Streamside 2016-2017







RENFREW INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Annual Report and Journal

















Renfrew Institute's
20th Annual BaySupper Fundraiser
was a record-breaking success!
Proceeds after expenses
\$18,158!!

See page 21 for details! Mark your calendar for next year... Friday, June 22, 2018



















Streamside Sponsors

Publication of *Streamside* is made possible through the generosity of our sponsors. This issue is funded in part through grants from:

John & Erin Hershey

Martz Plumbing, Heating & AC

Patricia O'Connor

Dennis L. Koons of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.

Lucinda D. Potter, CPA



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.

Winter 2018 • Vol. 28



From the Executive Director Tracy Holliday

Meet the New Director!

As a young mother with two children in tow, I first appeared on the Renfrew Institute scene in 1992 as a volunteer at the invitation of friend and institute board member, Andrew Sussman, where I assisted with planning for

the third annual Youth Festival.

I was truly impressed with the institute's passionate staff and fun loving fellow committee members. My volunteer involvement continued through spring of 1996 when I was approached about joining the institute's staff, as outgoing assistant director, Trish Sheppard relocated to Massachusetts.

That happened to be the year my youngest child would begin first grade, so I happily seized the invitation for a spot on the faculty and administrative staffs, excited about new professional opportunities and collegial relationships.

In the ensuing years, I've worn many institute hats...secretary, schedule master, faculty member, assistant director, grants administrator, associate director, photographer, newsletter contributor, four-square gardener, flax and small grains cultivator, Salamander Scrambler, partnership builder and all around cheerleader. Even in my new role as executive director, I'll be rooted to that initial involvement with this year's 29th Annual Youth Festival!

For the past quarter-century, I've witnessed the institute grow and thrive, thanks to the efforts of many. My colleague, the institute's "fearless leader" since 1993, Melodie *Earthwalker* Anderson-Smith has led with boundless energy and wisdom. [see history/tribute on page 3] She nurtured my own nonprofit leadership skills in what turned out to be an extended on-the-job-training session lasting 23 years.

I assume the role of executive director confident that the right ingredients are in place for continued fulfillment of the organization's mission. Institute faculty staff members are a supremely loyal and resourceful group of professionals who deliver the program magic joyfully.

Our seasoned administrative team is extremely hard working, well networked, forward looking and creative. A steady stream of dedicated individuals has served over decades, and new highly-engaged "givers" continue to serve as the organization's directors and trustees.

Current board president Jay Heefner has been instrumental and attentive to ensuring the organization's strategic plan will serve as a roadmap for the near and longer term future. Legions of community members have been, and continue to be generous supporters and worker bees, helping to keep it all going.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: A Year of Changes

2017 has been a very busy year for Renfrew Institute and the board of directors! We have completed a very successful transition in our executive leadership. As most of you know, our long time executive director, Melodie Anderson-Smith, has entered into semi-retirement. However, she remains quite active at Renfrew in her "new" part-time position as director of environmental studies.

Transitioning into Mel's old job we are so lucky to have Tracy Holliday assuming the position of executive director. Tracy brings a wealth of experience with her Renfrew Institute background. And, to assume the position of assistant director, we welcomed

aboard Jessica Watson. [see article on page 26]

The great news is this major transition has been very, very smooth. Renfrew Institute's operation and mission have not missed a beat! It certainly has made my job as president so much easier.

My wish for 2018 is the continued success of the institute's youth and adult programs. There is so much work that goes into the planning of these programs. But, with the staff and committees we have taking lead ownership, success is always a given! An additional wish is for as many of you as possible who have not participated in, or observed these programs in action to make a resolution to do just that! You'll be amazed!

Renfrew Institute has become one of the Waynesboro area's educational gems! On behalf of the board of directors I extend my personal thanks to you for your continuing contributions to its mission and success!

Jay Heefner

Meet the New Director continued from pg. 1

Community partnerships and alliances abound, creating a "sum of the parts" that exceeds what we could accomplish on our own.

I am so proud of Renfrew Institute, and grateful to all who have helped the organization become a valued community resource.

It is my honor to lead the charge,

to continue to deliver excellent educational offerings and inspiring experiences, forge new alliances, invite new explorations and guide the institute into the next decade.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Streamside* as you learn more about the institute's work, and ways in which you may become involved.

Join us! There is much to anticipate, from citizen science (see page 14) to Shakespeare in the Park (see page 36).

Finally, I extend thanks to you for your unwavering belief in and support of Renfrew Institute's mission!

Tracy Holliday

In this Issue:

20th Annual Bay SupperInside front cover	Welcome Jessica Watson2
Meet the New Director1	Departing Board Members2
President's Message2	Memorial-Honorial Donations2
Cultural Currents4	Summer Institute2
Earth Day Artistry Awards & Celebration8	Jazz Festival3
Downstream10	Intern Project3
Citizen Science14	Professional Development—Shank's Mill3
Membership16	Salamander Scramble3
Our Sponsors18	Pumpkin Fest Recap3
Spring Happenings19	Financial Report3
Youth Festival20	Endowment Fund Report3
Chesapeake Bay Supper Recap21	Garden Corner3
Board of Directors22	Welcome New Members3
Welcome New Directors22	Calendar of Events4
A Trio On Top of the Mushroom24	School ProgramsInside back cove

Endings...and Beginnings! *A History and Tribute*

In his 1980s groundbreaking book, *Transitions*, English professor William Bridges declared that every transition begins with an ending and ends with a beginning.

Renfrew Institute's beginning was envisioned by then Renfrew Museum and Park curator, James Smith. In the fall of 1986, the Museum and Park instituted a school program series called *Man and His Environment*.

A seed is planted

Growing from the kernel of an idea planted by then stay-at-home mom and former early childhood classroom educator, Melodie Stewart, the program combined studies in historic farmstead life and environmental education.

Melodie had approached James with an interest in the creation of a nature center on the site of Renfrew Museum and Park.

James envisioned an educational alternative to the establishment of a nature center as a means of advancing Renfrew's mission by interpreting the ways in which the early Pennsylvania German inhabitants of the farmstead were dependent on and shaped by the natural world that surrounded them.

The resulting series of lessons took elementary school students beyond observations of the material culture they left behind, combining an interpretive history lesson with an environmental science experience.

Taking root

The educational series blossomed from 360 student visits in the fall of 1986 to more than 7,000 throughout the next three years.

As popularity of these educational offerings grew, so did the costs of administering and delivering programs, becoming unsustainable for the museum.

It was at that juncture that James recognized the value of establishing a separate 501 (c) 3. In 1990, Renfrew Institute was officially established with a charge of developing, delivering, administering and funding educational programs on the site of Renfrew Museum and Park.

James served as executive director of the institute during its infancy until 1993, when Melodie was hired as executive director.

A vision for the future

In an article that appeared in the *Record Herald* in May 1989, James stated that he saw Renfrew Institute as "a teaching and learning facility that will serve students from pre-school all the way through graduate school and beyond."

Just as he had envisioned at its inception, the institute continues to "help the people of our communities gain an understanding of the relationship between themselves and the natural world around them, and to instill in those communities the importance of preserving the richness and diversity of their cultural and natural heritage."

Vision fulfilled

The organization currently serves students from pre-school through grade six with its school program series. Through partnerships with several regional colleges and universities, it also serves undergrad and graduate student interns.

In addition, a full range of experiences delivered through the institute's Adult/Teen education series engages learners of all ages. Family festivals and celebrations throughout the year help connect people to the past, to the natural world, to Renfrew Park and to one another.

Nurtured and sustained over decades, Renfrew Institute has grown to its present iteration under the unwavering leadership of the woman we now know affectionately as *Earthwalker*, Melodie Anderson-Smith. Through her steady and capable guidance, a corps of talented and devoted professional staff colleagues was cultivated. They continue to serve, fulfilling James's early vision formulated nearly three decades ago.

Transitions

For Melodie, the recent end of her 24-year tenure as the organization's executive director does truly represent a beginning. Freed from the responsibilities of overseeing the now sizable day-to-day operations, she is able to narrow her focus in her new half-time role as Director of Environmental Studies, a continuation of the work in which she has been passionately engaged over decades.

For Renfrew Institute, this end is also a beginning...a time in which new education initiatives may come to life, and new partnerships nurtured as the organization continues to serve the community with experiences that inform, entertain and inspire.

It is my honor to recognize, with gratitude, James's and Melodie's shared vision that seeded the beginning of Renfrew Institute.

Together, they harnessed that vision and inspired many to join them.

I invite each of you, old friends and new, to journey with us into "next things" as Renfrew Institute looks to the future and celebrates beginnings!

Tracy Holliday

Cultural Currents

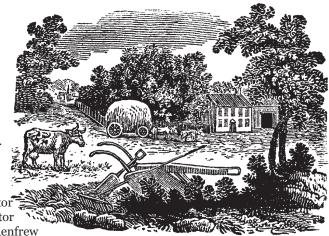
with Marty Zimmerman

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

The author of this article is a graduate student completing his master's degree in Applied History at Shippensburg University. He was an intern with Renfrew Insitute for several months in the fall of 2017.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This project was developed over the course of my internship with Renfrew Institute. The Executive Director of the institute, Tracy Holliday, Pam Rowland, institute Director of Cultural Studies, and Dade Royer, Executive Director of Renfrew

Museum and Park, encouraged the work represented here, and concluded that this research would assist the staff of both organizations to interpret the history of this site, a community gem. I thank them profusely for their support, and hope this serves both entities well.



INTERN REPORT: Spiritual Heritage of the Royer Family

An Introduction to Daniel and Catherine Royer

Renfrew Museum and Park and the Renfrew Institute occupy what used to be a thriving early nineteenthcentury farmstead that included a stone house, a barn, a smokehouse, a milk house, fields, a gristmill, a tannery, a large-scale kiln, and an assortment of outbuildings.

The farmstead was owned and operated by Daniel Royer, his wife Catherine (Stoner), and their ten children.

The Royers were members of a large faction of early German settlers, a group known as "Pennsylvania Germans," which was comprised of several different religious sects.

Some have described the Royer family's faith as German Baptist, and others categorized them in the German Reformed Church.

After much research, it appears that the Royers were members of the Brethren Church.

Why is there value in determining the spiritual heritage of the Royer family?

Religion motivates people, influences behavior, and promotes a certain lifestyle. To understand Daniel Royer, it is prudent to explore what shaped him, what encouraged him to live life as a community-minded man.

Unmasking his religion provides us with a more complete portrait of the man.

There is a lack of primary source material concerning the Royers (original journals, diaries, letters, newspapers, etc.) in the Renfrew collections. Yet, enough evidence is available to reveal the kind of Protestant faith Daniel and his family practiced.

In Search of Daniel Royer's Heritage

The discrepancy with regard to the spiritual heritage of the Royers is due largely to the lack of original documents.

In search of such sources, I scoured the local Waynesboro library and visited the Cumberland County and Blair County historical societies, as well as the Blair County Genealogical Library. I also consulted with several local historians—all in the hope of finding conclusive evidence that the Royers were of a specific religious sect.

I believe I found enough evidence to place the Royers in the local Church of the Brethren.

The term "heritage" implies a need to look back to previous generations. What did Daniel's ancestors pass down to him in terms of a religious faith? Tracing the Royer lineage back takes us to Sebastian (Reyer) Royer.

Sebastian Royer-The First Royer

Sebastian Mathias Royer (1676–1758) emigrated from the Palatinate region, located between France and Germany, because of religious persecution.

In 1726, he and his sons, Emig (Amos), George, Samuel and Henry, arrived in the Philadelphia area and eventually settled in what is now Brickerville, in Warwick Township, Lancaster County, Pa. A widower, Sebastian married his second wife, Agnes Flockirth/Flockerth, and they had three daughters.

Sebastian was a strict Lutheran, as noted by Reverend J.G. Francis in his tome concerning Sebastian Royer and his descendants.

In this book there is a story in which Sebastian is confronted by his older sons. Upon reaching Pennsylvania the boys informed their father of their decision to practice their faith as they saw fit, attending church services where and when they chose.

Sebastian, according to the story, was heartbroken and wished he had never set sail for Pennsylvania.

Cultural Currents: Spiritual Heritage of the Royer Family continued from page 4

If factual, this second generation set in motion a fluidity in faith. Separating themselves from their strict father enabled the young men to forge a faith that they were passionate about, rather than embracing a dogma that was handed to them.

Upon his death in 1758, Sebastian was buried in the cemetery adjoining Brickerville Lutheran Church. His son, Samuel is also buried there. Apparently, not all of the boys abandoned the ideology of their father

Samuel Royer– Daniel's Father Comes to Franklin County

The timeline becomes a bit skewed at this point. Samuel's son, also named Samuel, was born in 1738 in Warwick Township. He married Catharine [Laubsher/ Lampshear] in 1761 in Lancaster County, and in 1768 they migrated to the Five Forks area in what was then Cumberland County, Pa. (Franklin County was formed in 1784.)

Samuel served as a captain in the Cumberland County Militia during the American Revolution.

Following the war, Samuel struggled financially. He and Catharine had six children: Daniel, Samuel, John, Jacob, Elizabeth, and Catharine.

Upon his death in 1823, Samuel was buried in what is locally recognized as the Mack or Mack-Royer Cemetery. It is referred to as the Mack Cemetery because it contains the remains of Johannes Mack, son of Alexander Mack, the founder of the Church of the Brethren.

The question of why Samuel and members of the Royer clan are buried in the Mack Cemetery is unknown. Daniel's brother, Samuel (Samuel Jr.), married Susannah Mack, thereby cementing a connection between the Royers and the Macks. Samuel Jr. and Susannah suffered the loss of a 5-year-old

child, a boy named David. David and his grandfather, Samuel both died in 1823, and both were buried in the Mack-Royer Cemetery.

It may be because of those deaths that later, in 1838, when Daniel Royer and his brother, Samuel Jr. died, they were also buried in the

Mack Cemetery. Aside from this familial connection, another possible reason for the Royers being buried here is that they, along with the Macks and the Stoners (Catherine Royer's family), all belonged to the same Brethren congregation, locally recognized as Price's Church.

Defining the Church of the Brethren

In 1708, Alexander Mack founded the Church of the Brethren. They were cast as radicals in Europe and fled from persecution by both Catholics and Protestants associated with established or state-sponsored churches, primarily the Lutheran and the Reformed churches.

They *were* radicals, as they were influenced by Anabaptist



Alexander Mack, who founded the Church of the Brethren. His son Johannes Mack is buried in the Mack-Royer Cemetery near Waynesboro, Pa.

theology and "radical pietism." In the shadow of the Reformation were spiritual leaders that believed it had not gone far enough in establishing a church that honored Christ.

Anabaptists "didn't want to merely reform



The Mack Cemetery near Waynesboro, Pa. Some prominent figures in local history are buried here, including several Royers, as well as Johannes Mack, the son of Alexander Mack, who founded the Church of the Brethren. Photo by Marty Zimmerman.

the church; they wanted to wholly restore it to its initial purity and simplicity. Such a church, they held, consists only of people who present themselves to be baptized."

Their ideas concerning baptism earned them intense persecution. Unlike the Catholic Church and other Protestant denominations, which practiced infant baptism, the Anabaptists baptized adults. The term *Anabaptist* literally means to be baptized again.

The Brethren formed just one denomination under the umbrella of Anabaptists, and they practiced triune immersion in their baptismal services. The candidate kneeled in shallow water and was dunked three times in a forward position, representing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Anabaptists supported the idea of separation of church and state, so that the church could operate without governmental interference. They also opposed church hierarchy and preferred the idea of congregationalism, where each congregation governed itself in a democratic style. These beliefs separated the Anabaptists from their fellow Protestants and earned them scorn and derision.

Cultural Currents: Spiritual Heritage of the Royer Family continued from page 5

Alexander Mack was also influenced by "radical pietism." Pietists "stressed a personal experience of salvation and a continuous openness to new spiritual illumination. They also taught that personal holiness (piety), spiritual maturity, Bible study and prayer were essential towards 'feeling the effects' of grace." These teachings stressed the importance of the individual strengthening his or her own faith.

Mack's teachings eventually became rooted in South-Central Pennsylvania in what became known as the Antietam Congregation. In 1752, John Price traveled to the area and became a minister in one of the Antietam Congregation's five churches.

This church would become known as Price's Church, and it existed for decades before a church building was constructed. As reported by J. Linwood Eichelberger in A History of the Church of the Brethren in Southern District of Pennsylvania, the congregants "were willing to open their homes in a hospitable manner in accord with the teachings of the New Testament. They not only 'entertained strangers' but opened their homes to the community where all who would could meet and worship God and study His Word together."

This was a community-minded church family that took pride in fellowship with one another, and offered hospitality to outsiders.

The Antietam Congregation and the Royers

Reverend Eichelberger's edited volume contains a key piece of evidence for my claim that the Royers were in fact Brethren, and it is succinctly spelled out. It states that, "Among the more prominent families in the church before 1800, were the Bonebrakes, Foremans, Friedleys, Holsingers, Kneppers, Macks, Prices, Royers, Stovers, Snivelys, Stoners, and Snowbergers."

This brief passage reveals that there was a common thread that ran between the Royers, Macks, Stoners, and Snowbergers, and may explain how the families were joined together via marriages.

These families were neighbors, but beyond that it would seem that they were also acquainted through their shared faith. The information from Eichelberger's edited history, coupled with where Daniel and Catherine are buried (the Mack Cemetery), points to the conclusion that the Royers practiced the Brethren faith.

Some may find it difficult to reconcile the Brethren's pacifist stance with the military service of both Daniel and his father, Samuel. However, an article from the Conestoga Area Historical Society reveals that unlike the Quakers, members belonging to the Church of the Brethren had more latitude in making a personal choice in whether or not to serve in the militia.

This seems to fit the nature of the Church, which permitted the congregation to govern itself. It promoted the idea of each member following their conscience in strengthening their own faith. Although the Church may have preferred a pacifist attitude, the ultimate decision fell to the individual.

Daniel may also have considered the repercussions of not serving in the militia, given his prominence in the community—choosing not to serve may have stifled his fruitful business ventures.

The Royer Legacy

To measure the vibrancy of the Royers' faith, one need only read a letter written to Daniel's son, Samuel from his second wife, Martha. The letter, from the Blair County Historical Society, was a rare primary source discovered in my research.

In the letter, dated March 29, 1844, Martha recounts some of the events unfolding in Hollidaysburg, news about local ministers and about the death of a local man.

Towards the middle of her letter she writes:

"My dear Samuel, my soul this morning is filled with love and gratitude to God since commencing to write looking



The Royer United Methodist Church on Royer Road in Williamsburg, Pa. (Blair County) bears the name of Samuel Royer, Daniel's son. The author states that Samuel showed a certain fluidity regarding personal faith, demonstrated by his move to a (then) Methodist-Episcopal church upon relocating to Williamsburg. The Royers enjoyed a good reputation in Blair County and were generous in giving land and money to their community. A church and a school were established because of the Royers in Blair County. Photo by Marty Zimmerman.

Cultural Currents: Spiritual Heritage of the Royer Family continued from page 6

out of the window thinking what I should write at the same time viewing the works of creation and providence and also brought to reflect on what the Lord has done for my soul. I am constraint to magnify my great Creator Preserver, and Redeemer and exclaim of the length, breadth, height, and depth of the love of God. Glory be to God for such provision wrought out for poor, sinful man."

The language is striking because it reveals a depth of character in Martha Royer. Surely, her husband shared some of her ideas and beliefs about God and what it meant to live as a Christian. It seems certain that Samuel learned the basic tenets of the Christian faith from his parents, Daniel and Catherine.

Although I write with certainty that the Royers were indeed members of the Church of the Brethren, there is no evidence that reveals how dutiful they were in practicing their faith. There are no personal Bibles, no church attendance records, nothing tangible to indicate how "religious" they were.

Apart from assigning them to a certain faith or denomination, the Royers lived life according to Christian principles. Daniel's farmstead in Waynesboro and his son Samuel's iron operations in Blair County demonstrated that the Royers were committed to their communities, and worked to provide goods and services to their neighbors.

In Conclusion

My conclusion is based on the evidence I found during extensive research for this project. Should something be found to contradict my interpretation, I am open to discussion.

This project developed out of collaboration with local historians and experts, historical societies and libraries. Sharing knowledge and



The Samuel Royer Mansion in Blair County, Pa. was built by Daniel and Catherine Royer's son, Samuel, who was prominent in the iron and coal industry. Photo by Marty Zimmerman.

resources is a good practice and allows many people to benefit from joint effort. I hope more projects like this will come about.

I am grateful for the support given me by the Renfrew Institute and the Renfrew Museum & Park, and appreciate the opportunity to have this article published.



Author Marty Zimmerman, Renfrew Institute intern and Shippensburg University (SU) graduate student, visits Renfrew's Pennsylvania German 4-square garden. Photo by Dr. John Bloom, SU professor of history and graduate internship director.

References:

Metz, W. Ray and Hoenstine, Floyd G. The Royer Family—Ironmasters of Blair County: Historical Sketch of Springfield Furnace, Cove Forge, and Franklin Forge, p. 10. 1951.

Francis, Reverend J.G. Genealogical Records of the Royer Family: or more especially those of Sebastian Royer's Family, p.8. Lebanon, Pa. 1928. Christianity Today, Issue 28.

"1525 The Anabaptist Movement Begins."[accessed Nov. 28, 2017 via Christianity Today.com].

Eisenberg, J. Linwood. A History of the Church of the Brethren in Southern District of Pennsylvania, Quincy, Pennsylvania. Quincy Orphanage Press, p.9. 1941.

The Conestoga Historical Society.

"The Pennsylvania Militia." [accessed on Nov. 28, 2017 via Ancestry.com].

Waynesboro Church of the Brethren.

"A History of The Waynesboro

Church of the Brethren," Waynesboro

Church of the Brethren. [accessed on Nov. 28, 2017 via www.cobwaypa.org] Martha (McNamera) Royer, Letter to her husband, Samuel, March 29, 1844. [From the collection of the Blair County Historical Society in Altoona, Pa., and used with permission courtesy of Cindy Rajala, Curator.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Those interested in an in-depth study of this topic may find Marty Zimmerman's full research paper on Renfrew Institute's website: renfrewinstitute.org Find the Internships page tab under the About menu.

2017 Environmental Artistry Awards Honor Charles (Charlie) Brown

This year's award was presented to Charles (Charlie) Brown by local artist and historian, Becky Dietrich during ceremonies at Renfrew Institute's Earth Celebration Day on April 29, 2017.

This is an excerpt from Becky's presentation:

When Charlie Brown, originally from Hagerstown, Md., moved from Buffalo, New York to Chambersburg in 1994, he began to pursue art full time. He had taught art in Buffalo and painted whenever he had a chance from his full-time job.

Charlie, my dear good friend, was not only a mechanical engineer and artist, but I call him my rocket scientist! He played a significant role in developing rockets for space exploration. After 40 years on the job, he retired and joined us here in our valley, for which I am grateful.



Artist Charles (Charlie) Brown, left, received the Environmental Artistry Award from fellow-artist and former award winner, Becky Dietrich. Photo by Tracy Holliday.



Several paintings by Charlie Brown were on display during the Earth Day event. The artist is in the background, chatting with a visitor. Photo by Tracy Holliday.

He is one of the "Monday Painters" who meet at my house every Monday from October through April. All summer long, we meet in various places throughout the Cumberland Valley to paint on location.

And I must add that Charlie has been a boon to our group with his recommendations when we need guidance with our watercolors.

When he is not painting, Charlie is a superior cabinet-maker and he also designs and fabricates scale models from his meticulous drawings of construction and service vehicles, complete with their lifts and intricate functions. On display today you can see photos of his models as well as his excellent watercolor paintings of Renfrew's harvesting events.

Charlie Brown has been selected by the Renfrew Institute to receive this year's Environmental Artistry Award for his outstanding contributions.

Becky Dietrich

Earth Celebration Day Brought Crowds to the Park



In addition to dozens of exhibits by environmental groups and artists, Earth Day included the Ed Miller memorial tree planting arranged by the Shade Tree Commission, Waynesboro Lion's Club and Renfrew Museum, Slim Harrison's Sunnyland Band, and the annual Earth Day proclamation. Thank you to our event sponsors, Angela Grove Weagley, Lucinda D. Potter, CPA, and Millennium 3 Energy. Photos by Tracy Holliday.







A Letter of Tribute and Thanks...

Hello Everyone,

With a happy heart and the best career memories a person could ever have, I greet you in this season of renewal and energy. It's a new year, time to start afresh, summon new energies and set goals.

Granted, with age our "batteries" take a bit longer to charge. However, I'm inspired with each new day.

It has been six months since I stepped down as executive director of the institute—just enough time to readjust, pass the torch and relish sleeping in on a good many mornings!

Some thanks and tributes are in order. All of you reading this have touched my life in some way. The connections we have with each other are truly amazing, reinforcing and sometimes indirect.

I THANK YOU for the synergy that swirls through Renfrew Institute, affecting every entity of the organization.

A tribute to my family. My maternal grandmother, Jammy, gave me a love for nature, especially it's flowers (the Earth's way of smiling). She was an artist with an eighth-grade education, a few art classes and a lot of natural talent.

She painted, sculpted, crafted and passed down her love of everything beautiful on the planet.

Her husband, my grandfather, brought music and gentle smiles to us grandkids every time we were together.

My paternal grandmother, Annie, was a bird lover. Upon arrival at her house, it was a quick sprint to the dining room window to watch her well-fed "redbirds" (cardinals) at the window feeder.

My mother was a career firstgrade teacher and church organist who taught me that curiosity is always the best teacher and that exploring the natural world will keep a little girl busy for hours at a time.



Former Renfrew Institute executive director, Melodie Anderson-Smith, looks to the past and to the future in her new role as director of environmental studies. Photo by Tracy Holliday.

My dad was a generous community guy, civic leader and loving father. I learned from him about organization, speaking to groups and "making a difference."

My sister continues to be my cheerleader, loving me no matter what.

My husband and best friend, James, paved the way for me at Renfrew. He is my solid rock and my loving champion. My children, stepchildren and grandchildren are the joys of my life. THANK YOU.

A salute to the RI staff and board. What a committed, caring, talented "family" of professional colleagues! To Tracy (Holliday), now RI executive director, my heartfelt THANK YOU for taking the reins with confidence, care and passion. Your experience and vision will carry the institute forward for the benefit of all.

Pam (Rowland), director of cultural studies, Andi (Struble), director of public relations, Bev (McFarland), accounts manager—as admin staff you provided for me (and continue to provide) the "magic" that makes every program, every event, every meeting buzz with efficiency, attention to detail, creativity and excellence.

Jessica (Watson), our new assistant director—wow and bravo! Having you aboard completes the circle of administrative strength. Welcome!

To our faculty...it is an honor to work beside you, to see your students' faces light up with excitement and discovery, thanks to your skill and passion.

To the institute board of directors, current and past...your dedication to the mission, your support of the staff, and your joy in serving the community cannot be overstated. THANK YOU.

Jay Heefner, good friend and supportive president...thanks to your presence by my side, your counsel and your care, my last years as ED were so rewarding. THANK YOU.

Recent president Maxine Beck and those who came before, THANK YOU for being there every time, through the tough decisions as well as the easy ones. Your expertise, patience and wisdom provided wings so we could lead together with depth and skill. THANK YOU.

And to the members and friends of Renfrew Institute... you sustain with your donations, you believe with your attendance, you inspire with your suggestions. The institute would not exist without you. THANK YOU.

I look forward to a few more years of professional life with RI. And there's always volunteering. There are programs to develop, children to nurture, interns to coach, projects to organize and so much yet to learn.

Renfrew Institute is a well-oiled, fast-moving train with so many cars they disappear behind the bend. Let's keep 'em rolling!

With my sincere gratitude and best wishes for the new year,

Melodie

Melodie Anderson-Smith Director of Environmental Studies

Downstream

with Benjamin Bender

EDITOR'S NOTE: Downstream is an occasional column in this publication. It features articles about environmental awareness and action that can help us be better stewards of our natural heritage. Articles about other important aspects of the natural world also appear here.

Benjamin Bender graduated in December 2017 from Penn State University with a bachelor of science degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Management. He was an intern with Renfrew Insitute for several months in the fall of 2017.



Lyme disease seems to be a household name these days. The dangers of the disease are on the lips of every outdoors person warning others of the deer tick (*Ixodes* scapularis).

Most have heard of the bullseye rash and the joint pain and other telltale signs and symptoms.

But where and when did it start? Who first described it? How did we get where we are with the disease today?

Dr. Rudolph J. Scrimenti published the first occurrence of a sign of Lyme disease in 1970:

"To my knowledge, this is the first case of *erythema chronicum migrans* in the United States. Eruption and radicular pain followed a wood tick bite. Treatment with benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin) was curative." ¹



Erythema chronicum migrans, the "bull's eye rash" commonly associated with the bite of a deer tick and subsequent onset of Lyme's Disease. Image source: www.enacademic.com

Erythema chronicum migrans is a sign of Lyme that refers to the expanding "bulls-eye" shaped rash that is often seen as an early sign of infection. Note that this is not a skin reaction but rather a manifestation of the bacteria under the skin.

Doctors had seen erythema migrans in Europe but this case in Wisconsin was the first case seen in the United States. The bulls-eye rash is also a sign of southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI), which is not related to the Lyme disease bacteria.

Mysterious Disease in Lyme, Connecticut

In 1976 the Connecticut State Department of Health released Circular Letter #12-32. This letter to Directors of Health detailed 51 cases of mysterious symptoms in residents of Lyme, Connecticut and its surrounding communities. The letter states that there were 4.3 cases per 1,000 residents. Thirtynine of the original 51 were children.

The symptoms varied between individuals: "It has been characterized by usually short and mild but often recurrent attacks of pain and swelling in a few large joints, especially knees, with longer intervening periods of no symptoms at all. No patients have had permanent injury to joints. Although almost half the patients had only joint symptoms, others had fever, headaches, weakness and a skin rash as well. One

quarter of the patients had an unusual skin lesion before the onset of joint symptoms." ²

Medical professionals considered arthritis to be the cause of the symptoms. They speculated that the arthritis was being transmitted by biting insects because of the presence of a skin lesion. Blood studies conducted at the time were unable to find any definite causal agent.

Dr. Douglas S. Lloyd, Commissioner of the Connecticut State
Department of Health, pressed in this letter that they should find the cause of the disease before they took measures to "prevent contact with an unknown virus carried by an unknown insect..." as it might cause panic.

Identifying the Cause

The first person to isolate the bacteria that causes Lyme disease was Dr. Wilhelm "Willy" Burgdorfer. He was a medical entomologist from Switzerland who studied at the Swiss Tropical Institute.

His studies there focused on the *Borrelia* bacteria that were causing relapsing fever in Africa.

Borrelia duttoni bacteria are found in the soft-bodied tick Ornithodoros moubata. B. duttoni is a spirochete. It is important to note that a spirochete is a spiral-shaped bacteria that causes these

Downstream: The Storied Past of a Dangerous Disease continued from page 10

diseases. Spirochetes have tiny flagella that move, allowing the bacteria to "swim" and travel throughout the host.

All forms of Borrelia are spirochetes, though not all tickborne illnesses are caused by spirochetes. *Rickettsial* bacteria, such as the ones that cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever, are more likely to be shaped like small rods and are easily discernible from spirochetes by a trained eye.

To detect bacteria in a tick, it is dissected. The hemolymph, roughly the blood of the tick, is collected, usually by removing a leg. The hemolymph is smeared on a microscope slide and chemically stained. The stain highlights the cells being viewed in the sample, allowing the viewer to see them more clearly. Dr. Burgdorfer used this method to find the spirochetes in ticks that were causing the relapsing fever in Africa.

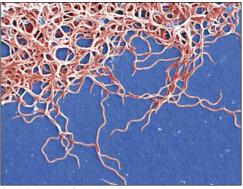
Dr. Burgdorfer's Breakthrough Discovery

Dr. Burgdorfer came to the United States in 1951 to work at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Montana as a Research Fellow. His research focused on ticks and tick-borne pathogens.

He extended his fellowship to continue his research and became a United States Citizen in 1953. In 1954 he began doing national defense-related work that focused on the "rapid identification of pathogens that may be used against the United States."

After the germ warfare work, Dr. Burgdorfer continued research on various tick-borne pathogens, including Colorado tick fever virus, rickettsiae, tularemia, and spirochetes that caused relapsing fever. He also worked with fleas and the black plague, and with mosquitoes and yellow fever.

From 1971 to 1976 there was a spike in cases of Rocky Mountain



Borrelia burgdorferi bacteria as seen through a microscope. Photo credit: CDC/Photo: Janice Haney Carr

spotted fever (*Rickettsia rickettsii*) in New York State. There were 124 cases reported, eight of which resulted in death. Officials suspected the dog tick, *Dermacentor variabilis* as the main vector. Sampling of the local tick populations did not yield conclusive results. The percentage of the infected dog tick population seemed insignificant.

These tests led to a search for another culprit. The other tick species with a large presence in the areas of infection was the deer tick. The Rocky Mountain Lab received the first deer ticks for dissection in 1979. This was the first time Dr. Burgdorfer had worked with *Ixodies scapularis*. Dr. Burgdorfer found *R. montana* in these ticks, but this form of Rickettsia does not affect humans.

By 1981 Dr. Burgdorfer was still

looking for harmful strains of Rickettsia in the deer ticks. There were spiral-shaped bacteria in the digestive system, or midgut of an eastern deer tick from Shelter Island, New York, on the Long Island Sound.

He realized almost immediately that these were spirochetes. He examined them under a dark field microscope and watched them move. He knew that they were indeed spirochetes because of the way the bacteria moved translationally (the motion by which a body shifts from one point in space to another) and rotationally.

Dr. Burgdorfer and his colleagues ordered blood samples from patients showing Lyme arthritis to be tested. He used direct fluorescent antibody testing to identify the presence of the bacteria in the patient's blood. Genetic testing of the bacteria determined the spirochetes were Borrelia. They named the new species *B. burgdorferi* after the man who discovered it.

The Spread of an Ancient Bacteria

Despite the only recent discovery, studies have shown that the B. burgdorferi is prehistoric. The Yale School of Medicine examined the genetic makeup of the bacteria to see how the disease could have distributed itself around the country. They believe that the bacteria has existed for thousands of years and spread from the East Coast westward to Wisconsin.

The range became fragmented at some point, most likely due to deforestation, leading to the independent emergences of Lyme disease in multiple places.



Dr. Wilhelm "Willy" Burgdorfer, inoculating ticks in his laboratory in 1954. Image source: nih.gov

Downstream: The Storied Past of a Dangerous Disease continued from page 11



Prevalence of blacklegged ticks that cause Lyme Disease. Image source: www.health.pa.gov

There is also evidence that Borrelia burgdorferi exists in Europe.

Range expansion of the deer tick is a major reason why Lyme cases are on the rise. White-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) populations provide blood meals and mating areas for the ticks, but are not good reservoirs for the bacteria.

The name 'deer tick' almost draws our attention away from a more important reservoir of the disease. The deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) and the white-footed mouse (*P. leucopus*) are major vectors of B. burdorferi. The ticks pick up the disease from the mice and become infected, carrying the bacteria in their digestive system.

Some researchers view acorn crops as a major factor in Lyme disease occurrence. The acorns provide food for both the deer and the mice and can bring them all together, which spreads the ticks and the bacteria.

Climate change is also a factor in the spread of Lyme disease.

Warmer temperatures and mild winters allow more ticks to survive throughout the year.

There are more hospitable places for the mice and ticks to live. Exotic invasive species such as Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) also play a major role in tick survival. Underneath a Japanese barberry is a microclimate with elevated relative humidity. The humid microclimate provides a nice habitat for mice and ticks. Ticks can dry out, which causes them to die, but the humidity allows them to stay hydrated over the winter or during hot, dry periods.



Even the tiniest of deer ticks can bite and infect humans with dangerous bacteria.

Protect Yourself from Ticks

Lyme disease and deer ticks are a growing problem but there are measures you can take to defend yourself from them. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), treating your clothing with permethrin spray and using insect repellant containing 20% DEET is a good way to protect yourself from a tick bite.

Always check your body for ticks and check your clothing too. Wearing light-colored clothing can aid in seeing any ticks that may be

walking on you. Placing your clothes in the dryer and tumbling them on high heat for 10 minutes will kill any ticks still on them.

At your home you can mow your lawn and trim weeds, especially next to walkways, to reduce contact with ticks.

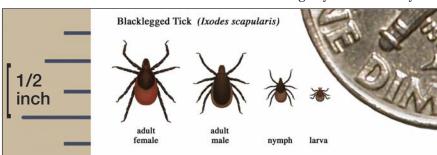
If a tick does become embedded in your skin you remove it with tweezers. Do not rely on the notion that household products such as soap, petroleum jelly, peanut butter or anything of the sort will make the tick retreat. Methods like these only kill the tick while it is embedded and make it harder to remove with tweezers. Burning the tick can make the tick expel its gut contents back into the wound, increasing risk of infection.

In Conclusion

It is good to know the history of the dangerous disease that affects Pennsylvania and is still a real threat to our health. The discovery of the disease and studies of its spread are only parts of solving the overall problem.

Diagnosis and treatment are still difficult. There were 7,400 reported cases of Lyme disease in Pennsylvania in 2014, 84 of which were reported in Franklin County. ³

It is important to consult your physician if you suspect you have Lyme disease. You can find a list of signs and symptoms on the CDC website: www.cdc.gov



Life stages of the blacklegged deer tick. Most humans are infected with bites from ticks in the immature nymph stage. Image source: www.cdc.gov

Downstream: The Storied Past of a Dangerous Disease

continued from page 12



Renfrew Institute intern. Ben Bender, collects water samples for analysis. Bender is the author of this article on ticks and Lyme Disease. Photo by Tracy Holliday.

References

- 1 Rudolph J. Scrimenti. "Erythema Chronicum Migrans." Arch Dermtol.
- 2 Lloyd, D. S., M.D., M.P.H. Circular Letter #12-32 [Letter to Connecticut Directors of Health]. Hartford, Connecticut. 1976, August 3.
- 3 Pennsylvania Department of Health. "Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases." Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, http://www.health.pa.gov
- Connecticut Department of Public Health. "A Brief History of Lyme Disease in Connecticut." Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, http://www.ct.gov Hoen, A. G., Margos, G., Bent, S. J., Diuk-Wasser, M. A., Barbour, A., Kurtenbach, K., & Fish, D. "Phylogeography of Borrelia burgdorferi in the eastern United States reflects multiple independent Lyme disease emergence events." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of

the United States of America. 2009.

Taal Levi, Felicia Keesing, Kelly Oggenfuss, Richard S. Ostfeld, "Accelerated phenology of black legged ticks under climate warming." Feb. 16, 2015. Cary Institute. "Lyme Disease." Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017,

www.carvinstitute.org. Aug. 2, 2017. Cary Institute. "Acorns and Lyme Disease." Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, www.caryinstitute.org. Aug. 2, 2017.

Roy-Dufresne, E., Logan, T., Simon, J. A., Chmura, G. L., & Millien, V. "Poleward Expansion of the White-Footed Mouse (Peromyscus leucopus) under Climate Change: Implications for the Spread of Lyme Disease." 2013.

Williams, S. C., & Ward, J. S. "Effects of Japanese Barberry (Ranunculales: Berberidaceae) Removal and Resulting Microclimatic Changes on Ixodes scapularis (Acari: Ixodidae) Abundances in Connecticut, USA.' Environmental Entomology. 2010. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention. "Ticks." Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, www.cdc.gov. June 1, 2015. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Lyme Disease."

Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, www.cdc.gov. Oct.26, 2016.

University of Illinois Extension. "The Trick to Perfect Tick Removal." [Press release]. Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, http://web.extension.illinois.edu. July 23, 2009.

Burgdorfer, W., Ph.D. "Willy Burgdorfer Oral History" [Interview by D. Boggs]. Retrieved Dec. 12, 2017, https://history.nih.gov. Oct. 2001.



FOLLOWUP PROGRAM:

Public Forum: Tiny Creatures—Big Trouble Thursday, May 17 • 7 p.m. • Visitors Center at Renfrew

A panel of experts will discuss the topic of ticks, and the many problems they can cause for people and animals. Landscaping solutions and tips for staying tick free will be provided. Organized by Institute intern & Penn State University senior, Ben Bender. Brochures, fact sheets and resource list will be available. Free.

Like to GARDEN

and make things grow?

Renfrew Institute's 4-Square Garden can use your helping hands!

Garden volunteers keep our historic garden maintained throughout the year:

- Harvesting Produce
- Transplanting
- Weeding



- Learn about the historic Pennsylvania German 4-square garden
- Sharpen skills
- Pick produce for personal use
- Help maintain the garden used for teaching area school children about history and gardening
- Harvest Dinner Field Trips The garden is located in Renfrew Park 1010 E. Main Street, Waynesboro, Pa.

For more information, call

717-642-8802

Citizen Science Takes Off at Renfrew Institute

Cilizen SC ENTISTS

Citizen science is not a new activity for our organization, but interest and energy has definitely been building over the past couple of years.

From 40 years—yes, that long!—of bird watching to the more recent water quality stream monitoring and tree tracking, Renfrew Park goers have been out there...observing, recording, reporting.

Citizen science involves local people monitoring nature's happenings. Citizen scientists observe plants and animals in the field, record data about the presence or activity of those organisms and report the findings to professional scientists who can make use of that information.

Citizen Scientists, Local Experts

Citizen scientists do not have ^{1ew} to have a science background, just an avid interest and some dedication. They receive training in field procedures and methods so that the work they do is accurate and usable.

The data they collect provides important insight into natural cycles (like seasonal change), ecological relationships, species diversity and the effects of human activity on natural systems. It is interesting and important work.

Over time, citizen scientists become very familiar with the landscape they monitor. Since data is collected on a regular and longterm basis, the dedicated monitor who stays with it for several years becomes the local expert on that monitoring site and its life.

What better way to get out in nature and enjoy such an intimate bonding with the creatures and plants that share the Earth with us?

Bird Walks

Renfrew Institute currently has three citizen science programs functioning. First, the Saturday morning bird walks. The first leader, the late **Willard Rahn**, made notes as he led the walks on Saturday mornings through the months of April and May each year.



Photos taken during during a December SOAR bird walk: a white-throated sparrow, frost-rimmed raspberry leaves, and a few of the SOAR group. Photos by Carol Baylor.

Willard's son, **Tim Rahn** (former institute board president) lives in Takoma Park, Md. Tim thinks he can come up with some of those old notes to add to a database started by the institute about two years ago.

Jack Olszewski took over the leadership of the spring walks after Willard stepped down. Jack continues to lead the walks every Saturday in April and May.

Additional bird walk leaders, **Larry and Sharon Williams**, expanded the walks to the first and third Saturdays of the remaining 10 months of the year. This was a big boost for the program since species sightings could be recorded year round.

In addition, Larry offered to send reports to the institute office each week and **Jean McBride**, retired teacher and bird enthusiast, sends the reports in a weekly email to participants. Group member and photographer, **Lisa Luny**, suggested a name for the group—and **SOAR** (Studying Ornithology at Renfrew) was born. Most recently, the weekly species report has been recorded in an Excel database, *SOAR-Track*, maintained by our environmental interns.

Stream Monitoring

The second citizen science initiative is the stream-monitoring program of **Antietam Watershed Association** (AWA), which is headquartered at Renfrew Institute (RI).

Fifteen citizen scientists, along with RI interns, regularly monitor 35 stream sites scattered up and down both the East and West branches of Antietam Creek.

The database for this program holds 10–12 years of data with some sites studied since the start of the program in 2005.

The monitors are trained by RI instructors with assistance from the **Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring** (ALLARM) at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. ALLARM provides free consulting service to local watershed groups. Funding for the program (including chemical kits, boots, nets, staff time) is provided through grants.

Monitors record the following chemical and physical parameters: dissolved oxygen, pH, alkalinity, water temp, turbidity, nitrates and phosphates. New monitors are always welcome.

Tree tracking

A third citizen science initiative began after an RI workshop in 2015 that taught us about phenology (the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena). Six trees on the Renfrew property were tagged for seasonal monitoring. Changes such as flower and leaf bud break in the spring, leaf color change and leaf fall in autumn are tracked.

Citizen Science at Renfrew Institute continued from pg. 14



Stream monitor, Bob Lawn and Renfrew Institute intern Matt Stefanic collect samples from East Branch Antietam near the Antietam Shelter, Appalachian Trail (Old Forge Picnic Area). Photo by Melodie Anderson-Smith.

This activity is part of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's **AT Seasons: Tracking Phenology from Georgia to Maine** program.

Global Citizen Scientists with NASA

On August 21, 2017 the institute organized a solar eclipse event featuring NASA scientist and Waynesboro resident, **Todd Toth**. Todd brought NASA's citizen science activities to hundreds of attendees during the awe-inspiring solar eclipse with several activity tables

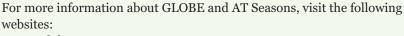
set up in the backyard of the museum house. Nearly 1,000 people attended the event with many using cell phone applications to record scientific eclipse data (i.e. cloud cover, air and ground temperatures, humidity) and submit the data to the NASA website.

In follow-up to the eclipse event and to open new possibilities, Todd presented NASA's Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment program (GLOBE), during a public lecture at Renfrew on

January 11, 2018. RI is exploring new ways to become involved in the GLOBE program in concert with the Waynesboro Area School District.

Our hope is that local school children as well as adults in the community will find more ways to become citizen scientists using our own backyards, public parks and trails as our laboratories.

> Melodie Anderson-Smith Director of Environmental Studies



- www.globe.gov
- www.appalachiantrail.org/home/conservation/landscapeprotection/phenology

For information on SOAR or the stream monitoring program, contact Renfrew Institute: info@renfrewinstitute.org *or call* 717-762-0373. Watch for more news on all of these opportunities on RI's website: www.renfrewinstitute.org, and on our Facebook page.





Wildlife Watchers

Strong and growing interest in wildlife and outdoor activity can in-turn support *citizen science initiatives*.

"In 2016, more than 101 million Americans—a staggering 40 percent of the U.S. population ages 16 or older—participated in some form of wildlife-associated recreation, including fishing, hunting, bird watching, photography and more.

Wildlife watching was the most popular (86 million), followed by fishing (35.8 million) and hunting (11.5 million). This translates into 35 percent of Americans participating in wildlife watching, 14 percent fishing and 5 percent hunting."

[2016 Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation as reported by Kathy Reshetiloff in the Bay Journal, December 2017]



Young Citizen Scientists

Members of *WaterStriders*, Renfrew Institute's water quality monitoring program for middle school students, examine and analyze samples drawn from the stream. *WaterStriders* is sponsored by John and Erin Hershey and Jay and Pat Heefner. Photo by Jessica Watson.

Renfrew Institute Membership

Includes 2016–17 members and new/renewed for 2017–18

Educational Leadership Faculty Chair Gifts (\$10,000 Annual Donation, 5 Year Commitment)

Alma W. Oyer–Director of Environmental Studies Leonora Rocca Bernheisel, Mary's Delight Farm–Director of Cultural Studies

(\$5,000 Annual Donation, 5 Year Commitment)

Peggy McCleary, Director of the Four-Square Garden

(\$3,000 Annual Donation, 5 Year Commitment)

Peggy Weller, Executive Leadership Support

Today's Horizon (\$3,000 or more, multi-yr.) APX Enclosures, Inc./Andrew

Papoutsis
The Carolyn Terry Eddy Family:
Carolyn, with daughters Connie
Fleagle & Kim Larkin

The John R. Hershey Jr. and Anna L. Hershey Family Foundation The Nora Roberts Foundation Alma W. Oyer

Heritage Society (\$1,000 or more) BB&T

Thomas & Helen Beck Mr. & Mrs. John W. Beck Michael Beck & Family Leonora Rocca Bernheisel Jeanne & Mark Bintrim Mr. & Mrs. George P. Buckey Greg & Debi Duffey Nancy L. Erlanson & Don Gibe F&M Trust Company FirstEnergy/West Penn Power Sandy Fisher Grove Bowersox Funeral Home, Inc. John & Erin Hershey The John R. & Anna L. Hershey Family Foundation Johnson Controls, Inc. Marge Kiersz Julia & Andrew Klein The Land O' Lakes Foundation Doris Large M&T Bank Manitowoc Cranes Martz Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. Peggy McCleary Patricia O'Connor PA Partners in the Arts Lucinda D. Potter, CPA

RBC Foundation

Bernie & Rosemarie Roberts Arlene Unger/ReMax Associates John Unger Rotary Club of Waynesboro Angela Grove Weagly Peggy Weller

Preservation Society (\$500 to \$999) Antietam Eye Associates

Dan W. Arthur **Bartlett Tree Experts** Stephen & Maxine Beck Bea Boccalandro Clint & Mary Bolte Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Brown Cornerstone Family Dentistry Franklin Co. Visitors Bureau Pat Gaffney & Jon Pearson Steve Graham Hadley Farms Bakery Jay & Pat Heefner Karen & Ed Herald William & Kathleen Kaminski John N. & Martha Dudley Keller Family Mercedes Benz of Hagerstown Lvnn Y. MacBride

Mercedes Benz of Hagerstow Lynn Y. MacBride Patriot Federal Credit Union Betsy Payette Mary Ann M. Payne Sheetz, Inc. Anne M. Shepard, Law Office Eunice Statler

Andrew & Sally Sussman Rodney & Lynn Teach Richard & Peggy Walsh Waynesboro Area Lioness Club Waynesboro Lions Club

Conservation Society (\$250 to \$499)

AgChoice Farm Credit Marie & Ed Beck Robert & Shelley Benchoff Carol & Otis Brown Buchanan Auto Park Matt Burton & Megan Shea Burton Max Creager Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore Insurance Marc Desrosiers & Emelda Valadez Dennis & Patricia Eckstine Barbara Gaydick Hamilton Hyundai Hamilton Nissan Donna & Tony Haugh Kathrvn Helfrick David S. Keller Family John & Kody Kelley Dennis L. Koons of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Yvonne MacBride Donald & Barbara McBride Joseph & Margaret Mackley Millennium 3 Energy, Phil Kelly Ann Miller and the late Ed Miller

Anne Shepard & Patrick Minnick Carl & Bonnie Monk David Neterer, Sterling Financial Management Matthew & Tana Oyer Owl's Club of Waynesboro Tim Parry Jeff & Kelsev Rock Rouzerville Lions Club Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. George & Judy Smith Don & Angie Stoops Doug Tengler WACCO Properties Waynesboro Physial Therapy, Derek Kling Cole & Kathy Werble **Naturalist Society** (\$100 to \$249) Advanced Financial Security, Inc. Jack & Lois Abbott Bill & Karen Adams Melodie Anderson-Smith Maria Bakner Clint & Amy Barkdoll Linda & Terry Barkdoll Ken & Judy Beam Robert & Sandy Beaumont Tom & Stacy Beck Family Michelle, Shannon, Samuel & True Benshoff David & Barbara Biser Garrett Blanchet & Elena Kehoe David D. & E. Louise Boon James & Barbara Bowersox Neal & Jacqueline Brewer Joy Brown Beth Bryant Bethany Bui & James Kim Drs. Stephen Bui & May Cao H. M. & A.G. Caldwell Dr. Minh Cao Jared & Denee Childers & Family James Clapsaddle Frank & Susan Conway Pegav B. Corlev Denny's Garage Marie E. & Desmond G. Dean, Jr. David & Julieann DesJardins Patricia M. Domenick Barbara & Paul Dunlap, Jr. Preston, Emily & Raeleigh Dunn Eagles Club, Inc. Eichholz Flowers Lori Eigenbrode Terry & Debra Eisenhauer Nancy L. Evans

Beth Anne & Christopher Firme

Richard Frank & Rose Dagen

Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club

William A. & Cynthia Gillard, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Fleagle

Foreman's Rare Coins

Twila & Bill Flohr

Rachel Frick

Charlene Good

Elizabeth Grant Matt Gunder & Stacy Heck Paul Gunder Kevin & Olivia Hammond Ann Haugh Jean M. Haugh Dean & Dorothy Hebb Jackie Henicle Richard Hersh Vicki Hess Derek Hine & Rita Sterner-Hine Bill & Judi Hofmann Blaine Holliday Tracy Holliday Bill & Katrina Hoopes Kirsten Hubbard Claire Hunter & Vince Cahill J&M Printing, Donald Shenberger Brian, Deborah & Connor & Eric Jacobs Melissa Johns Jeb Keller Keller, Keller & Beck, LLC Barbara Kercheval Nancy & Jim Kirkpatrick Mark & Sarah Klink Mary Jo & Gerald Kowallis Dr. Barbara Kehr & John Krebs Riley, Dilara & Kensington Ledden Daryl Lehman Jason & Michele Levick & Family Drs. Gregory T. & Diana J. Lyon-Loftus Bobby Mai Tu Mai Walter & Karen Manderson John & Christine Manning Family March Chiropractic, Sharon & Melissa March Dick & Penny Marks Wavne & Debbie Martz Chet & Betsey Mauk Judy & Tucker Maxwell John & Peggy Maynes Helen McCabe Marilyn McCarney Sean, Jenny, James & Lily McFarland Thomas McFarland Dr. & Mrs. James G. McKenzie Thomas & Jill McKenzie Barbara & George Mitges Andrew & Kristie Moats Family Joan & Scott Mohn & Family Steve & Kitty Monn Harry & Jill Morningstar Harry & Louise Morningstar Rick Mouer, Wavnesboro Design Services Susan & Tom Murphy Noelker & Hull Associates, Inc. Dr. & Mrs. Paul D. Orange, M.D. Doug & Ginny Parks

(continued on page 17)

Betsy Payette

Membership continued from pg. 16

Bill Pflager Debbie & Bill Pflager Cheryl & Ken Plummer Virginia Rahn Carmen Richardson & Gary Goubeau Mr. & Mrs. J. Christopher Richwine M. James & Barbara Rock Marcy Rost Andrew & Margaret Rovelstad Pam & Bruce Rowland Caroline Rover **Dustin & Davin Sanders** Joe & Beckie Sariano Savage Family Pharmacy, Inc. Jodi & Pascal Schwarzer & Family Kathy Seiler Jeff & Deb Shank William E. & Roberta R. Shank Mike & Marcy Shea Richard & Patricia Ann Shew Joseph A. & Laura M. Shull Alois & Kay Singer Fred & Beth Skroban & Family Susan, Anabelle & Natalie Small St. Andrew the Apostle School Frank & Mary Anne Smith Dr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Stewart, III Ellen Stinebaugh Vicki Stinebaugh Carroll & Louanna Sturm Total Vac, Sam Long The Von Rembow Family Mrs. Undine Warner Waynesboro Area Education Assoc. Waynesboro Water Works Mr. & Mrs. William G. Weagly, Jr. Greg & Kate Wenzloff Grea & Laura White Lawrence & Sharon Williams David Wilson Sara & Neil Yost Dr. Bob & Linda Zimmerman David & Connie Zimmerman

Family (\$50 to \$99)

Mary Ashe-Mahr & Michael Mahr Kim & Troy Austin The Blackburn Family Harold & Lori Blubaugh Rob & Kathy Bostic Jeremy & Andrea Bowersox Patrick & Anita Brezler Ned Brown & Pamela Wagner Doug & Melissa Burkholder Stephen & Holly Cieri Ronald & Mary Jane Collins Mr. & Mrs. James Deegan Sarie & Barry Dickey Andrew Everetts & Family Rhonda McFarland & Lowell Ezersky John & Jean Frantz & Family Mr. & Mrs. William George

John & Priscilla Harsh Nancy & Charles Hartle Jeremy & Marianne Haugh The Haugh-O'Malley Family Ryan & Stacy Henderson Family Gregg & Lois Hershberger Sherry & Scott Hesse William J. & Karen S. Hudson Ruby Hykes Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Jones Will & Jill Kessler & Family Roger & Katie Klink Ryan, Nicole, Logan & Blake Klipp Barbara Layman Nancy & Jeff Mace & Family Sharon Magee Ray & Ginnie Miller Tim & Mary Louise Misner Richard & Wendy Mohn Jack & Holly Olszewski Renee & Mike Preso Sue, Kristin & Elizabeth Robson Clint & Rhonda Rock Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Schultz Linden & Ruth Showalter James Smith & Melodie Anderson-Smith Victoria Sprenkle Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Steiner Roy & Andrea Struble

Associate (\$25 to \$99)

Yvonne & Andrew Yoder

Brooke & Terry Althouse Donald R. Arrowood Carol Bailey Keith & Susan Baker Carroll & Brenda Bakner Dr. Jacqueline H. Barlup 'Carol Baylor Joyce & Larry Belella Mike & Cathy Bercaw Beta Chapter Y-Gradale Sorority Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Blubaugh Mrs. Dorothy Bollinger Garv W. Brashear, Sr. Dennis & Judith Bricker Jean A. Brinser Rodney & Holly Carey James Carson Jane & Ernest Charlesworth Susan H. Cipperly Kimberly S. Cordell Robert & Teresa Dee Ann & Dan Dedona Melanie Desmond Jean G. Dienstag Becky Dietrich Mike & Carolyn Doncheski Barry, Lisa & Erin Donohoe T. A. Dorsett Mrs. Judy Elden Deb Flinchbaugh

Janis P. Foster

Walter & Catherine Gembe

Robert & Doris Goldman Margie A. Griffin Stanley & Darlene Grube Sharon Gunder Carroll & Carol Henicle Glenn & Susan Henicle Barbara Hohman Ginny Inaels Sally Jenkins Mr. & Mrs. Alan Johnson Ralph & the late Phyllis King Dorothy Kirk Christina Kostka Patricia A. Kugler Bonnie Larson-Brogden Kevin Ledden & Tracy Holliday John & Jovce Lefebure Debra K. Levick Donna Levick Lisa Lunv Ann Markell Concetta A. Maryjanowski Bob & Joice Maurer Patrick & Sharon McCormley Douglas & Phyllis McCullough Beverly McFarland Janice Middour Joseph Mieczkowski H. Clayton Moyer Bill & Yvonne Pfoutz Angela Piatt Jean Reichard Bonnie & Jeff Rhodes Matt & Donna Rhodes Mr. & Mrs Joe Rock Mary C. Rocks Earle & Dixie Rook Marilyn Ross Sue Rotz Jim Rowan & Mary Matson Mary Ellen Selvaggio & Patric Schlee Stanley Schoonover Gwen Scott S. Lynn & Jackie Shaw Brian & Mary Shermever Dennis & Kim Shockey Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shook Mr. & Mrs.William Short Angela Rocks Shriver Bill & Jo Spigler Greg & Cindy Stains Dr. John Stauffer Martha Stauffer Doug & Deb Stine Terry & Cindy Sullivan Michael & Kristen Szynal Dean Thomas Lois Good Thompson Jessica & Matt Watson Charles A. Willhide Bill & Maggie Yoder

Educator (\$50 & up) Bonnie Bachtell

A.J. & Kate Benchoff Joan Bowen Michael Engle Carol Ann Henicle Dixie Hickman Claire Jantz Alice Noll Savoy Catering Service, Inc. Thomas D. & Jeanne W. Singer Janet Smedley Johnson W. & Bonita C. Yokum

Mrs. Sarah K. Zimmerman **Honorary Members**

Franklin Co. Commissioners-David S. Keller, Chairman Robert L. Thomas. Vice Chairman Robert G. Ziobrowski, Secretary Jeri Jones Cheryl Mankins & Family Jessica McCleary & Family Becky McClean & Family Phil & Jerry's Meats and More Andy Smetzer

Organization Exchange

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bav Antietam Watershed Assoc. Conococheague Institute The Discovery Station Franklin County Conservation District Franklin County Master Gardeners Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club Little Antietam Creek, Inc. Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies Renfrew Museum & Park TriState Astronomers Strawberry Hill Nature Center

Waynesboro Historical Society

See a list of our sponsors on the next page. SPONSORSHIP NEWS-A new publication from Renfrew Institute is in the works to spotlight our sponsors.

Janet Zook



Renfrew Institute Sponsors 2016-17 and renewed for 2017-18

APX Enclosures, Inc. -Todav's Horizon Fund Advanced Financial Security, Inc. - Bay Supper Fundraiser AgChoice Farm Credit - Dairy Culture

Antietam EYE Associates -Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale Linda Barkdoll/Ronnie Martin Realty - Pumpkin Festival

Bartlett Tree Experts - Trail of Trees BB&T - Youth Festival, Dairy Culture John & Deb Beck - Summer Stories, Marvin Visits Earth

Steve & Maxine Beck -

Nose to Nose with Nature Leonora Rocca Bernheisel (Mary's Delight Farm) -

Wool Culture, Royer Legacy & Faculty Chair

Clint & Mary Bolte Fund, Vanguard Charitable - Four Squares: Pennsylvania German 4-Square Garden

Robert & Grace Brown -Adult/Teen Education Lecture Series

Buchanan Auto Park -Annual Fun Fly (kite fly) Cornerstone Family Dentistry - Salamander Scramble

Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore Insurance - Discovering Wetlands Denny's Garage - Bay Supper

Fundraiser

Carolyn Terry Eddy Family: Carolyn. with daughters Connie Fleagle & Kim Larkin - Today's Horizon Fund Eichholz Flowers - Salamander Scramble

F & M Trust Co. - From Field to Table, Wake Up Earth, It's Spring First Energy/West Penn Power -Jazz Fest & Bay Supper Fundraiser Foreman's Rare Coins - Bay Supper Fundraiser

Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club - Adult-Teen Education Franklin Co. Visitors Bureau -Jazz Fest

Nancy Erlanson & Don Gibe -Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home -Salamander Scramble Matt Gunder - Bay Supper Fundraiser Hadley Farms Bakery -Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale Hamilton Hyundai - Jazz Fest Hamilton Nissan - Jazz Fest Donna & Tony Haugh - Professional Development Pat & Jay Heefner - WaterStriders

Kathy Helfrick - Fall Walk

Karen & Ed Herald - Professional Development

John & Erin Hershey- Streamside, WaterStriders, Salamander Scramble

John R. Hershey, Jr. & Anna L. Hershey Family Foundation -Today's Horizon Fund

Kirsten Hubbard - Bay Supper Fundraiser

Johnson Controls, Inc. - Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay

William & Kathleen Kaminski - Fall Walk

Keller, Keller & Beck, LLC -Bay Supper Fundraiser Marge Kiersz - Adult-Teen

Education Lectures & Workshops Dennis L. Koons of Raymond James Financial Services - Streamside

Land O'Lakes Mid-Atlantic Grants Program Foundation - Dairy Culture M & T Bank - Pumpkin Festival

M & T Charitable Foundation - Four Squares: Pennsylvania German 4-Square Garden

Manitowoc Crane Group -Home Sweet Home

Martz Plumbing, Heating & AC, Inc. - Streamside

Chet & Betsy Mauk - Bay Supper Fundraiser

Mercedes Benz of Hagerstown -Four Squares: Pennsylvania German 4-Square Garden Millennium 3 Energy - Earth

Celebration Day & Festival of Art The William & Diane Nitterhouse Foundation - Once Upon a Farm

Noelker & Hull Assoc. Inc. -Bay Supper Fundraiser

Patricia O'Connor - Streamside & Discovering Wetlands Alma W. Oyer - Today's Horizon

Fund, Faculty Chair PA Partners in the Arts - Jazz Festival Patriot Federal Credit Union -Halloween Storytelling Betsy Payette - Flax Culture Lucinda D. Potter, CPA -Sidney's Wonder Web, Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art, Adult/Teen Education, & Streamside

RaceWax.com LLC - Tech Support RBC Foundation - Home Sweet Home The Nora Roberts Foundation -Today's Horizon Fund

Jeff & Kelsey Rock - Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay Rotary Club of Long Meadows, Hagerstown - Fahnestock Barn

Storage Cabinet Rotary Club of Waynesboro -Wake Up Earth, It's Spring!

Caroline Royer - Bay Supper Fundraiser

Savage Family Pharmacy - Bay Supper Fundraiser Sheetz, Inc. - Wake Up Earth,

It's Spring! Anne Shepard & Patrick Minnich -Trail of Trees

Law Office of Anne M. Shepard -The Royer Legacy

Dr. & Mrs. Ronald F. Schultz -Bay Supper Fundraiser George & Judy Smith - Sidney's Wonder Web

Smith, Elliott Kearns & Co. -Adult/Teen Education

Sterling Financial Management - Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale Total Vac - Recycle/Reuse

Yard Sale Arlene Unger/Remax Associates -Salamander Scramble

WACCO Properties, Inc. -Salamander Scramble

Dick & Peggy Walsh - Professional Development

Waynesboro Lioness Club -Professional Development Waynesboro Lions Club -Discovering Wetlands

Waynesboro Physical Therapy -Salamander Scramble Waynesboro Water Works -

Salamander Scramble

Memorial & Honorial Sponsorships

> Mike Beck & Family, in memory of Denise Beck Royer Legacy

Max Creager, in memory of Nancy Hess Creager Down a Garden Path

Debi & Greg Duffey, in memory of C. Alvin Henicle From Field to Table

Sandy Fisher, in memory of Harry Fisher Home Sweet Home

Steve Graham, in memory of Virginia Steck Graham Discovering Wetlands

Jay Heefner, in memory of Evelyn Heefner

Dairy Culture of PA Germans Patricia Heefner, in memory of

Jean Foster Once Upon a Farm

Julia & Andy Klein and Jeanne & Mark Bintrim, in memory of Ellie & Joe Miller Growing Clothes: Flax Culture of the PA Germans

Doris R. Large, in memory of J. Warren & Jessie O. Large Park Ranger Training Program & Earth Encounters

Mary Ann Payne, in memory of Helen Herr Moyer Wonderwalks for Preschool

Bernie & Rosemarie Roberts, in memory of Harry Delaney Catts, Richard G. McGowan Sr.,

Florence Gertrude McGowan and Richard G. McGowan, Jr. Earth Encounters

Angela Grove Weagly, in memory of Joyce Grove Ceyler and in honor of Richard D. Ceyler Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art

GRACIAS MERCI BEAUCOUP THANKY OU grazi DANKE Arigato Thanks!

12th Annual Recycle Reuse Yard Sale was a BIG SUCCESS!



The Recycle Reuse Yard Sale committee was grateful for another good year—profitable, and fun! Proceeds after expenses were more than \$3,000! *Thank You to Our Event Sponsors*—Lead sponsors **Drs. Jerzy Kornilow O.D. & Alison Ridenour, O.D., Antietam EYE Associates** and **Hadley Farms Bakery**, plus **Dave Neterer, Sterling Financial Management**, and **Total Vac**.

Mark your calendar for next year's Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale-Saturday, April 28, 2018

Fun and Exploration in the Great Outdoors!



In April 2017, the Fun Fly brought families to the park for kite-flying fun. During this annual event, flyers can bring their own kites or make one in the kite workshop. Kite masters Sam and George Adams are on hand each year to provide expert flying guidance. Fun Fly is sponsored by **Buchanan Auto Park**. Photo by Tracy Holliday.



Shippensburg University Geoenvironmental Studies interns, Olivia Allen, Selma Baltic and Eric Peregord, walked the Appalachian Trail to collect water samples near one of Renfrew Institute's stream testing sites. Photo by Melodie Anderson-Smith.

Youth Festival 2017 Brought Unity to the Community!

"Unity in the Community!" was the theme for Renfrew Institute's 28th annual Youth Festival that took place on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Thanks to a sponsorship by **BB&T**, and involvement by volunteer committee members **Jessica McCleary**, **Cheryl Mankins**, **Becky McClean** and **Colleen Tidd**, children and families gathered in the park for a free, fun-filled afternoon during which they enjoyed a variety of workshops, demonstrations, activities, and entertainment throughout

the day.

In keeping with the theme, the event featured guest entertainment, **Cantaré**. Billed as a musical journey to Latin America, the program featured native Argentinians Cecilia Esquivel and Dani Cortaza who invited kids to learn some dance moves. Kids had a blast taking a turn with some traditional instruments, and moving to some lively Latin tunes.

Mark your calendars now for the next Youth Festival, set to take place **Sunday**, **May 27 beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

Stay tuned for workshop and performance details!



2017 Bay Supper Fundraiser a Record-breaker

The 20th Anniversary Chesapeake Bay Supper fundraiser on June 23, 2017 at the Waynesboro Country Club broke the records and raised an all-time high of **\$18,158!**

These funds are used in support of the many school programs and family activities provided to educate and inspire the local community.

This year's event was dedicated in memory of **Ed Miller**, former institute board member, long-standing member, actor playing Sam Slick in the first RI educational program, *Green Energy...*heart, soul, and keeper of the spirit of Renfrew Institute.

Mark your calendars now for Friday, June 22, 2018. Hope to see you there!

Thank You to everyone who supported the supper:



FirstEnergy Foundation on behalf of West Penn Power

Printed Program Underwriter Chet & Betsy Mauk

Sponsors

Advanced Financial Security, Inc.
Caroline Dean
Denny's Garage
Foreman's Rare Coins
Kirsten Hubbard
Keller, Keller & Beck, LLC

Noelker & Hull Associates, Inc. Savage Family Pharmacy, Inc.

Dr. & Mrs. Ronald F. Shultz

Today's Horizon Fund Contributors: The Nora Roberts Foundation, Alma W. Oyer, APX Enclosures, Inc., and The Carolyn Terry Eddy Family, with daughters Connie Fleagle & Kim Larkin

Our wonderful planning committee & their helpers: Event Chair: Matt Gunder

Eveni Chair: Mail Guilder

Emcees: Jay Heefner & Bob Zimmerman

Auctions: Donna Haugh (Chair), Carol A. Henicle, Tony Haugh, Jay & Pat Heefner, Dick Hersh, Pat & Gary Radtke, Eunice Statler, Dick & Peggy Walsh

Food & Arrangements: Debi Duffey (Chair), Steve Graham, Waynesboro Country Club~Executive Chef Maria DeVore, Club Manager Don Harriman, & House Staff

Invitations: Eunice Statler (Chair), Shirley Faith, Matt Gunder, Donna Haugh, Jay & Pat Heefner, Angela Grove Weagly, Janet Zook

Reservations: Pat Heefner • Seating: Debi Duffey
Set-up/Decorations/Auction Floor Helpers: Caroline Dean,
Debi Duffey, Matt Gunder, Donna & Tony Haugh, Jay &
Pat Heefner, Dick Hersh, Wayne & Debbie Martz, Pat
& Gary Radtke, Eunice Statler, Jordan Trostle, Dick Walsh,
Linda Zimmerman

Interns: (remote controlled balloons construction): Olivia Allen, Selma Baltic, Eric Peregord

Staff Helpers: Melodie Anderson-Smith, Tracy Holliday, Melanie Desmond, Emma Lewis, Bev McFarland, Pam Rowland, Lori Schlosser, Beth Skroban, Nora Slick Window Dressing: From the Duffey, Henicle & Hersh Gardens

Patrons

Mike Beck
Harold & Lori Blubaugh
Grace & Bob Brown
George & Marty Buckey
Frank Conway
Sarie & Barry Dickey
Greg & Debi Duffey
Steve Graham
Matt Gunder
Jay & Pat Heefner
Carol Ann Henicle
Jackie Henicle

Karen & Ed Herald Lynn MacBride Wayne & Debbie Martz Debbie & Bill Pflager James & Barbara Rock Brad & Caroline Royer Dade & Wendy Royer Eunice Statler John Stauffer Angela Grove Weagly Bob & Linda Zimmerman

Silent Auction Donors

Antietam Dairy Arts Alliance of Greater Wavnesboro Amos & Brenda Bakner Barefoot Studio Maxine & Marie Beck Delaney Blubaugh Tom Boock, The Cottage Max Creager Crown Vetch Sandy Fisher Doris Goldman Virginia Hair Donna Haugh Jay & Pat Heefner Carol Henicle Judy Herrick Allison Hickman-McFerren Tracy Holliday Inner Beauty Salon Elena Kehoe Scott Lux Lynn MacBride McLaughlin's Energy Services Misty Meadows Farm Creamery Bonnie Monk NuVogue Salon Pure & Simple Café Laura Rock Susan Shaffer Mary Ellen Selvaggio James Smith Jonathan & Felicia Smith

Lena Summers Eunice Statler Jackie Tosten Angela Weagly Holly Wheeler

Live Auclion Donors
Melanie & Ken Arendt
Dan DeDona
Greg & Debi Duffey
Kerensa Gray
Karen Manderson
Debbie Martz
Cheryl & Ken Plummer
Seven Springs Resort
Peg & Dick Walsh

Heads/Tails & Mystery Prize Donors

Eve Adkins
Annapolis Waterfront Hotel
Tom Boock, The Cottage
Max Creager
Sarah & Mark Klink
Liberty Mountain Resort
Mathias Restaurant
Zöe's Chocolate Co.

Door Prize Donors

Melodie Anderson-Smith Matt Gunder Jay & Pat Heefner Caroline Royer Eunice Statler Linda Zimmerman

Special Thanks to...

Steve Graham for providing the littleneck clams

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

Alan Peck for donating his live auction services

Debi Duffey for donation of the Anniversary Cake

Cordless microphone system courtesy of Phantom

Shadow Entertainment with technical

assistance by Frank Conway

Coldwell Banker-Waynesboro for balloon helium

Hats off to everyone who made our 20th Anniversary a great one! Check out the photos on the inside front cover.



Renfrew Institute's Board of Directors

Left to right, seated:
Jay Heefner, Judy
Beam, Sarah Klink.
Standing: Renee
Preso, Steve Graham,
Maxine Beck, Sean
McFarland, Terry
Eisenhauer, Donna
Haugh, Karen Herald,
Judy Papoutsis, John
Hershey. Photo by
Tracy Holliday.









Missing from group photo and pictured at left: Jeb Keller, Megan Shea Burton, Dick Walsh, Andrew Everetts.

Welcome New Directors



Maxine Beck has a long association with Renfrew Institute. She served on the board from 2008–2014, three of those years as board president.

After leaving the board, she continued her connection with the institute by chairing the Pumpkin Festival committee, and will continue in that capacity at least for awhile, she said.

Over the past few years, Maxine's avocation as a writer has connected her more deeply to Renfrew. With her sister-in-law and long time friend of Renfrew, Marie Beck, Maxine authored a series of historical novels featuring the Daniel Royer family who built the Renfrew Museum manor house. The first book opens in 1812 and the fourth ends in 1838.

"It was wonderful getting to imagine the property and local history through the Royers' eyes from so long ago," she said.

Born and raised in Waynesboro, Maxine 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. She taught English at Waynesboro High School, where she worked for nearly 18 years.

Her community involvement includes Renfrew Institute's Four-Square Garden group, the Waynesboro Garden Club, Noah's Ark Day Care board, and Friends of the Alexander Hamilton Library.

Maxine will serve on four board committees, Pumpkin Fest, Youth Education, Adult/Teen Education, and Nominating/Governance.

Megan Shea Burton has fond memories of attending Renfrew Institute's school programs as a student at Summitview Elementary School. She also remembers spending time at the park with her parents and friends, hiking the trails, and attending Pumpkin Festivals.

"My personal experiences, both as a youth and an adult, have shown me the value of grassroots

Welcome New Directors continued from page 22



education and the importance of taking an active role in one's community to make a positive impact on youth," she said.

Megan moved to Wavnesboro at the age of two, and lived there until graduating from college. She earned a bachelor's degree in social studies education from Shippensburg University and a master's degree in administration and supervision from Frostburg University. She taught middle school social studies, and is now a high school assistant principal for Washington County Public Schools.

Megan will serve on the Pumpkin Fest, Adult/Teen Education, and Youth Education committees.

"I fully believe in and support conservation through education, and know there is nothing like learning through experience, especially when it comes to local history and preserving our environment."

A member of the board of directors for Girls Inc. of Washington County since 2013, Megan lives in Hagerstown, Md. with her husband, Matt and their dogs Stirling (a Shih Tzu) and Rusty (a Chesapeake Bay Retriever).

Andy Everetts was born and raised in Greencastle, Pa., and has lived there all his life.

In keeping with supporting the viability of a small town, Andy's position as a commercial loan officer with M&T Bank allows him to help small businesses get the financing they need to be successful.

It was an M&T colleague who

introduced Andy to Renfrew Institute. Tim Parry, a former institute board member, asked him about joining the board.

Since then, Andy said, "I continue to be amazed at all the great programs and events that happen at Renfrew. What a benefit the institute is to the community!!"

Andy has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Shippensburg University and a master's degree from Mount St. Mary's University. He also holds an associate degree in specialized training from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.



Active in his community, Andy is president of Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week. He is also involved with Leadership Franklin County, and is a member of the Waynesboro Rotary and the Antique Automobile Club of America.

The antique cars have a family connection. "I was fortunate that my grandfather was a Buick dealer in Greencastle (Fox Buick)," he said, "and I inherited a few from his collection. My favorite is a 1948 Willy's Jeepster that my grandfather and I restored together."

Andy lives in Greencastle and has two children, daughter Quinn (2), and son Grant (4 months).

The committees Andy chose to serve on are the Bay Supper, Adult/Teen Education, and Youth Education committees.

"Education has always been important in my home as my parents were both teachers," he said.

"I have always enjoyed history and believe our local history is very important to teach our youth."



Originally from Baltimore Co., Md., Sean McFarland's family moved to the Waynesboro area in 1977-Sean considers himself an 'almost native.' He is manager of the Washington Township Municipal Authority.

Always a fan of Renfrew Park, his children attended institute school programs as students at St. Andrew School.

"We also attended many institute events over the years like the Jazz Fest and Pumpkin Fest," he said.

Sean is a veteran of the institute's July 4 Salamander Scramble. "The first time I ran in the Scramble was 2013, and my 9-year-old son, Jimmy also joined the team."

Sean holds bachelor's degrees in marketing and management, and in business administration, from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., where he met his wife, Jenny, when they were freshmen.

A member of the Waynesboro YMCA board, Sean lives in Waynesboro with his wife, kids Jimmy and Lily, and two Italian Mastiff dogs, Chunk and Peanut.

Sean will serve on the Salamander Scramble, Facilities, and Development committees.

"Now that my kids are a little older, I have more time to give back to our community with volunteer work," he said. "I am looking forward to keeping an active role in the Scramble and other events."

Three's the Charm... A Charming Trio on Top of the Mushroom!



Three friends, with much in common—Sue Von Rembow, Sandy Beaumont, and Bonnie Rhodes. All three are educators, all have kids who attended Renfrew Institute programming, all are active in their community in a variety of capacities—and all reunite each year over a table filled with 'another man's treasures' at Renfrew Institute's annual Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale.

And now, all three will share Renfrew Institute's special place of honor, *On Top of the Mushroom!*

The trio of friends have been involved with the Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale since its inception in 2005, recruited to join the committee by their mutual friend, **Debbie Pflager**, the event's creator and first chair. Over the years this fundraiser, held in conjunction with Earth Celebration Day, has raised an average of \$3,000 annually.

Sandy grew up in York, Pa., and Sue is from Phoenixville, Pa. Both came to Waynesboro for jobs in the Waynesboro Area School District—Sue's husband, Ron as a teacher and coach, and Sandy and her husband, Rob both accepted positions with the district.



(L to R) Sue Von Rembow, Sandy Beaumont, and Bonnie Rhodes staff Renfrew Institute's sale table at the annual Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale, held each year on Earth Celebration Day. The trio has helped orchestrate the event since its inception. Photo by Tracy Holliday.

Bonnie was raised in Zullinger, and her family connections to Waynesboro—and to Renfrew—run deep. Her father was Zane Miller, and her uncle, Ed Miller was Renfrew's long-time caretaker and a champion of Renfrew Institute since it's fledgling days.

When their children were young, Sue, Sandy and Bonnie became friends, holding play dates, visiting Renfrew Park, and eventually becoming involved with Renfrew Institute's events and programs.

Sandy was introduced to Renfrew Institute school programs through her children. "I was so impressed by the educational programs our children became involved in while in elementary school, and by the mission and philosophy behind all of the programs here," she said.

"When the Youth Festival began (late 1980s), I became a volunteer and headed up that event," Sandy said. "This eventually led to my becoming a board member." Sandy served on the institute's board of directors for seven years, from 1993 to 2000.

Sue's involvement began as a parent. "My earliest involvement with the institute was as a parent

helper as my children attended the educational programs," she said. "I had the opportunity to accompany them and experience the wonders that Renfrew Institute offered area students."

Later, when Sue returned to the classroom as a first grade teacher at Summitview Elementary School, she accompanied her students to institute programs.

"This is where I met *Goldenrod* [now executive director, Tracy Holliday] and many other engaging teachers so focused on sharing the importance of taking care of our natural world," she said. "Our first grade classes participated in several Earth Day events."

Bonnie was also introduced to institute programming through her students. Bonnie taught at Mowrey Elementary School, "and my students had opportunities to take part in the institute's educational programs throughout the years." Bonnie accompanied many classes on field trips to Renfrew Institute's school programs.

Trio On Top of the Mushroom continued from pg. 24

Bonnie's husband, Jeff, served on the institute board of directors from 2000 to 2003, so that provided another link to the institute.

In 2005, "Debbie [Pflager] contacted me to see if I wanted to be involved in the Reuse/Recycle Yard Sale. My response was yes!" Bonnie said. "The yard sale is such a fun time to be reunited with the girls and help out Renfrew Institute at the same time."

The yard sale will mark its 13th year this April, and all three volunteers plan to be there.

"At the yard sale table, we have endured all types of weather from thunderstorms to cold temperatures. You never know what the weather will be like in April," Bonnie said.

"Over the years, the yard sale event has been most memorable for me as I have the opportunity to share it each year with wonderful friends," Sue said. "We enjoy spending the day together and catch up with each other while we support the institute. What could be better?"

Sandy agrees. "I love Renfrew and enjoy volunteering or attending everything that goes on here!" she said. "It's fun—being with so many people from our community. It's a joy to see and connect with both old and new friends!"

All three also volunteer for other area organizations, supporting their

community in many ways. Sandy serves on the board of the Antietam Watershed Association, and is active with the Waynesboro College Club, which is dedicated to providing scholarships for local students.

Bonnie is actively involved with the Waynesboro Gala Cancer Auction. "I also volunteer weekly at a church in Chambersburg with their outreach mission project, and at my own church I coordinate 'soup making day,' sing with the Praise Band, and volunteer at Hershey Park."

"The activities and programs that are provided by Renfrew Institute bring a historical value in connecting the past to the present in such a meaningful way." —Bonnie Rhodes

Sue is a reading specialist and travels between Summitview and Hooverville elementary schools. "Since I work full time, I'm not able to be as active a volunteer as I'd like, but I am a member of the Franklin County Reading Council, Friends of the Library, and Waynesboro College Club."

Renfrew Institute's motto is "Building connections...to the past and to our natural world." Ultimately it is the connections with community and friendship that keep this trio involved with the institute.

Bonnie feels a deep connection

to the institute and to Renfrew Park. "My son (when he was little), loved to play in the creek at Renfrew and look for crayfish, and now my two oldest grandsons love doing the same thing," she said. "Renfrew will always hold a special place in my heart, partly because of my uncle Ed Miller. When I see Renfrew—I see Uncle Ed."

"The staff and volunteers who are a part of the institute are wonderful people to be around," Sandy said. "I have enjoyed seeing the continued growth and expansion of

> Renfrew Institute. It has come such a long way from its early years... and has stayed dedicated and true to its mission throughout all of these years."

> > Sue loves the park and the institute programs held there.

"Renfrew is such a special place for connection...to nature, to history, to our families and friends, and community. For me, it has also been a great, quiet place to connect with myself, as I enjoy walking on Renfrew's many trails...

"Institute programs give children (and adults!) opportunities to spend time in and learn about the environment and our cultural heritage."

With gratitude for all they have done and continue to do, all of us at Renfrew Institute hope that Sue, Sandy and Bonnie enjoy their view from *On Top of the Mushroom*!

Andrea Struble

Come greet our Mushroom Trio at this year's Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale on Saturday, April 28, 2018! Rent a table and sell your stuff, or shop for new treasures!



Renfrew Institute Welcomes New Assistant Director

The past year brought changes in Renfrew Institute's administrative staff. After more than a quarter-century as executive director, Melodie Anderson-Smith stepped down from that role in July to become the institute's Director of Environmental Studies. [see pg. 9] Former associate director, Tracy

Holliday became the institute's new executive director. [see pg. 1]

In August, Renfrew Institute welcomed **Jessica Watson** as the new Assistant Director. To join our team, Jessica left a part-time position as the administrative assistant at the Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, where she had been since 2012.

While the part-time position worked well for her young family,

she was ready to pursue full time work to continue her professional career.

Upon graduating from Kutztown University in 1999, Jessica used her art education degree and certification to its full extent at the Susquehanna Art Museum and Harrisburg Area Community College, where she was an education coordinator and adjunct instructor of Art History.

In 2008 she started her family with her husband Matt Watson, and built their home in his native Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. They enjoy their home in the woods with daughters Anna, 7 and Lyla, 5. She is active in her daughters' lives, which include Girl Scouts, soccer and classroom activities.

Jessica also serves on the board of directors for the Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro and the fundraiser committee of Alexander



Renfrew Institute's new assistant director, Jessica Watson with husband, Matt, daughters Lyla and Anna, and their dog, Lucy.

Hamilton Memorial Library. She has brought her creativity, community

connections and experience with event planning to these two nonprofit organizations that serve the community.

Here at the institute Jessica has made an easy transition into the rhythm of daily happenings. She has stepped into membership and events coordination as well as the formidable task of program scheduling with visiting schools. Thanks to her engaging social media posts, the institute's Facebook page increased by over 100 followers within two months.

"Going back to work full time was a big transition for my family, but Renfrew Institute has taken me in with open arms and has been incredibly welcoming and professionally supportive," Jessica said.

"The move to this position has been very natural for me; it's my hope to help nurture this organization and continue on with its amazing contribution to this community."

In the short time she has been here, Jessica has made a fitting connection with our staff, volunteers and board members. Her experience in education, nonprofit work, program organization, and boundless creativity will no doubt add strength to

Renfrew Institute. **Welcome**, **Jessica!**



Nora Slick, Melodie Anderson-Smith and Jessica Watson donned staff tee-shirts for the annual Pumpkin Fest in October.

Departing Board Members: Jeremey Bowersox, Tim Parry, Lucinda Potter & Anne Shepard

In July, Renfrew Institute ushered in a class of four new board members. Naturally, that means we also bid adieu to four devoted directors who "retired" from their board posts with the traditional induction into the "Order of the Wooden Cookie."

Each was presented with a wooden cookie necklace, inscribed with a specially selected moniker recalling their board service.

Jeremy Bowersox was affectionately dubbed "Salamander-in-Chief" as his six years of service were marked by leadership of the *Salamander Scramble Fundraiser 5K*. In celebrating the 10th anniversary of the race last year, Jeremy and his committee led the event to record financial success, netting just over \$10,000.

Through the power of an invested committee and tremendous community generosity, the *Scramble* has become a crucial part of the institute's financial underpinning.

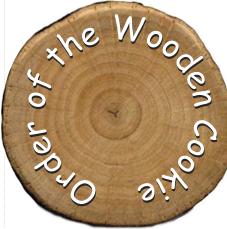
Jeremy also served on the Membership and Development committees, with valued input on matters like engaging our membership family, fundraising, and endowment policies. And signatures—lots of them—on letters for our membership renewal campaigns.

We are grateful that Jeremy will remain in a leadership role for the institute's 5K fundraiser, maintaining his esteemed post for now, as Salamander-in-Chief.

Tim Parry was respectfully dubbed "Financial Finesser" as he stepped away from a six-year term. Serving as treasurer, Tim's steady hand on the financial helm helped guide the institute through a period of budgetary growth that strengthened the organization and helped provide a solid foundation for the future. Tim was reliably mindful and supportive of staff as he fulfilled his duties as treasurer.

Attendees of Pumpkin Fest

were greeted by Tim's cheerful presence as he led admissions efforts for the event during a time of record attendance growth. His thoughtful guidance led to improvements in moving as many as 1,500 people through the "gate," speeding them along to get right into the fun.



Tim's service on the Adult/Teen Education Committee contributed to an engaging slate of programs annually, and he often volunteered at institute functions. We're pleased that Tim has elected to remain on the Finance and Adult/Teen Education committees.

Lucinda "Cindy" Potter was inducted into the Order of the Wooden Cookie as "Gentle Board Booster." Cindy also established a *Pumpkin Fest* presence over her sixyear term. Whether appearing with boxed bundles of newspaper for scarecrow capers or serving in the soup and bread line, Cindy could be relied upon to show up with a smile.

She, too, served on the Development Committee, offering important input around fundraising and endowment decisions.

Her service on the Facilities Committee continues, for which we are grateful as we search for solutions to the need for improved office facilities and a plan to better serve students in outdoor programming during inclement weather.

Cindy is thoughtful and soft

spoken, and we're grateful for the care she puts into these important deliberations.

Anne Shepard, "Rockin'
Lifelong Learner," served as VicePresident during the latter half of
her six-year term, and provided
valuable guidance during an especially challenging set of governance
decisions.

Anne also served as chair of the Adult/Teen Education Committee and will remain a member. An amateur spelunker, her enthusiasm for adventures made her a natural fit for helping plan excursions for others.

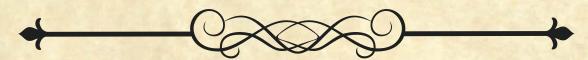
Through her service on the Membership Committee, Anne's input led to new channels of donor engagement. Thanks in part to her urging, the institute is able to engage its members in the digital world. She even gets some credit for the institute's presence, finally, in the Facebook community.

Although Anne helped us step into the digital world, she also understands the importance of personal touches, whether signing a membership request with a personal note, or offering a special gesture to institute staff.

Pumpkin Fest visitors are also familiar with Anne's sunny smile as she served hot dogs and coffee each October. She continues to volunteer there, and at the Recycle Reuse Yard Sale food concession. For many years she was "Our Lady of Lemonade," when she and hubby Pat mixed 20–30 gallons of lemonade for an appreciative Jazz Fest crowd.

As with all transitions, there is a little bitter with the sweet. We're sad to see these directors leave, but are delighted that they remain involved at the committee level. Who knows...institute bylaws permit a return to board service after a year away...Perhaps one of them will return for more!

Tracy Holliday



Memorial & Honorial Donations

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

Please see additional memorials under Sponsorships (page 18).

In memory of

Michael M. Miller of Spencer, WV

Daniel Arthur

In memory of

Steve Waltz: Jazz Fest

Steve Graham

In honor of

Dr. Doris Goldman

Blue Ridge Garden Club

In memory of

Mike Snively

Steve Graham

In memory of

Betty Casteluccio

Steve Graham

In memory of

Deborah M. Singer

donated by her close friends

In memory of

William Werzyn

Waynesboro Hospital Medical Staff Melodie Anderson-Smith & James Smith

In memory of

Emma Lohman

Colleagues of John McIntire at US Amry, Fort

Detrick DPW O&M

Carol Bailey

Cynthia Gettins

Dorothy Wetherald

In memory of

Ed Pelger

Peggy McCleary, Susie Crouse, Kathleen Kaminski & Elaine Shugart In memory of

Ed Miller

Melodie Anderson-Smith & James Smith

Ed & Marie Beck

Steve & Maxine Beck

James & Barbara Bowersox

Maryellen Schaller Burker

Doris Goldman & Family

Steve Graham

Carol Henicle

Sherry & Scott Hesse

Tracy Holliday

William F. Kaminski

Doris Large

Wayne & Debbie Martz

Susan & Larry McBride

Helen K. McCabe

David A. McCarney

Bev McFarland

Tim, Candy, Lauren Moffatt & Susan Cramer

The Monday Morning Breakfast Crew

at Brothers Restaurant

(Marty Schorn, Larry Shifflet, Pete Clark,

Frank Conway, Otto Colborg)

Mary Ann Payne

Debbie & Bill Pflager

Mr. & Mrs. J. Christopher Richwine

Pam & Bruce Rowland

Angela G. Weagly

Bequest

From the Estate of

Judge John W. Keller

A gift of \$600

SUMMStitute FUNI for Kids



Children in grades 4 to 6 were invited to **Take a Hike** during a new Summer Institute happening. Participants explored the Salty Grimes, Blue Heron and Edmajoda trails at Renfrew with institute staff members Pam Rowland (hike leader), Beth Skroban and Melodie Anderson-Smith, stopping along the way for fun, nature-related experiences. Youth volunteer Jessie Elden accompanied the group. Photo by Melodie Anderson-Smith..



Children gathered under the horse chestnut tree at Renfrew to hear some wild tales each Tuesday for several weeks last summer during the **Summer Stories** sessions. Stories were read, and a fun thematic activity followed, thanks to institute volunteers Kathy Helfrick and Jane Glenn. Summer Stories are sponsored by John and Debbie Beck. Photo by Tracy Holliday.



Young naturalists got Nose to Nose with Nature in Renfrew's pine forest and the Antietam Creek with Renfrew Institute's Director of Environmental Studies, 'Earthwalker'—Melodie Anderson Smith. Magical moments abound, such as the discovery of this Lesser Grapevine Looper Moth, a member of the inchworm family. The Nose to Nose Summer Institute experience is underwritten by Steve and Maxine Beck. Top photo by Beth Skroban, bottom photo by Tracy Holliday.



Dr. Doris Goldman, Renfrew Institute's Four-Square Garden director, invited children to join her **Down a Garden Path**. Kids dug, watered, picked and played as they learned about plants and critters in this special place where food is grown and fun is happening! Down a Garden Path is sponsored by Max Creager, in memory of Nancy Hess Creager. Photo by Pam Rowland.



It was a Perfect Day for Sizzling Summer Jazz

Jazz Fest 2017 on August 27 featured an all-star band with Vincent Herring, Conrad Herwig, Jared Gold, Paul Bollenback, and Jeff "Tain" Watts. About 1,000 music fans came out to enjoy the day!







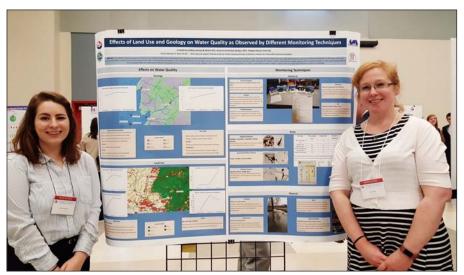








Former Institute Interns Present Work at Mind@Work Conference



Lindsey Amsley (left) and Nicole Wilt presented their oversized poster on the *Effects of Land Use and Geology on Water Quality as Observed by Different Monitoring Techniques* at the Minds@Work conference at Shippensburg University (SU) last April.

Students from all disciplines present their research and creative work during the Minds@Work event.

Geoenvironmental Studies students at SU, Lindsey and Nicole worked on the project as interns at Renfrw Institute.



Renfrew Institute staff and faculty, left to right, front row: Tracy Holliday, Andrea Struble, Beth Skroban, Melanie Desmond, Nora Slick, Melodie Anderson-Smith, Pam Rowland, Jessica Watson, Kathy Seiler, Beverly McFarland. In the tree: Doris Goldman, Jen Atkinson, Lori Schlosser.

Professional Development Field Trip to Shank's Mill





Renfrew Institute's staff visited Shank's Mill near Fairfield, Pa., for a professional development experience.

The area that the mill is located in was home to many water-powered mills, and Shank's Mill is believed to date from the early 19th century.

Current mill owners Nina and Tom Dolly provided a grand tour of the property where staff members saw the old millstones, a cider press, and authentic artifacts of the mill's past.

Professional development activities are sponsored by Richard and Peggy Walsh, Donna and Tony Haugh, and Karen and Edmund Herald.

Photos by Tracy Holliday.



















The 10th annual Salamander Scramble got underway at 8 a.m. sharp on July 4, 2017. Walking,

"scrambling" in support of Renfrew

Institute's efforts to inform and inspire, our Team Salamander was remarkable in a very special 10th-Anniversary way!

Here's what the team looked like on July 4, 2017...

- 78 Members
- 21 Youth 57 Adults
- 13 First-timers
- 8 Charter members (participation since the 1st Annual in 2008!)
- 13 Scrambled from remote locations (3 in Raystown Lake, 2 in Montana, 2 in Utah, 3 in Annapolis, 3 in Hagerstown)

Youngest Scrambler: Kensie Ledden, age 3 months Senior-most Scrambler: John Lefebure, age 74 Most Family Members: **The Mannings**, 6 present Farthest traveled: James Kim, Bethany Bui,

Bobby and Tu Mai from New Jersey

Top Fundraiser: John Kelly, Winner of Orioles tickets for four

Fundraising Details

Scrambler pledges: \$7,138 Sponsor support: \$4,750

Record Scramble net proceeds in support of

Renfrew Institute's programs...

Just over ... get ready for it... \$10,000!!!

Thanks to Our Sponsors!

LEAD SPONSOR: Arlene Unger, ReMax **Associates, Inc.**—Eco-tech Team Jerseys

Grove Bowersox Funeral Home—Icy Cool Finish Line Towels

Cornerstone Family Dentistry John Hershey, III-**Hershey Fitzsimmons Group**

WACCO Properties, Inc. Waynesboro Physical Therapy

Eichholz Flowers

Waynesboro Waterworks Car Wash

Thanks to Salamander Scramble Committee!

Jeremy Bowersox (Chair) Stephen Bui Lori Eigenbrode John Hershey Jeb Keller Sarah Klink

Fred & Beth Skroban **Bob Correll** (emeritus)

Thanks to our prize donors!

John and Erin Hershey—Orioles tickets for Four Caledonia Golf Course—Foursome golf outing River and Trail Outfitters—Mellow Water Float

Waynesboro YMCA—(2) Three-Month Memberships Gift cards from:

Active Life Solutions and Advanced Chiropractic Care -Drs. Bui and Cao

(6) \$25 discount codes for Active Life Solutions website and (1) pair of Vionic sandals

Waynesboro Municipal Golf Course

(2) 18-hole rounds/two laser caps

Mark and Sarah Klink-Outback and Amazon cards Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies-Youth class Waynesboro Water Works Car Wash-

3 Deluxe Car Wash

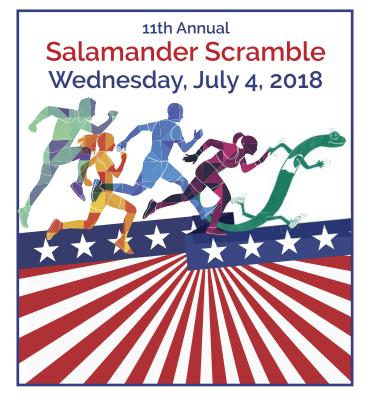
Fred Skroban-Hammer Tumblers

Thanks also to volunteers—

Jenna Moreland and Genia Gordon of Sprint/Nextel Rod and Lynn Teach and Shippensburg University intern Eric Peregord!

It takes true teamwork to create an event like this! We are so grateful for this remarkable demonstration of support of Renfrew Institute's activities in the community-

Go Team Salamander!!!



The 10th Anniversary Team Salamander Raised \$1,000 for Each of the Event's 10 years =





Renfrew Institute's Financial Health 2016-2017

Renfrew Institute Financial Statement 2016-17

(July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)

C	•		
Operating Incom	e	Operating Expe	enses
Memberships	\$33,839	Salaries, Benefits, FICA	\$20
Bequests, Memorials	7,616	(faculty & admin.)	
Student Fees	46,981	Community Events	
(schools, adult/teen wkshp & Summer I	nst.)	Fund Raisers	
Grants/Sponsorships (educ'l. programs, publications, prof. o	78,037 dev.,	Program Supplies, Printing, Po (programs, office, tech, newsle	0
tech support)	10.015	Prof'l Devel. & Chamber Mer	nberships
Grants/Sponsorships (community events)	13,317	Admin./Consult. Fees/Bank Fe	es
Grants/Today's Horizon Fund	26,000	Phone/Internet/Equip. Maint.	
Fund Raisers (Pumpkin Fest, Recycle Sale, Bay Supper, Salamander Scram		Insurance Misc. (petty cash, vol. apprec. n	ntg. snacks
Other (special projects, interest, misc.)	29,781	Facilities Contrib. (to Renfrew	Museum)
Endowment Income	7,038	Facilities Expense	
		Restricted Expense	

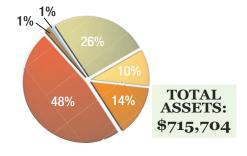
TOTAL	\$298,135
Capital Income (from operations)	\$ 0

Endowment Fund \$10,655 (donations)



\$263,843 **TOTAL Capital Expense** \$o (from operations)

Renfrew Institute Assets as of 6/30/17



1%—Checking Account: \$6,758

26%-Savings: \$186,461

<1%—Petty Cash: \$100 (not on chart)

<.5%—Equipment: (less depreciation) (not on chart) \$3,140

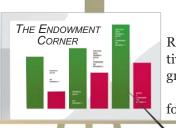
10%—M&T Money Mkt (operations reserve): \$71,642

14%—Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust: \$99,862

48%—Endowment Fund/M. Keller Fund: \$338,700 (mutual funds & bonds investments)

1%—Accounts Receivable: \$8,712

<1%—Prepaid Expenses: \$329 (not on chart)



Endowment Fund Value Holding Strong

Renfrew Institute's Endowment Fund continues to grow, thanks in part to our attentive trustees, and to favorable market conditions over the past year. Of course, that growth is also thanks in great part to the generosity of our supporting members.

Although a portion of the endowment's value lies in the financial security it provides for the future, there is great value in accessing the fund's earnings to help support our annual operations budget.

In the years since 2015–16, we've been able to put realized investment earnings to work for the organization in the here-and-now without touching the principal investment. In fact, the principal value continues to grow, standing at \$352,648.31 as of the end of December 2017. We were able to realize earnings of

\$7,038 for use in the 2016-17 operations budget, providing a valuable funding stream that helps keep the programming wheels in motion.

Thanks to the generosity of members during our annual supplemental giving campaign in 2016-17, we received 43 gifts designated for the endowment fund, totaling \$10,655 newly invested in principal. Our current endowment/ supplemental giving campaign (2017-18) has just gotten underway. If you've already made a donation, thank **you** for helping to grow this important nest egg.

Contributions to the endowment fund are accepted year round. Please make your check payable to Renfrew Institute (memo Endowment) and mail to: Renfrew Institute

> 1010 East Main Street, Suite A Waynesboro, PA 17268

You may also choose to include Renfrew Institute in your estate planning, or by making a gift of appreciated stock. Such gifts may be designated in support of our endowment, or for current use as we serve the community with programming today! Please call our office at (717) 762-0373 or email us at info@renfrewinstitute.org for more information.

Our sincere thanks to the following individuals and businesses that have made endowment donations since our last Streamside publication:

\$1,000-\$2,500

Leonora Bernheisel Greg & Debi Duffey William & Diane Nitterhouse Foundation John & Peggy Maynes Lucinda Potter, CPA Martz Plumbing, Heating & AC Angela Weagly

\$500-\$999

Mike Beck Carl & Bonnie Monk **Eunice Statler** Angela Grove Weagly Lynn MacBride

Thanks so much...
...forhelping us grow!

\$100-\$499

David & Ethel Boon Rob & Kathy Bostic Grace & Bob Brown George & Martha Buckey Matt & Megan Burton Bob & Terri Dee Paul Dunlap & Barbara Shank Dunlap Bill & Twila Flohr Franklin County **Conservation District** Bill & Liz George Steve Graham Dean & Dorothy Hebb Gregg & Lois Hershberger Blaine Holliday Melissa Graham Johns John & Martha Dudley Keller Barbara Kercheval Jerry & Mary Jo Kowallis Gregory & Diana Lyon Loftus Walter & Karen Manderson Noelker & Hull Associates Matt & Tana Over **Betsy Payette**

\$100-\$499 Continued

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Richwine James & Barbara Rock Dr. & Mrs. Earl O. Strimple Doug Tengler Cole & Kathy Werble

\$1-\$99

Blubaugh's Tire & Wheel Sales Jane & Ernie Charlesworth Susan Cipperly Ronald H. & Mary Jane Collins **Becky Deitrich** Barry & Lisa Donohoe Walter & Catherine Gembe Gregg Hershberger Vicki Hess Tracy Holliday & Kevin Ledden Beverly McFarland Ann Miller H. Clayton Mover Mary Ellen Selvaggio & Patric Schlee Melodie & James Smith John Stouffer Mr. & Mrs. Michael Szynal Karen's Custom Framing

Greg & Laura White

Bill & Debbie Pflager



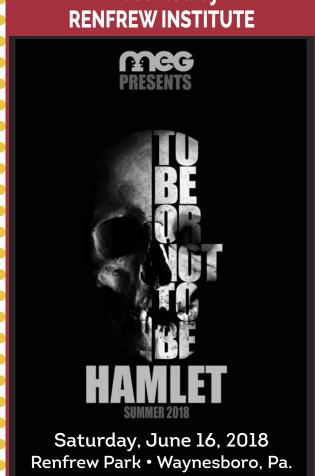
Four-Square Garden Class Quilt

Kathy Helfrick created this beautiful quilt, which gives students a bird's eye view of the four-square garden before they begin their garden activities. It is used to teach the children about the various garden beds and plants, as well as the symbolism of garden's design. Many thanks to Kathy for the gift of this lovely and colorful teaching tool!



COMING THIS SUMMER!

Presented by



Something wicked this way comes...

Annual Halloween Stories sent chills up the spine for a fun evening of spooky entertainment.



Storyteller Jennifer Vanderau (in photo above—which one is Jennifer?) held a rapt crowd spellbound during Halloween Stories. The event is sponsored by Patriot Federal Credit Union. Photo by Tracy Holliday.



Assistant director, Jessica Watson prepares the crowd for an evening of spooky tales. Photo by Tracy Holliday.



Playing in the Creek...

Is WaterStrider Jack Hubbard contemplating making Melodie Anderson-Smith take a full plunge into the chilly waters of Antietam Creek? Or is he just holding that heavy thing (a rock-weighted leaf pack) until Melodie needs it? Being a stream monitor can be fun! Photo by Kirsten Hubbard.







New volunteers always welcome! Email to: pbrowland@embargmail.com or call 717-642-8802.

Garden Volunteers Keep Us Growing!

All year round, a dedicated group of volunteers works to keep Renfrew Institute's Four Square Garden beautifully maintained. The care provided by all these "green thumbs" is reflected in the bountiful garden!

Thanks for all your time and effort! 2016-17 Four Square Garden Volunteers:

Becky Alfeld **Barb Bailey** Carol Bailey Cookie Beck Maxine Beck **Shelley Benchoff** Ben Bender Jane Birt

JoEtta Brown Carolyn Crampton Leitha Rountree Trey Gelbach Priscilla Harsh Mike Hill Diane Keeney Pat McClain

Kathy Morrisey Andy Rovelstad Maggie Rovelstad Lew Thomas Marilou Thomas Marty Zimmerman

GARDEN WISH LIST:

- Wheelbarrow for everyday use, modern is fine.
- A couple of 1800s-style wheelbarrows, one small "child size" and one medium-size (often available on eBay).
- Children's garden gloves (15 pairs)
- Wariety of gardening implements:

 - Small sledgehammer
 - Pitchforks (2)
 - Pruning shears (3)







New Members! 2016–17 and 2017–18

Donald Arrowood
Maria Bakner
Mr. & Mrs. David Biser
James Clapsaddle
Melanie Desmond
Preston & Emily Dunn
Andrew Everetts
Rachel Frick
John & Priscilla Harsh
Jean Haugh

Christina Kostka
Riley & Dilara Ledden
Sharon Magee
Joseph Mieczkowski
Matt & Donna Rhodes
Clint & Rhonda Rock
Jim Rowan & Mary Matson Rowan
Dean & Sally Thomas
Jessica & Matt Watson
Lawrence & Sharon Williams





Renewal Reminder

We are grateful for the many membership renewals coming in daily. If you haven't renewed your membership, please consider doing so today!

We need and value your support!

Renew Online
Use link on homepage at:

www.renfrewinstitute.org

Or call us for a renewal form, 717-762-0373

THANK YOU FOR "GOING DIGITAL"

Your decision to receive an electronic version of *Streamside* helps Renfrew Institute to save time, money, paper and other resources!

We hope you enjoy this digital issue of *Streamside*



RENFREW INSTITUTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Jay Heefner, President Donna Haugh, Vice-President Renee Preso, Treasurer Judy Papoutsis, Secretary Judy Beam Maxine Beck Megan Shea Burton Terry T. Eisenhauer Andy Everetts Steve Graham Karen H. Herald John R. Hershey III Jeb Keller Sarah Klink Sean McFarland Richard Walsh

RENFREW INSTITUTE STAFF
Tracy Holliday,
Executive Director
Jessica Watson,
Assistant Director
Pam Rowland,
Director of Cultural Studies
Melodie Anderson-Smith,
Director of Environmental Studies

Beverly McFarland,
Accounts Manager
Andrea Struble,
Director of Public Relations
Jen Atkinson, Faculty
Melanie Desmond, Faculty
Doris Goldman, Faculty and
Director of Four-Square Garden
Lori Schlosser, Faculty
Kathy Seiler, Faculty
Beth Skroban, Faculty and
Director of Textile Studies
Nora Slick, Faculty

2018 Calendar of Events — See our website for details!

All events supported in part by Today's Horizon Fund contributors: The Nora Roberts Foundation; Alma W. Oyer; APX Enclosures, Inc.; The Carolyn Terry Eddy Family: Carolyn, with daughters Connie Fleagle & Kim Larkin; and the The John R. Hershey Jr. and Anna L. Hershey Family Foundation.

Note: Events that occurred before the publication date of this issue of Streamside have been included here. Many of these events happen annually...be sure to check our online calendar!

"SOAR" Fall/Winter Bird Walks 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Sept. 2-March 17 7:30 to 10 a.m. • Renfrew Park

Larry & Sharon Williams lead bi-weekly bird walks along park trails. Free.

Creatures of the Night: Family Owl Walk Thurs., Nov. 2 • 6 p.m. Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Naturalist Lori Schlosser conducts a walk to areas of Renfrew Park likely to attract owls. Pre-registration required. Free.

Solar Eclipse Event Follow-up with Todd Toth Thurs., Nov. 16 6:30 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

NASA scientist Todd Toth discusses the August 21 eclipse and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Free.

Star Party Thurs., Dec. 7 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Backyard of the Renfrew Museum house, Renfrew Park

In partnership with the Tri-State Astronomers. A telescope viewing of the night sky. Free.

NASA's Citizen Science Programs Thurs., Jan. 11 • 6:30 p.m. Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

NASA's Todd Toth discusses citizen science program, GLOBE. Free.

Ukrainian Egg Workshop Sat., Jan. 20, 2018 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Create a pysanka, an intricately decorated egg, using techniques of the traditonal Ukrainian folk craft. Hands-on instruction by Holly Olszewski. Workshop Fee: \$25 for RI members, \$30/non-member. 15 & up, limit 10.

Astronomy: What Cassini Told Us About Saturn Thurs., February 1 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Presented in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers. Dr. Lawrence Marschall discusses the dramatic end of the Cassini spacecraft mission to Saturn. Free.

Creatures of the Night: Adult Owl Walk Thurs., February 8 • 6 p.m. (snow date TBA). Meet at Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Naturalist Lori Schlosser conducts an outdoor walk to areas of Renfrew Park likely to attract owls. Pre-walk information session. Age 15 & up. Limit 60. Pre-registration required. Free.

Lecture Series 2018: Keep the Wheels Turning I Thurs. March 8 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

The Wheel That Grinds: Mills in Renfrew's Past. Archaeologist Will Sheppard presents a program on on the mills associated with the Royers, who settled the Renfrew property in the early 19th century. Free.

Telescope Clinic—How to Use Your Telescope! Sat., March 10 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Presented in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers. Maximize your use of a telescope. Pre-register for consultation time. Free.

Lecture Series 2018: Keep the Wheels Turning II Thurs. March 15 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Keeping Antique Cars Rolling Along. Bill Calimer presents a program on antique automobile wheels and how they are replicated for use today. Free.

Renfrew Rocks! The Rock Detective Strikes Again Thurs., April 5 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

In partnership with the Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club. Geologist Jeri Jones presents a fun and educational program on the geology of the area between Gettysburg and Interstate 81. Free.

"SOAR" Spring Bird Walks Sat., April 7-May 26 • 7:30-10 a.m. Renfrew Park

Naturalist Jack Olzewski leads weekly bird walks along trails in Renfrew Park. Walks begin at the lower parking lot off Welty Road. Free.

Joint Program with Antietam Watershed Association Thurs. in April, TBA • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

An educational program of local or regional environmental interest. Free.

Kite Fly Sat., April 14 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Field behind Museum house Free kite flying with expert help from Kite Masters Sam and George Adams. Bring your own kite. Build a Kite workshop 11:00 a.m.–12:30, \$1.

Earth Celebration Day/Festival of Art/Recycle Yard Sale Sat., April 28 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Yard Sale, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Earth Day Renfrew Park grounds

Environmental exhibits, live music, food stand, and drum circle. Area artists will display, demonstrate, and sell their works. Shop or sell at yard sale!

Geology Field Trip: Stomping Through Time Sat., May 5 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Meet at Visitors Center, Renfrew Park Geologist Jeri Jones takes us "Stomping Through Time: The Great Valley and South Mountain." Visit Specialty Granules (the "grit" mill) in Blue Ridge Summit, a prehistoric quarry, and other local sites. More details TBA. Adults only, age 15 and up. Transportation by bus only, provided. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$50. Renfrew Institute member

Public Forum: Tiny Creatures—Big Trouble Thurs., May 17 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

discount: \$5 per seat. Bring bag lunch.

Experts discuss ticks and the many problems they cause. Landscaping solutions and tips for staying tick free provided. Organized by Institute intern & Penn State University senior, Ben Bender. Free.

Youth Festival Sunday, May 27 • 1–5 p.m. • Renfrew Park Grounds This fun, free event features a variety of workshops, demonstrations, activities, exhibits, and entertainment throughout the day. Theme TBA.

Birding Field Trips to Gettysburg Battlefield Sat., June 2 & 9 7:30 a.m. to approx. 10 a.m. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Virginia Memorial on Confederate Avenue, on Gettysburg battlefield

Led by naturalist Jack Olszewski. RSVP appreciated. For more information or directions, call Jack at 301-241-3846, or RI at 717-762-0373. Free.

Summer Institute June & July, dates and details TBA

A variety of fun, educational activities for kids throughout the summer.

Shakespeare in Park Sat., June 16 • Time TBA Renfrew Museum Back Yard

MEG (Maryland Entertainment Group) touring production of Hamlet. Free.

Bay Supper Fundraiser Friday, June 22 • 5:30 p.m. • Waynesboro Country Club

Members, friends, and families come together to support the institute with food, fun, and frolic. Bay-themed menu with steamed blue crabs and Bay-related activities. Silent and live auctions. Reservations required.

Salamander Scramble Wed., July 4 • 8 a.m. • Waynesboro Summer Jubilee

Held in conjunction with Fourth of July Jubilee Firecracker 5K Run. Lace up your running/walking shoes and join Team Salamander as we "scramble" around Waynesboro to raise funds for Renfrew Institute.

Jazz Festival Sunday, August 26 • 2–4 p.m. • Renfrew Museum Yard Annual jazz festival spotlights top professional artists with stellar performances that light up the outdoor stage with hot summer jazz. Details TBA.

Pumpkin Festival Sat., Oct. 20 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m. • Renfrew Park Exciting pumpkin-chuckin' trebuchet, pumpkin carving, hayrides, live music, activities and fun games. Fundraising event benefits both Renfrew Institute & Renfrew Museum and Park. Admission fee.

Halloween Stories Wed., Oct. 24 • 6:30–8 p.m. Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Annual evening of spooky tales featuring a local storyteller. Free.

Check our online calendar at www.renfrewinstitute.org for details on these & other great programs and events!



