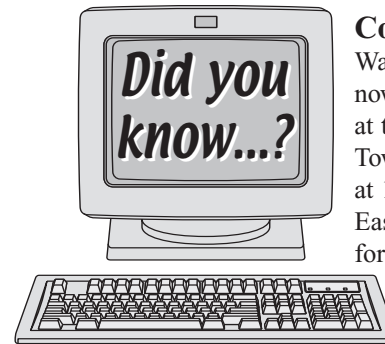
- ❖ Book(s): *The New Games Book* and/or *More New Games!* The Headlands Press, Inc., 1981, from the New Games Foundation
- ❖ Book: *The Book of Forest and Thicket—Trees, Shrubs, & Wildflowers of Eastern North America*, by John Eastman; Stackpole Books, 1992.
- ❖ Book: *American Wildlife & Plants—A Guide to Wildlife Food Habits*, by Alexander C. Martin, Herbert S. Zim and Arnold L. Nelson; Dover Publications, Inc., 1951.
- ❖ Book: *The Natural History of Wild Shrubs and Vines*, by Donald W. Stokes; The Globe Pequot Press, 1989.
- ❖ Book: *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide*, by Lawrence Newcomb; Little, Brown & Co., 1977.
- ❖ Book: *A Guide to Nature in Winter—Northeast & North Central North America*, by Donald W. Stokes, Little, Brown & Co., 1976.
- ❖ Additional underwriting sponsor for this newsletter (\$250)
- ❖ Funding for additional rain ponchos for use by school groups (\$400)
- ❖ Outdoor tent canopy—mesh or waterproof, new or used (in good condition)
- ❖ Walkie Talkies—new or used (in working order). Prefer rechargeable. Sorry, cannot use older styles.
- ❖ Card tables—used, in good condition

Wish List “Thank You”

- ❖ **Pat O’Connor:** Lumber for use in 4-square garden
- ❖ **Bill & Kathleen Kaminski:** Funding for 2 reproduction draw knives for use in woodworking programs

Beyond the Wish List... Thank You Too!

- ❖ **Steve Graham:** Brass kettle to be used for dyeing wool and flax yarns. Books: *Golden Guide to Rocks & Minerals*; Audubon Society *Field Guide to Reptiles & Amphibians*; Audubon Society *Field Guide to Insects & Spiders*.
- ❖ **Bill & Twila Flohr:** Set of nine flower presses
- ❖ **Kevin Ledden:** Donation of 40-lb. bags of compost for the 4-square garden
- ❖ **Ken Reese:** Cash donation during Renfrew Institute’s geology field trip last spring
- ❖ **Pam & Bruce Rowland:** Books: *Wildlife Survivors*; *Project Wild Aquatic*; *Turtles of the World*
- ❖ **Phil & Jerry’s Meats & More:** Lebanon bologna “tastes” for visiting students participating in the institute’s farmstead program, *From Field to Table*.



Computer Recycling

Washington Township is now recycling computers at the Washington Township Transfer Station at 12721 Buchanan Trail East. There is no charge for the service! Hours: Monday –Saturday 8am–4:30 p.m.

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