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Renfrew Museum and Park

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Christmas on the Farm



Photo Credit—Noel Kline

Renfrew kicks off Christmas on the Farm by hosting the Chamber Mixer each year. Over 150 attended the Chamber Mixer, combined with a volunteer appreciation celebration, and were treated to refreshments and hors d'oeuvres and a sneak peek of the Museum House.

Christmas on the Farm welcomed a record number of guests during our three day event. The Museum House, Summer Kitchen and the McCracken House on Welty Road were open and fully decorated for walk through tours. This was the first time in five years Barb McCracken graciously opened her home to the public. Warmer temperatures offered guests the opportunity to walk back and forth between the Renfrew property and the McCracken House.

The Visitor Center was the first stop along the tour. Admission was paid and guests munched on Christmas cookies and sipped cider before picking up their 3D glasses and taking a seat in the Wagon Shed. Guests were treated to a 20 minute 3D Victorian Christmas stereoscope story.

After leaving the Wagon Shed, guests

walked over to the Summer Kitchen on a path lined by luminaries. Inside the Summer Kitchen, guests were greeted by a crackling fire, an upside down Christmas tree and two knowledgeable interpreters. Luminaries led the way past the Milk House to the Museum House. On the front porch a beautiful bell tower was decorated. The bell was the original bell that sat atop the Milk House and could be heard at various times during the weekend.

Stepping into the Museum House kitchen was taking a step back in time and personified an 1800's experience. The kitchen is a simple representation of how the Royers lived.

Entering the dining room was breathtaking. Guests were greeted by the festive lights, trees, and a stunning dining room table setting. The sounds of the holiday season were provided by the Weavers playing Christmas music on Friday and Saturday night and the Johnson family singing harmonious carols in the dining room on Sunday. The rest of the house offered a more traditional feel. This years decorating committee incorporated various types of bells into the holiday theme.

Including the Chamber Mixer, Volunteer Appreciation, and Christmas on the Farm, Renfrew welcomed over 1,000 visitors during our event. These events wouldn't be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers who spend countless hours decorating and staffing the house to ensure our guests have a memorable experience.

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“ The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

- Abraham Lincoln

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Holiday Teas



The Museum House is simply beautiful during December. We wanted to offer additional opportunities for guests to visit us and experience Christmas on the Farm. Our staff decided to offer holiday teas. What better way to spend an afternoon? Why not gather your family and friends and treat yourself to a unique holiday experience?

Our inaugural holiday tea season welcomed two enthusiastic groups. The ladies opted for a full tea and concluded the day with private Museum House tours.

Holiday Tours



We understand our three day Christmas on the Farm event doesn't fit into everyone's schedule so this year we offered private group tours after Christmas on the Farm weekend.

It was a cold, brisk morning when fifteen residents from Quincy Village enjoyed tours of the Summer Kitchen and Museum House. That afternoon we welcomed some of the WASHS Class of '62. Tours were given by Renfrew staff member, Cindy Fink.

On December 12, forty ladies from Christ United Methodist Church joined us. Although it was a chilly day and snowflakes were falling from the sky, guests kept warm eating tomato bisque soup and drinking piping hot teas. Lunch included teas, soup, and sandwiches followed by delectable desserts.

The following week we were joined by the Fairview Feisty Falcons, a group of eighteen retired teachers. The Feisty Falcons chose Renfrew as the site for their monthly meeting with a fun holiday twist. The ladies opted for the same menu as our previous tea with scrumptious bean salad instead of soup.

The teas were a great success. If you are interested in booking tea for your group of 15 or more please call Kim Eichelberger at 717-762-4723.

Guests were able to gaze at the absolutely festive decorations and enjoy the gorgeous holiday atmosphere without being rushed.

The classmates and guests enjoyed the visit and were reunited with John Curfman, a Renfrew employee. Guests complimented the Museum House and upside down Christmas tree in the Summer Kitchen.

By offering group tours we were able to accommodate groups and people with special needs. Some members of our tour groups came to the Christmas on the Farm weekend and they shared their experience with friends who were curious about seeing the house and grounds.



Reserving a private tour made it easier for these guests to get around without worrying about the crowds during our three day event.

We will offer group tours next December. Please call the office to reserve your private group tour of at least 15 people. Bus tours are welcome.



Traveling Trunk

We invite you to enjoy an outreach program from Renfrew Museum and Park. Our Traveling Trunk program provides information about Renfrew's history and our role in preserving and cataloging our artifacts. However, our main intent is to engage your group in active discussion, questions and answers, and the best part—telling stories evoked by these artifacts.

The Traveling Trunk program comes to you when you aren't able to make it out to Renfrew. Our volunteers bring artifacts and history directly to your group at your facility. This program is suited for small groups who enjoy an interactive and hands-on program.

The Traveling Trunk is geared for adult populations - not children or large lecture type groups.

The Royer family story is shared and participants can get their hands on some of the blacksmithing and tannery tools used in the 1800's. The group is engaged because artifacts are passed around the room. It's a very interactive program led by one of our seasoned volunteers and an assistant. They field questions from the group and the presentation takes about an hour.

When you have something in your hands, you're involved. You're engaged. You enjoy yourself. Think



of it as more of an activity than a lecture. Last year the traveling trunk visited ten facilities and engaged over one hundred guests as they walked back in time. There is a nominal fee for the Traveling Trunk program. Your own onsite program can be reserved by calling Alice Noll at 717-762-1573.

Christmas Dinner Auction Meal



Emma Nicodemus loved to host dinner parties and welcome friends into her home. We hope we made her proud on December 9 when we hosted four couples who won a private five course meal paired with wines auctioned at Oktoberfest.

John and Deb Beck, Jeff and Cheryl Gehr, Denny and Kim Shockey and Bill and Karen Adams were welcomed by a crackling fire in the Museum House kitchen and snacked on cheese and crackers paired with wine. They were given a private tour of the home by Barb McCracken, a volunteer who decorated the home for Christmas on the Farm.

Downstairs, using the stove that Emma Nicodemus owned, Chef Ron Berger and David Hykes prepared New England Clam Chowder, assorted breads, a garden salad with vinaigrette dressing and cheese, lobster Thermador, herb roasted Cornish game hen, pork tenderloin medallions, wild rice, and seasonal vegetables.

After the tour, guests returned to the dining room. Christmas music played softly in the background. Board Members and volunteers served the courses and cleared dishes away. Guests thanked them for a wonderful evening and dining experience. The meal concluded with a dessert sampling of mini cheese cakes, pumpkin custard, chocolate truffles, and berry crumble.

At Oktoberfest, we are considering two other dining options at Renfrew. These may be a Valentine's Meal in the Summer Kitchen for four or savory stew and homemade breads in the Fahnestock House for six guests.



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Volunteer Meeting

Renfrew has the best volunteers. We are looking to add more dynamic people to our team. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization and assist us with our biggest events throughout the year.

On March 21 at 4 pm we will host an informational meeting in the Wagon Shed for anyone interested in volunteering at Renfrew.

Whatever your schedule or limitations, Renfrew will work with you. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the year and we need help every step of the way to ensure the house and grounds are in order for our guests.

Whether you have an hour a week or more in a month we'd love to have you attend this meeting to hear more about the volunteer opportunities Renfrew has to offer throughout the year.

The meeting will be about an hour and we will have volunteer packets on hand, along with a Categories of Volunteering form you can fill out. If you are interested in being a tour guide/interpreter, you will be trained prior to volunteering the first time.



There is nothing bigger than the heart of a volunteer. -Unknown

Volunteer duties include:

- Assisting in the office on Saturday
- Baking cookies or brownies
- Being a docent/house interpreter
- Decorating the Museum House
- Fundraising assistance
- Gardening and Weeding
- Gift Shop Sales
- Guide for the outbuildings
- Helping with registration for events
- Membership promotion
- Newsletter mailing
- Parade Walkers
- Parking Assistance for events
- Planting flowers
- Rack Card Distribution
- Signage help with small & large signs

Calendar of Events

March 21— Volunteer Meeting 4 pm

March 31— Easter Egg Hunt— sponsored by the Brothers of the Brush

April 14—Museum Opening Day

April 14—Flora, Fauna, and Folkways of Earlier Times Art Show in the Wagon Shed through June 30

June 7—Blaskapelle Shippensburg German Band Summer Concert, 7 pm

June 14—Tresa Day Summer Concert, 7 pm

June 18—Lewis and Clark Air Rifle Program, Ernie Cowan, 7 pm

June 21—New Horizon Band Concert, 7 pm

June 28—Center of Gravity Summer Concert, 7 pm

July 5—Drews Adams Summer Concert, 7 pm

July 12—Mateo Monk Summer Concert, 7 pm

July 14 - Second Annual A Day in the Life of the Royer Children - sponsored by John and Deb Beck

July 19—Rob Rowe Summer Concert, 7 pm

July 26—Lucky Punk Summer Concert, 7 pm

August 2—New Horizon Pops Ensemble Summer Concert, 7 pm

August 9—Wayne Band Summer Concert, 7 pm

August 11— Royer Farmstead Day

August 11 and 12 -Civil War Encampment

August 16—Mountain Ride Summer Concert , 7 pm

August 23—US Navy Band, Commodores, Summer Concert, 7 pm

August 30—Slackwater 4, Summer Concert, 7 pm

October 6—Oktoberfest

October 20—Pumpkin Festival

December 7, 8, & 9 -Christmas on the Farm



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff Spotlight: Kim Eichelberger



Photo credit—Trey Gelbach

Kim Eichelberger has been Renfrew's Media and Volunteer Coordinator since October 2016. A 1994 graduate of Shepherd University, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications and a minor in Political Science.

Her dream job after college was to become a female sportscaster. In the spring of 1995, she accepted a job as Public Relations Director with the Hagerstown Suns minor league baseball team. An Atlanta Braves fan growing up, the highlight of her job in sports marketing was attending the 1996 baseball Winter Meetings in New Orleans and listening to keynote speaker Dale Murphy. At this event she met Murphy and got his autograph.

After leaving the Suns in 1998, Kim worked for TransIT Services of Frederick County (MD) as their Transportation Coordinator. Her duties included creating all the marketing brochures, ads, bus schedules, writing grants, and implementing a Code Red Ride free day when air quality was deemed unhealthy. She represented Frederick County on various transportation committees in Washington DC, Annapolis and Baltimore, Maryland.

Kim was also the Executive Director of the Washington Heritage Trail, a national scenic byway in WV. She also consulted for MABB (Mountainstate Association of Bed and Breakfasts) and assisted with marketing for their organization.

For the last five and a half years Kim has run a successful network marketing business and earned four incentive trips to the Rivera Maya and Punta Cana for her and her husband.

While at Shepherd, she met her husband Larry. On a 1998 trip to Disney, Larry proposed to Kim in front of Cinderella's Castle and they married in May of 1999.

The couple has three daughters; Kayla, Ashley and Camryn. They are all active in sports and school activities at Smithsburg middle and high school.

Sports were a big part of Kim's youth. She played baseball with the boys for four years since girls softball wasn't offered. In high school she played varsity field hockey and softball and was a cheerleader. After graduation, she went back to her alma mater and coached junior varsity field hockey. When her daughters were younger, Kim coached for Waynesboro Area Girls Softball league.

Although she no longer coaches, Kim volunteers in a variety of ways with school activities and sports events. She has volunteered to chaperone school activity nights and field trips. When not on the sidelines cheering her daughters on at sporting events, she actively volunteers behind the scenes. She's a Team Mom, photographer, and assists with fundraising efforts.

When she has free time, Kim enjoys traveling and watching Duke Blue Devil basketball and the Dallas Cowboys football team.

Museum Needs



- **Community Partnership Opportunities:** Renfrew is excited to offer three new community partnership levels to sponsor park events and programs. Please contact Kim Eichelberger or Dade Royer for additional information.
- We are in search of old tea cups and saucers still in good condition. Our holiday teas were a success this year and we'd like to continue offering them. If you are willing to donate tea cups and saucers please contact the office.
- **Newsletter Sponsors:** The total cost per printing is \$450. The newsletter features your business card or simply a "sponsored by" section with your name if you do not have a business to represent. Please contact Kim Eichelberger.
- **Pottery Case:** The cost of expanding and building cases for the Bell pottery collection was roughly \$18,000. If you would like to help offset this cost, please contact Dade Royer.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these endeavors, you do not have to give the full amount. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.

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Our Mission— Our mission is to preserve, enhance, promote, and interpret the Royer family Pennsylvania German farmstead, the Nicodemus and Bell collections, and the surrounding Park.

Our Vision— Our vision is to be a welcoming and memorable destination where everyone can walk back in time.

Our Values—

Integrity—With honesty and truth, we will adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards in all our endeavors.

Authenticity—We will interpret with historical accuracy all of our exhibits, collections, programs, and events.

Excellence—We will be exceptional in everything we do.

To renew your membership or to become a member, please contact Judy Elden or visit our website and go to the “Join” tab for more information.

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