At last Renfrew Institute is about to launch a website! This may seem a bit mundane today, but we have been slow to join cyberworld. The time has arrived to let the world know who we are and what we do. When you get a chance, please visit www.renfrewinstitute.org. Hopefully, it will be up by the time this Streamside issue reaches you. If not, check back soon.

If you have been involved with creating a website, you know that significant time goes into the project. Fortunately, the RI board of directors voted to hire a professional consultant, Bare Hands Design of Gettysburg to create the site and get us started. RI board members Marc Desrosiers, chair of the technology committee and Pat Heefner, committee member and Apple/Mac devotee, have been incredibly helpful throughout the process. Marc is hosting our site and has been instrumental in asking all the right questions at the right time.

Institute PR director, Andrea (Andi) Struble, editor of this newsletter and graphic designer herself, will take over management of the site after she completes a course in web design this winter. Andi will take some time to “ease” into the care of the site as she learns the technology involved. Meanwhile, we have been spending many hours meeting with the consultants, writing text and gathering photos (and permissions) in order to fill the site with essential information. Please check it out, give it a spin and then give us your feedback!

That’s not the only technology news. We now have a beautiful new iMac computer! Our 5-year old eMac died in October, taking all of my email addresses and archives with it. Thankfully, all documents and photos were backed up or rescued. We knew the old eMac was about to go and had made an advance plan. Again the board came to the rescue early with approval to make the computer purchase. Thanks to last year’s unexpected bequest from the Elizabeth Strite estate, coupled with several Today’s Horizon Fund donors, we were able to handle both the website and computer expenses without jeopardizing our programs. Thanks to ALL of you who support us with your donations large and small!

On other fronts the Institute is thriving and doing! Another successful school program season closed on November 7, with 196 classes and 4,239 student visits recorded. We welcomed our regularly attending schools and one new one, Oak Hill School.

The spring session will begin April 1st and promises to be another vibrant season of programming. The Institute teaching staff will come together in February to put all programs through our rigorous evaluation process. This activity happens every two to three years and always energizes the staff, creating new ideas and improvements.

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George Buckey has been with Renfrew Institute (RI) from the very beginning. Buckey was serving on the board of Renfrew Museum & Park (RM) at the time of the Institute’s inception, and before long was also a board member for the Institute.

“Dudley Keller [RI’s first president] was very involved at that time, and we worked closely together in fund-raising for the Fahnstock Barn,” Buckey recalls. He eventually became the Institute’s second president.

Over the years, Buckey has worn so many hats for both Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute, it’s hard to tell where one leaves off and the other begins.

“The two organizations are separate, but in many ways are connected at the hip,” Buckey says. “A lot of people progress from the Institute board to the Museum board, or vice versa. This is good. These folks understand the connections and inter-dependence of each organization.”

Buckey insists that RI developing separately—“The Institute school programs grew so fast, and were being run in part by volunteers. It was clear that a separate board was necessary, and better to have a separate organization.”

[RI was granted separate non-profit status in January 1996.]

Buckey was instrumental in forming of Waynesboro’s Industrial Development Committee. He is still a member of Renfrew Museum’s Trustees and a member of the RI Development Board of Directors.

Buckey is originally from Union Bridge, Md. A Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he was in Japan near the end of World War II. He later graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in commerce in 1950. That same year, Buckey entered a Sales & Service Training Program at Landis Machine Co. in Waynesboro. He worked there 37 years, becoming president in 1975.

Buckey became interested in Renfrew Park after Emma Nicodemus bequeathed the property to Waynesboro in 1974. In the early ‘80s, LeRoy Maxwell asked him to serve on the Renfrew board. “I’ve been around so long now I can’t remember how I was convinced to get involved for Renfrew,” Buckey jokes.

Somehow, Buckey found time for other volunteer work. He is a past-president of the United Way, and served as Chair of their Industrial Division for 24 years. He has been active in Rotary for more than 50 years, and was instrumental in the formation of Waynesboro’s Industrial Museum over the past decade; he is president of that board.

Buckey and his wife, Marty, have two daughters. Betsy lives in Ocean View, Delaware, with a son and daughter; Mary Marshall works for SAIC in Gaithersburg, Md. Marty has also been an active volunteer at Renfrew.

Both are avid bird watchers, and Buckey enjoys saltwater fishing at their vacation home in Fenwick, Del. Reflectioning on more than 30 years of involvement with Renfrew, Buckey says, “Most people recognize that Renfrew—both the Museum and the Institute—are wonderful assets for the community of Waynesboro. It’s been nice to see the organization grow, and to be involved in a project that has meaning to the entire area.”

Buckey is not one to rest on his laurels. “There is still much work to be done,” he said. “For example, it would be really wonderful to have a new facility on the property that could be used for meetings, events, office space and other uses. This would expand the services we could offer the public, and allow us to better utilize the existing visitors center.”

RI Director, Melodie Anderson-Smith said, “George has been steadfast in his care for Renfrew Institute. He and Marty have both been generous over the years with financial gifts. But mostly I have depended on George for advice, over and over again. He has been a major leadership force for us and for the museum.”

Top of the “Mushroom”

By Melodie Anderson-Smith

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.

Chesapeake Promises

Our amazing watershed—64,000 square miles covering parts of six states and the District of Columbia—with small and large waterways lacing and racing to their common destination, the Chesapeake Bay. Roughly 17 million of us, along with our plant and animal fellows, depend on the very lives of the aquatic system of the Bay, flowing through our mutual watershed ecosystems. Why then, are we so complacent, and often even negligent, when it comes to making good land use decisions that effect our own critical water supply? Could it be that the wake-up call hasn’t been loud enough?

In a bold move, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) recently gave the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a 60-day notice requiring the EPA to respond to a series of claims about the agency’s failure to meet obligations under the federal Clean Water Act and the Chesapeake 2000 agreement to clean up the Bay, or face a federal lawsuit.

There is obvious frustration and yes, even anger, among those who have worked so tirelessly for decades to improve water quality in the Bay, only to see a worsening situation. The irony here is that the EPA, though certainly not an innocent bystander, reflects the complacency of its constituents, and that includes all of us.

I have been involved in the educational effort to “save the Bay” for more than 25 years. I remember the beginnings of the Save the Bay movement, the enthusiasm of the environmental community and the excitement of bay, river and creek lovers everywhere. The original Chesapeake Bay Agreement was signed in 1983 by the governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, the mayor of D.C., and the administrator of the EPA. There was elation and hope. The Chesapeake Bay Program was established, political will seemed strong and the attention of the world was on the pending success of these initiatives.

Additional agreements were signed in 1987 and in 1992, each strengthening the resolve that the Bay would be clean by 2000. But the mark was missed. A renewed agreement, signed in June of 2000 and full of provisions for well-funded research, new and increased reduction benchmarks, support for grassroots efforts, promised a clean Bay by 2010. But now, one year out, we know that mark too, will be missed. The talk these days is of moving the missed target to 2020. Unfortunately, the talk now seems weak and disjunctured, the hope and elation nearly gone.

But Buckey is not one to rest on his laurels. “There is still much work to be done,” he said. “For example, it would be really wonderful to have a new facility on the property that could be used for meetings, events, office space and other uses. This would expand the services we could offer the public, and allow us to better utilize the existing visitors center.”

Downstream
Welcome New Board Members

Renfrew Institute is pleased to welcome four new board members. Maxine Beck, Matt Gunder and Denny Koons were elected to the board in July, and in November, Steve Graham was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tom Singer, who stepped down in order to accept a new professional opportunity in Ohio.

Maxine Beck was born and raised in Waynesboro. She graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education Language Arts, and completed her master’s degree in English at Shippensburg University.

Maxine was assistant director of the Waynesboro Day Care Center before she began teaching English at Waynesboro High School, where she worked for nearly 18 years. Maxine recently retired in order to travel more with her husband Steve and also to help with the care of their children, grandchildren, and aging parents.

The Beck family has consistently been involved in community organizations and has been a supporter of Renfrew since its inception,” Maxine said. “I welcome the opportunity to become more familiar with all of the wonderful programming and facilities they offer.”

Maxine is chairman of the Membership committee and also serves on the Adult Education, Pumpkin Festival, and WaynSupper committees.

Matt Gunder, another Waynesboro native, has the distinction of being the first institute board member who actually attended institute programming as a school student! “Renfrew Institute began offering programs for school children right around when I was at that age—I believe it was fourth grade,” he said. “I don’t remember the details, but certainly I recall being com to Renfrew for the programs, and enjoying them.”

That early association influenced Matt’s interest in Renfrew and in the Institute. In addition, he is active in other community organizations. “Being local, I am involved in quite a few community activities, both personally and professionally,” he said.

Matt attended Shippensburg University and became a professional realtor in 2003. He participates in several community service activities through his company, Jack Gaughen Realtor ERA, Waynesboro. “We, Waynesboro Realtors, contribute food baskets to human services for area families around the holidays, hold an annual yard sale to benefit Muscular Dystrophy research, and conduct other community-related activities through the year,” Matt also serves on the Waynesboro YMCA board of directors, and is active in the Rotary Club.

Matt lives “just two minutes from Renfrew,” he said, and is looking forward serving on the Membership, Nominating/Governance and Bay Supper committees.

Denny Koons also grew up in Waynesboro, so Renfrew Park has long been a familiar place. Working at Pumpkin Fest introduced Denny to Renfrew Institute. “I am active in Rotary, and we helped with Pumpkin Fest several times,” Denny said. “Over the years, I got to know George Buckey and some of the other volunteers, and became interested in the Institute.”

Denny earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Shippensburg University, and is Assistant Vice President Senior Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch in Hagerstown.

A past-president of Waynesboro Rotary Club, Denny also serves on the financial committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro.

The Koons have a son who lives in Mont Alto with his wife and daughter, and a daughter who is majoring in elementary education at Shippensburg University.

“I enjoy volunteering in the community and helping out whenever I can,” Denny said. “I am looking forward to serving on the Development, Membership, and Recycle/Yard Sale Fund-raiser committees.”

Steve Graham recently moved back to Waynesboro after living away from home for many years. Even from far away, Steve maintained a relationship with the Institute and Museum. An avid collector of antiques, he has made extensive donations to Renfrew Museum’s collection and contributed items for use in the Institute’s school programs. He currently serves on the Museum’s REC (Renfrew Executive Committee). For the past six years, Steve has hand-delivered a generous donation of Virginia clams for the Institute’s annual Chesapeake Bay Fund-raiser.

Steve holds a degree in psychology from Mount St. Mary’s College. He was director of the Salton Zoo from 1972–77, then director of the Baltimore Zoo from 1978–1982. From 1982–92, he was director of the Detroit Zoological Parks Department.

His interest in animals led to many years of experience on safari in Africa including trips to Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Tanzania and Rwanda. Other ongoing interests include the environment, history and education. Steve’s committee assignments are yet to be determined but he is looking forward to working on behalf of Renfrew Institute.

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 Royer Tannery

Visitors to Renfrew Park often arrive in the lower parking lot and walk through the picnic area, where tables are arranged in inviting spots under the trees and near Antietam Creek. It is a lovely place to stroll or picnic. However, 200 years ago, this spot was anything but bucolic—a busy industrial site occupied the space.

Daniel Royer purchased the property now known as Renfrew Museum & Park in the late 1700s. Royer’s farmstead was typical of an industrial farmstead of the time. In addition to farming, the family operated a gristmill, a limkekin and a tannery. The tannery, located next to Antietam Creek near today’s picnic grove, was a profitable operation that contributed much to the family’s financial stability.

Royer learned his trade from his father Samuel, who also owned a tannery in the region. In turn, Daniel Royer’s son, David, learned the trade. He operated the Royer tannery after Daniel’s death in 1833.

It was a large and successful operation. In 1850, the tannery processed 2,500 hides; the same year, 300 cords of tanning bark were used. More than 40 ground vats were likely required to handle such a large quantity.

A tannery of this size probably employed eight or nine men, and would have included a tan shop and other sheds, a bark mill, a water source, and tanning vats. It was not unusual, as in the case of the Royer property, for the house to be near the tannery—imagine the smell!

Archaeological Dig Reveals Tannery

In the late 1980s, archaeologist Will Shepard and his team excavated the tannery site. Much of what we know about the Royer tannery was learned during that process. Upon completion of the project, the site was covered again to protect the remains of the tannery.

Shepard also conducted extensive research on the tanning process, which he described in “A Good Summer’s Tan: A Report on the Excavation of the Royer Tannery Site 1987–1988.” According to that report, the tanning process involved several phases, which could take up to two years to complete.

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In order to keep the proverbial wheels turning as we deliver programming to a growing community, it has been necessary to grow our operating budget. This responsibility requires that we successfully accomplish a couple of fundraising events throughout the year. This past year's efforts received a boost from several local businesses. The First National Bank of Mercersburg provided underlying support for our April event, the Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale. Waynesboro branch office manager, Maria Myers was familiar with Institute programs as a parent of participating children, so responded with enthusiasm to my invitation to become involved on behalf of the bank. Not only did she pledge financial support, but also donated cartons of water for our food stand and appeared with her daughter on event day to volunteer. We are grateful for this new partnership and look forward to First National Bank of Mercersburg's, and Maria's, continued involvement with our spring event.

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**Angela Grove Weagly Spotlight**

Angela Grove Weagly has been a devoted supporter of Renfrew Institute beginning with her first annual membership gift in 1997. Since then, her embrace has widened to include service on the Institute’s membership committee, which has placed her at numerous community events in the role of Renfrew Institute ambassador. Many occasions for volunteer help in assembling newsletter or membership mailings have found her, good naturedly, amidst tall stacks of envelopes and sheaves of tricky self-adhesive labels. In addition to annual membership and endowment contributions and volunteer service, Angela has demonstrated generosity on many occasions when a specific financial need has been identified. One such occasion arose when a decision was made by the membership committee to purchase a display board for use at public events. This would professionalize the presentation of Institute materials and create an assembly task for those preparing and exhibiting at community gatherings. Angela heard the committee ponder only briefly how the purchase of this board would be funded before stepping forward with an offer to contribute the dollars needed. It has proven to be a valuable addition to the effort to help others learn more about the Institute’s activities.

Angela has made several monetary gifts, which have been instrumental in providing for varied founding needs of the organization. Following the death of her sister, Joyce Ceyler, in 2004, a portion of these gifts has been designated each year in support of the Institute’s Earth Celebration Day in memory of Joyce and in honor of her brother-in-law, Richard Ceyler. A frequent attendee of the event, Angela knows the rich opportunity her gift helps to provide for folks from throughout the region to celebrate spring, and to connect with Earth’s wonders and many local resources for stewardship and recreation.

Angela reflected on what has moved her to involve-ment with the Institute. “I will be forever thankful to Mrs. Nicosdemus, an unforgetable woman, for her treasured gift to the community and surrounding areas. I am especially proud that her gift has grown to encompass thousands of students and families whose lives are enriched through Institute programs.”

We recognize the love and care Angela has for Renfrew Institute and its work in the community, and deeply appreciate her support of our activities, and her ready laughter and friendship.

**Jeff & Shirley Rock Spotlight**

Shirley and Jeff Rock first became supporters of Renfrew Institute in 1999 after attending programs with their young daughter. Kelsey was only 8 then—attending Summitview Elementary School, enjoying yearly outings at the Park, listening to “Mother Nature” and a cast of outdoor educators. She is now a high school senior, concluding her Waysnaboro learning experiences and about to embark on the journey to college and beyond. According to her mom, she has grown into a curious and environmentally aware young woman, with a special interest in sea life that she recalls was introduced during her participation in the institute’s program, Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay. She enjoys being outdoors, a trait she shares with her parents. Waysnaboro has always been home for Jeff, who grew up here, but was active in the military for a 20-year career. Shirley hails from our northern neighbor, Canada. “Kathleen and I were growing up in a country,” she found a special resonance in the Institute’s programs that encouraged appreciation for the natural world. An avid gardener, she has been fulfilled both personally and professionally by getting her hands in the dirt.

In the years following her visits to Renfrew Institute programs with Kelsey, Shirley has often returned to the park trails for walks in the woods that she says help her remember “what it was like to be a kid, kick the rocks, and have the leaves and relax in a place away from town life and concrete.” These are exactly the values institute programs are designed to inculcate in our visitors, both young and old.

Several years ago upon reading Summitview, Shirley responded to a “funding needed” item on the wish list. She indicated that her family had been fortunate and wanted to share with an organization that had been important in their lives.

“There are so many non-profit organizations helping people in need and constantly searching for funds, and we all want to help in some way, but doing what we could to support Renfrew made it feel closer to home.”

It’s also so important that we learn what we can about the parks and trails, environment, and how each and every one of us can make a difference in the future of the world around us. Renfrew’s programs do this by welcoming our children to learn—and introduce the rest of us to a beautiful park to enjoy whenever we can!”

Shirley was careful to mention that experiences such as climbing into the giant leaf during the environmental education program Green Energy, as fourth grade students have done, can leave indelible memories with children...that they form a bond with the natural world and with Renfrew they will never forget. As she chatted, I was filled with gratification upon hearing true realization of the goals of Renfrew’s educational programs and missions.

“We’re grateful for the generosity the Rocks have offered Renfrew Institute through support of Summitview and the Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay program over the years. We are also grateful for the joy with which they have embraced the lessons gleaned through Kelsey’s annual journeys.”

**William & Kathleen Kaminski Spotlight**

For nearly two decades, William and Kathleen Kaminski have been supporting Renfrew Institute through annual membership gifts. In recent years, the Kaminskis have made donations beyond their membership.

During the summer of 2006, I received a note and a check from Bill, who had read in Summiview of the need for additional underwriting support for our first grade program, Fall Walk. He indicated that he wished to honor the memory of the late Margaret Keller with a gift in support of the Fall Walk experience. Keller herself had been an ardent supporter of the institute’s educational programs for children, and Bill expressed pleasure in being able to help young students connect with the natural world, while honoring the memory of his friend.

Bill and Kathleen have sustained their support of Fall Walk annually since that time. In addition, as a result of another Streamside tip, a cash donation was made in order to purchase a drawknife for Summer Institute’s Old Friends Are Worth Saving. For the past two summers, that tool has been pressed into service by young visitors to hand craft wooden pegs used in assembling a traditional log structure. The construction project lasts most of a day, and takes budding historians and architects on a journey into the past, helping them develop first-hand knowledge of the labors involved in “raising” a building. Though the structure is temporary, the experience provides an opportunity for a team of young learners to put their shoulders into the work of seeing a building “grow” from sill plate to roof, through their newly acquired skills.

Both Bill and Kathleen have an abiding love and wonder for the beauty of the natural world. Kathleen, Wilson College Professor of Education, enjoys hiking the woodland trails of Franklin County with friends, and her dog, Shadow. Bill, semi-retired from the legal profession, has relished putting his heel to the land, clearing brush, planting trees and creating a personal haven. He has transformed their Blue Ridge Summitview surroundings into a retreat worthy of Thoreau’s musings.

William and Kathleen are fortunate enough to acquire what remained of an original working German farm in Franklin County, Pa. and Frederick County, Md. in 1989. Largely due to our relationship with Renfrew, and the interest it kindled, we have undertaken a slow and exhaustive renovation of the foundations of the original farmhouse, two outbuildings, the barn, and a breeding pen. All artifacts recovered as a result of these excavations are ultimately destined to go to Renfrew as our expression of appreciation for the joy and enrichment our association with Renfrew has brought us.

We are grateful to Bill and Kathleen for sharing their appreciation for the natural world and cultural history of the region, expressed through their personal endeavors as well as their support of Institute youth education programs.

Tracy Holliday

**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.
The PMDC board of directors is very pleased and proud that they are able to help support the wonderful educational opportunities that are available through Renfrew Institute to children of all the surrounding communities. The lessons on environmental and social responsibility are invaluable to these children and will have a life-long impact.

As the horizon changes for the Fort Richie community, PMDC’s continued existence will ensure transition of the site to the private sector conforms to expectations of the parties. Meanwhile, thanks to a genuine commitment on the part of Rook and the currently seated board of directors, the community will indeed be enhanced.

Alice Kretzer Mellott moved to Washington Township in 1956 when she and her late husband, Charles (Bud) Mellott purchased a dairy farm on Honeolde Road. As farmers, the Mellotts held great respect for the land that sustained them, just as it sustained the Royer family on the farmstead that existed at the site now known as Renfrew.

In the time since the Mellotts established their farm, four generations of Mellotts have visited Renfrew and attended institute programming. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and recently, great-great-grandchild Logan, who attended Nose to Nose With Nature this past summer, have represented generations of Mellotts who developed a relationship with the natural and cultural world through visits to Renfrew.

In learning from her daughter, Pat Shew (who serves on the Institute’s board of directors) that funding support was needed for this newsletter, Mrs. Mellott acknowledged the connection Renfrew Institute has had to her family, and is glad to support its mission by underwriting Streamside.

We’re grateful to have Mrs. Mellott’s help as we communicate to our membership about institute activities.

Congratulations, Becky!
Summer Institute once again brought many kids and much positive energy to Renfrew Park from late June through July 2008. There were busy hands and lots of learning going on amidst all the fun!

Summer Stories captivated young children each week under the tree near the Visitors Center.

Nose to Nose with Nature offered fun and frolicking—in the stream and around the park—for children from K to grade 3.

Older kids enjoyed their nature-walk venture Into the Woods again this summer.

Old Friends are Worth Saving, a workshop on historic preservation, introduced youth to the old buildings at Renfrew. It included an opportunity to try some “people-powered” tools and assemble a log cabin.

Always popular, the Heritage Crafts series presented eight workshops this year. Workshops included Tinsmithing, Quilting, Leatherwork, Basketry, Pottery, Fun with Fibers and Scherenschnitte. Students created and took home a multitude of beautiful handmade projects.

A new feature of Summer Institute this year was special programming for groups, such as libraries and the YMCA. Options included a cultural history program or an environmental program—Into the Past or Adventures in Nature. Scheduled in advance, several organizations arranged group visits and enjoyed programs full of fun!
How Does a Salamander Scramble?

Some faster than others, as we learned during the Institute’s 1st Annual Salamander Scramble 5K Fundraiser.

A team of 15 runners was fielded to compete in Waynesboro’s Summer Jubilee Firecracker 5K road race on July 4. Under the leadership of institute board member, Bob Correll, each runner raised funds in support of institute programming through pledges from friends and family.

Participants gathered for a series of pre-race conditioning “fun runs” on the trails in and around Renfrew Park. With several elite competitive runners, the team also included less experienced runners with recreational or fitness-oriented goals.

Artist Tom McFarland, who created the cool Scrambler logo (shown above) for team t-shirts, showed up on race day to cheer the team on. Results were worthy of cheers, with several team members medaling in their age divisions. Medalists include ironman competitor Sarah Bowman, second place open class female (21.12), and Lauren Meckley, second in the open class male. Lauren Meckley, second in Michelle Benchoff, third place in the open class female.

An assemblage of runners has continued to gather weekly following the Scramble upon an invitation by Correll to build the foundation for a local running club. Diane Wilson has provided leadership and enthusiasm as she introduced local running aficionados to the universally recognized Harrier Hash Hounds game. This friendly competition features a “hare” setting off ahead of the field of “hounds,” who follow a chalk line trail of clues in pursuit of the hare. The game provides an opportunity to enjoy friendly competition in the companionship of others for a good training run.

While salamanders scramble both fast and slow, the Salamander Scramble 5K Fundraiser proved to be an extremely gratifying experience that united a community of runners—old friends and new—who united in the cause of fundraising for Renfrew Institute. We are grateful for the energy and zeal each participant brought to the team and hope this may be the beginning of a “long running” tradition.

Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale—Success!

A warm sunny day drew lots of visitors to Renfrew Institute’s 3rd Annual Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale on Saturday, April 19. Fifty vendor spaces were filled with “treasures.” Sales went well and food was plentiful with unusual items such as Ploughman’s lunches (bread, apple, and cheese in a cloth napkin), pita bread and hummus, the ever-popular hot dog and yummy baked goods.

The event continues to grow and combining it with Earth Day activities was a wonderful idea. Profit this year was $2,568.19. Institute table sales netted just over $300, vendor spaces brought in $520, but food sales were the biggest money generator, bringing in more than $1400.

Thanks to all who helped make the event a success. Local businesses were very generous and donated bread, apples, cheese, rolls, doughnuts, hummus and coffee and tea. Individuals baked pita bread, brownies, cookies, and even energy bars. Board and staff members donated good used items for the sale table. Most importantly, many people gave of their time on Saturday to help make it all a reality—we couldn’t do it without you!

Chesapeake Promises/Downstream continued from page 8

Successful in partnering with farmers and developers to solve watershed protection issues. Your membership lends support and strength for AW A’s community efforts.

Second, if you live along the creek, AWA is about to launch an incredible new program called Buffer in a Box. You can receive training and materials to establish your own backyard vegetation buffer along your stream “reach” (your section of stream) for a very minimal cost. Call or email us for more information.

Third, we can encourage our elected officials to make sound decisions with regard to land use issues. Ordinances enforcing effective vegetation buffer zones along our streams are already under consideration and need to be put in place as soon as possible. Incentives are needed for building developments that not only meet local regulations for storm water management, but exceed the requirements with innovative technologies and common-sense solutions. Farmland preservation, supported at the county and state level, can be strengthened by helping farmers recoup the costs involved in keeping the farm a farm and to pursue the environmental and agricultural heritage so important to our area.

Fourth, we can celebrate our watershed. Through festivals, fairs and a myriad of public events, we can bring attention to the value of our water resources for work, for play, for life. Celebration brings hope and commitment.

And now, a promise: Renfrew Institute will continue to provide the educational programs and celebrations that foster watershed awareness and action. We will help our kids learn about the Bay, about the Antietam, about wetlands and watersheds and our stewardship responsibilities in our own backyards. We will celebrate Earth Day, spotlighting those businesses and agencies that can help us use water wisely and take care of our aquatic resources. We will feature the artists and musicians who touch our hearts and remind us of the beauty of nature and its life. We will offer lectures, workshops and field trips to enrich the environmental knowledge of our adult audiences. We will partner with others, like AWA, to broaden the scope of our local initiatives.

Further, we will listen to YOUR ideas for new programs and activities. We will welcome YOUR involvement—We will provide a hub for YOUR inquiries and discussions. We will help YOU connect with answers. Let us hear from you, attend our programs, join our efforts to preserve our cultural and natural heritage. Who knows, working together we might just save the Antietam Creek...and that, along with all the other “saves,” I promise you, WILL help save the Chesapeake Bay.

See ‘Positives & Negatives for the Bay’ for related information on page 22.

Scrub-adub-dub, Sit-ups in a Tub

Summertime chores like sit-up washing keep staff and volunteers busy. Staff member, Lori Schlosser (center in photo below) gets help with the cleaning task from Andrew Payne and Sarah Schlosser. Kurt Schlosser (in photo, right) waves as he hangs up freshly scrubbed sit-ups to dry in the sun.

Renfrew Institute’s “Salamander Scramble” team wore bright green t-shirts with an original logo designed by local artist and teacher, Tom McFarland.

Runners included (left to right) from: Melodie Anderson-Smith, Diane Wilson and Lauren Meckley, center: Tammy Blakeley, Becca Boccalandro, Peggy Weller, Beckie Sariano, Sarah Bowman, John Kelley, Michelle Benchoff, and rear: Tracy Holliday, Fred Skroban, Bill Pflager and Bob Correll. Team member Stephanie Kohler, not pictured, ran as a satellite affiliate in a “remote location.”

A “fun run” race is fielded to compete

Tracy Holliday at the institute for information, 717-762-0373.

Several team members medaled in their age divisions. Medalists include ironman competitor Sarah Bowman.

The Institute’s 3rd Annual Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale was a success.

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Most importantly, many people gave of their time on Saturday to help make it all a reality—we couldn’t do it without you!

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EarthSeekers Heads to the Bay!

The EarthSeekers program is about to expand to new territory in our Chesapeake Bay region. The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) located at Edgewater, Md., will launch a sister program soon at its Philip D. Reed Education Center on the Rhode Island territory in our Chesapeake Bay region. The Smithsonian Institution’s EarthSeekers nature center sessions.

During a visit to Renfrew in August the SERC education staff learned what it takes to set up an EarthSeekers headquarters at a nature center. Renfrew Institute Executive Director Melodie Anderson-Smith hosted SERC School Programs Coordinator, Jane Holly, Outreach Coordinator, Karen McDonald and昊, Carla Downs for lunch in the park followed by a walk-through of the EarthSeekers nature center sessions. Holly knew of the program through attendance at a meeting in Waynesboro. Both organizations are excited about the collaboration that could lead to the development of Bay-related activities to add to the EarthSeekers curriculum.

For now, local efforts are focused on completion of CDs that will include the nature center manual, classroom teacher manual and materials for home-based sessions, along with complete instructions on how to set up an EarthSeekers program anywhere. Anderson-Smith and Institute publicity director, Andrea Struble have been working on the documents for the CDs over the past three months.

After many years of experience running the program at Renfrew and at Greencastle-Antrim’s Taymacantaschta Center for Environmental Studies, the local EarthSeekers co-authors, Anderson-Smith and Charles White are looking forward to the field of environmental education.

For more information about EarthSeekers please call Melodie at R1 office 717-762-8373 or email her at renfrewinstinnernet.net.

Squirrel Bait
by Sydney The Spider (aka Robert North –“Uncle Tietam”—institute faculty member)

Editor’s Note: Sydney’s Wonder Web is a second-grade program during which students learn about the nine parts of nature and how they are interrelated. Students help puppet character Sydney, the spider, make her web complete. Uncle Tietam is Sydney’s assistant for the program. Upon completion of their quest, young naturalists earn a bead necklace, which they assemble to help them remember the discoveries they made.

We recently had an experience that you might find of interest. Once upon a time, out in the forests of Renfrew...

Uncle Tietam had come out to prepare for a group of second graders to meet me and learn about my web. Since much of the equipment is too big for me to handle, he brought it out on a garden cart. He had agreed to place certain things from the cart upon my web. Also, he would place other things in the various places that the children and he would visit. This is the way the group learns about the “web” of connections among the nine parts of nature.

Uncle Tietam said that he’d brought his lunch along, so that between the morning and afternoon sessions he could grab a bite to eat. Once he was all set up for the morning class, he made me good-bye and set off for the visitors’ center to greet the students.

And a critter passed by among the branches overhead. Soon I heard the happy sounds of children approaching. Uncle Tietam returned with his charges. He and I introduced the class to the parts of nature and their interdependencies—but oh, there was a missing part of nature, and four missing banners. Mother Nature’s assignment said that I must have all of these items to make my web complete...

With this explanation, we invited the children to take a walk with Uncle Tietam through the natural areas of Renfrew to look for the missing items. As they did so, they engaged in activities to illustrate four ways that the parts of nature are dependent upon other parts.

This all took a little more than an hour. The children were then to return and add the banners and missing part of nature—themselves!—to my web, to satisfy Mother Nature.

And, again, a critter passed by among the branches overhead—and paused, and sniffed, then descended from the tree.

He walked and hopped about with his nose in the air, nearer and nearer to Uncle Tietam’s cart. Then, up into the cart he jumped. I heard scrubbings and little happy snuffling. The rascal jumped down with part of Uncle Tietam’s lunch and made his way into the nearest pine tree. A ways up, he paused, stowed his loot, and came back for more! Knowing his business, he quickly made off with something in a little plastic bag. This item being too bulky for climbing, he ran off across the lane and into a thick clump of bushes and trees. At this point, I heard excited shouts from the children as they returned after their lessons.

Uncle Tietam later told me: “One of the children shouted, ‘Uncle Tietam, there’s a squirrel—what does he have in his mouth?’

“Sydney,” he says to me, “I could tell right away that he had a granola bar Aunt Tietam had made for my lunch. I had to make a professional decision about chasing that squirrel or attending to the children—and duty called. You know that we came back to your web and completed the session, necklaces and all.”

As they were about to leave, one of the children blurted out, “Uncle Tietam, is that your apple up there?” Sure enough, the squirrel had parked an apple in the forks of the pine tree. After the children left, Uncle Tietam poked it down with a long stick. He even ate around the small part that the squirrel had enjoyed.

Since all this, Uncle Tietam is more careful about his lunch.

Uncle Tietam’s Squirrel Bait Granola Bars

9 c. Rice Chex, crushed 1 1/2 c. peanut butter
6 c. oatmeal 1/2 c. wheat germ or milled flax
9 c. Rice Chex, crushed 1 1/2 c. honey
2 c. oatmeal 2 c. maple syrup or brown sugar
1 1/2 c. honey
Mix Chex, oatmeal, granola crackers and wheat germ (or flax) in a large bowl.
Melt butter in saucepan; add marshmallows and melt, stirring constantly. Add peanut butter; stir well.
Pour mixture into one large and one small jelly-roll pan; spread and press.
Cool until hardened, then cut into bars.

Note 1: We refrigerate or cool these to avoid stickiness.

Note 2: Make sure squirrels don’t know you have them!
The cleaned backs were layered in tanning vats with a layer of tanbark between each one. Water was allowed into the vat. The backs would be removed and the tannin strength increased five times for strong backs, and three- to five times for weaker backs. [Tanbark, harvested from local trees, contained natural tannins; the astringent properties of tannin aids in the tanning process.]

Backs were left in the tanning vats for varying periods of time. After removal, the back was air-dried and stretched using weights, usually in a temperate location such as the attic of the shop.

Finishing the Leather
Currying was the finishing process, and involved shoving the flesh side of the hides and oiling the leather. The tanner could do this work, or send the backs to a currier. The finished leather—a product of nearly two years’ labor—was sent to craftsmen such as shoe, sail, sail, and harness makers. Leather was an important commodity, and necessary for many everyday items. 

Skins more fragile than those from oxen or cattle—such as goats, sheep and deer—were often processed with a method called “tawing.” This alternate process did not use tannin, and yielded lighter-colored leather. Tawing with a method called “tawing.” This alternate process did not use tannin, and yielded lighter-colored leather. 

The finished leather—was appropriate for creating delicate items. Hair became an ingredient in plaster and mortar, and was used in upholstered furniture. Scraps of fresh, extra thickness of hide and hooves were made into glue. 

The Horns
The horns were saved for buttons and combs. 

The tanner—David Royer, Daniel Royer’s son, died in 1860 and the tannery ceased operation around 1862. It took two years for the remaining hides to be completed before the tannery closed for good. 

Thanks to a recent gift from William H. Gelbach, Jr., new interpretation of the Royer tannery has begun. Renfrew Institute began its interpretation of the tannery with a leather workshop for area youth in July.

The workshop was part of the summer Heritage Crafts series, which introduces children to the crafts of our ancestors. Under the guidance of invited artist Ed Beard, students created leather pouches to take home, and visited the Royer tannery site to learn about its history. We look forward to continuing the interpretation of the tannery for both children and adults.

References:
Early American Life (February 1975), The Art and Mystery of Tanning

Endowment Fund Update
We are very inspired by the strong giving of our members and friends for this fund every year. In spite of difficult economic times, we hope you will be able to help in some way. Thank you!

Thanks also to our endowment trustees, George Buckey, Lynn MacBride and Christopher Richwine for their care and management of the Fund. Donations last year (2007-08) totaled $43,789.10! Total donations into the fund since it began in 1999 plus interest, misc. donations, etc.) has increased to $103,936 (these two combined)

You should have received a mailing in December 2008 for our annual supplemental giving campaign for the fund. Enclosed is our brochure, Legacy Giving, which encourages potential donors to consider several options for planned 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.

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 renfrein@inner.net.net.net.
We extend our thanks to four departing board members who have completed terms or moved from the area. As our traditional practice, members of the departing board members, Debbie Pflger was given a wooden cookie award to honor her service. The cookie dubbed her, “Queen of Everything” for good reason. She has been an extraordinary worker in so many aspects of Renfrew’s Institute’s life. As co-chair of the annual Pumpkin Festival, Debbie has led the way through years of organization and volunteer recruitment. She is still at the helm, giving the Institute the enthusiasm and energy. Debbie also chairs the Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale held each year in April.

Debbie began her involvement with the Institute as a member of the teaching staff. Known to the children as Oolotwah (“meaning “owl” in Cherokee) Debbie taught many of our environmental and cultural programs before resigning to take a full time position as technology coordinator in the Waynesboro Area School District. She came to the Institute board in 2002 and served on many committees and projects.

Jim Rock served the Institute from 2002 to 2008, wielding the gavel as president during his last two years. Jim’s wooden cookie award gave him the title of “Builder of Futures.” His quiet leadership and generous spirit contributed much to the Institute. Jim was especially helpful in addressing the needs of the staff. Providing pro bono services as a CPA and setting up the company GRC Contractors, Inc. Jim’s carpenters repaired the four-square garden terrace wall and completed a major “box-in” job helping to quiet a noisome restroom exhaust fan that vibrated the desks in the institute office. In addition, Jim served on the joint museum and institute Renfrew Exploratory Facilities Ad-hoc Committee, which helped both organizations look into the design with regard to overall facilities needs.

Diana Keiblitz-Gunders brought her “cheerleader” spirit to the board along with a strong sense of ambassadortory. Her role on the membership and development committees helped the institute open new doors to generous sponsors and prospective members. Diana’s visits to the Institute’s office were always filled with smiles and praise for the work of the staff. In addition, Diana brought ideas. The Institute’s inaugural Membership Building Reception was her brainchild. She guided its development and provided generous, accomplished hostess skills to bring the event to fruition. One of Diana’s most important contributions was her leadership of the silent and live auctions for the annual Bay Supper fund-raiser. She carried this on by generating great ideas and displaying them beautifully. Diana also served on the Institute’s strategic planning committee bringing excellent vision and ideas to help shape the Institute’s future. Diana’s wooden cookie award read, “Goodwill Grower.”

Tom Singer, who served on the board since 2005, recently accepted a new professional opportunity in Cincinnati, Ohio. His resignation from the board came just as he was about to begin a new three year term. We will miss Tom, but are pleased to welcome Steve Graham into Tom’s seat.

As chair of the Development Committee, Tom was involved in promoting the Today’s Horizon Fund, designed to generate multi-year large gifts in support of general operations and program development work not covered through other funding. He successfully recruited the charter donor to the fund, JLG Industries, Inc.

Tom also served on the Finance Committee bringing a quick wit and even quicker mathematical skills to budget meetings. He was chair of the personnel committee helping to identify and support the needs of the staff. We wish Tom well as he begins his new chapter in Cincinnati.

### Winter/Spring 2008–09 Calendar of Events

#### Basketry Workshop

**Saturday** January 10, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Visitors Center  
* [Springdate Saturday, January 11]: Underwriting support provided by Beaucat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg  
  Susan Matson will teach participants how to create a “Louvre or Letter” basket. Instruction in basic weaving techniques; color accents may be added. Options include creating a closed base and/or adding hand-crafted oak end handles. Workshop fee: $25 members of Renfrew Institute, $30 non-members. Pre-registration required. Ages 15 and up. Basic materials fee: $5. Additional materials fee for handles: $15.

#### Special Program — Galilei’s New Universe

**Thursday,** January 22, 7 p.m., Visitors Center  
* [Springdate Saturday, January 24]: Presented in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers. Underwriting support provided by Beaucat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg  
  Dr. Lawrence Marschall, WKYK Sahm Professor of Physics, Gettysburg College presents a lecture celebrating the 400th anniversary of Galilei’s first use of the telescope. The program includes his discoveries and how astronomy has advanced since his time. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

#### Creatures of the Night — Walk for Teens/Adults

**Thursday,** February 19, 6:30 p.m., meet at Visitors Center  
* [Springdate Saturday, February 21]: Underwriting support provided by Beaucat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg  
  Program leader to discuss local night-time ecologies. Open to ages 15 and up. Pre-registration is required. Small fee to be determined. Contact for details or check the AWA website: www.anticetter.com

#### Renfrew Rocks! — Geology Seminar & 2 Field Trips

**SEMINA:** Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m., Visitors Center  
**Adult FIELD TRIP 1:** Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
* [Springdate Saturday, April 5]: Geology Seminar & 2 Field Trips  
  Dave Beuchat & Beuchat, LLC of Gettysburg will present a program and two field trips. Field trips will be weather permitting. Presented in partnership with Antietam Watershed Association & The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Homeowners who live along streams in our area will learn how to build a backyard vegetable buffer area along their creek or other water feature. The “Box” given to each household will provide plants and full instructions. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Small fee to be determined.  
**FIELD TRIP 2: Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
* [Springdate Saturday, May 3]: Perry County (Island hunt)  
  Presented in partnership with the Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club. Underwriting support provided by Beaucat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg  
  Liz Jones, geology professor and consultant, presents this informative and enjoyable outdoor experience. Free slide talk on Thursday (donations accepted). Field trip transportation by bus only. Fee per each field trip $25 members of Renfrew Institute; $30 non-members.

#### Bird Walks at Renfrew

**Saturdays in April & May, 9 a.m.–12 noon**  
* [Springdate Saturday, May 1]: Presented underwriting support provided by Beaucat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg  
  Guest leaders will join veteran birder Willard Rahn to launch bird walks along the hiking trails at Renfrew Park. Meet at Renfrew’s lower parking lot off Wetly Road. Free to the public.

#### Star Party

**Thursday,** Feb. 26 (date to be confirmed). Weather permitting. Viewing will run from 9:30–10:30 p.m.  
* [Springdate Saturday, February 28]: Presented in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers. Underwriting support provided by Beaucat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg  
  Dave Beuchat, Beuchat, LLC of Gettysburg, conducts this outdoor walk to areas of Renfrew Park most likely to attract owls, including the Schrech, Barred and Great Horned Owls. Open to adults ages 15 and up. Dress warmly and bring flashlights. FREE, but donations accepted.

#### Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art 2009

**Plexi reusable Yard Sale**  
* [Springdate Saturday, April 18]:  
  $1. Free flying (bring your own kite).

#### The 2010 Bay Calendar

**Thanks to the following who have each made a special donation to Renfrew Institute in memory of...**

- **Warren Large**  
  by Steve Graham  
  in memory of...  
- **Don Shade**  
  by Audrey S. Eshelman in memory of...  
- **Robert Matt**  
  by Angela Grove Weakly
**Our Wish List…**
- Card tables—used, in good condition
- Book: *Animal Tracks, Peterson Field Guide*
- Book: *Chipmunk Song,* by Joanne Ryder; Lodestar Books, E.P. Dutton, NY. (Hardback please)
- Book: *Beetles,* Peterson Field Guide, by Richard E. White
- Book: *Soil! Get the Inside Scoop* by David L. Lindba; Soil Science Society of America; available online at www.societystore.org or by phone 1-608-268-4960 (item #: B60913) OR donate $23 to Renfrew Institute for purchase of the book (includes $3 S&H) and we will order it!
- Funding for replacement items in period clothing for instructors—any amount appreciated!
- Additional underwriting sponsors for this newsletter, educational programs or community events

**Wish List “Thank Yous”**
- Pat O’Connor: Additional underwriting sponsorship of this newsletter! See front cover. Also the following books—*What Are Wetlands?* By Bobbie Kalman; *Leafpopping Through Wetlands* by Margaret Anderson, Nancy Field and Karen Stephenson; *On Meadowview Street* by Henry Cole; *What Do You Do With a Tail Like That?* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; *Uncover Frog* by Aimee Bakken.
- Marc Desrosiers: Books—*A Field Guide to the Ferns and Their Related Families* by Broughton Cobb; *Grasses* by Laura Brown; *Children’s Special Places: Exploring the role of Forts, Dens and Bush Houses in Middle Childhood* by David Sobel.
- Anita Pfeuffer: *Straw hat for use by farmstead faculty members*
- Ivy Hill Farm: *Price break on fresh cider for annual Pumpkin Festival*
- Sally Sussman: *Shopped for, purchased, donated and delivered plush carpets to warm concrete floors beneath the desks of Institute staff members*

**More Wish List “Thank Yous”**
- Edna Rice: Book: *Children’s Special Places: Exploring the role of Forts, Dens and Bush Houses in Middle Childhood* by David Sobel. [Note: We will use 2 copies of this very special book. Thanks, Marc and Edna!]

**Beyond the Wish List…Thank You Too!**
- Kathy Bourdeau: Book—*Colonial Children’s Games, Pastime & Toys* by Alice Morse Earl
- Charlene Good: Book—*Where in the Wild?* By David M. Saurer and Yael Schy
- Steve Graham: Textile equipment for school programs; Books—*Making Pottery Figures* by Maryette Drainbelle; *Common Trees of Pa.* *An Introduction to Pottery* by Linde Wallner; *All the Birds of Eastern & Central North America,* *Audubon Guides* by Richard H. Pough.
- Paul Reals: Tape recorder; Foxfire books and magazines, electric leaf blower, desk chair floor mat
- Nathan Goldman: Donation of hand carved rustic kraut stomper for the school program, *From Field to Table: Pennsylvania German Food Preparation and Preservation*
- Phil & Jerry's Meats & More: *Lebanon Bologna tastes for 22 classes of fifth grade students participating in the farmstead interpretive program, From Field to Table.*
- Kim & Dan Sheffler: Large laminated maps for use during Youth Festival and other community events
- Anita Pfeuffer: Straw hat for use by farmstead faculty members
- Ivy Hill Farm: Price break on fresh cider for annual Pumpkin Festival
- Sally Sussman: Shopped for, purchased, donated and delivered plush carpets to warm concrete floors beneath the desks of Institute staff members