



# NEWSLETTER

CURATOR'S COMMENTS: JULY, 1977; A summary of activities at Renfrew Museum

ATTENDANCE. In the preceding 28 day period from June 7 through July 3, paid attendance at the Museum was 282. Of those visitors, 229 or 82% represented individual or family visits without reservations: while 53 or 18% represented group or individual visits with prior reservations. Visitors came every day the Museum was normally open. This attendance shows an 8% increase over the similar period of 1976.

ACQUISITION OF TWO DISPLAY CASES. As of the last Board meeting a decision was made to purchase one display case and another upon the recommendation of the interim curator. Both cases have been purchased for a total of \$80.00 and have been transported to the Museum where they are presently stored in the basement. Both cases need to be cleaned and painted and the top sheet of glass of one needs to be replaced.

JACOB WOLF WATCHPAPER. The watchpaper has been returned from the framers, completely catalogued, and added to our insurance inventory. It is on display in the Master Bedroom along side the William Homerton pocket watch.

THE ART OF RENFREW. The exhibit opened with a reception on Thursday evening, July 7, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.. Approximately 140 invitations were sent and the guests numbered between 70 and 80. Phyllis Good, the featured artist, was in the Gallery to greet visitors and discuss her paintings. A lovely table was planned by Blanche Dukehart and Mary Jane Miller with flowers by Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of the Antietam Garden Club, and was attended by Mrs. John Baylor and her daughters, Amy and Beth. The opening was a success and the exhibit will continue through August 14.

TRIP TO ANNAPOLIS. On Tuesday, July 12, a trip to Annapolis was made by the volunteer staff and friends of Renfrew. It was organized by Blanche Dukehart, Frances Miller, and Mary Jane Miller. In the morning, the group toured historic Annapolis, visiting 3 historic houses; the Paca House, the Chase-Lloyd House, and the Hammond-Harwood House. During the afternoon, everyone was on their own to do what they pleased. The trip was enjoyed by all, and we hope to plan another in the near future.

MUSIC IN THE PARK. Two musical events and a possible third have been planned for the summer. On Sunday, July 17, the Wayne Band of Waynesboro will provide an hour of music beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the picnic area. On Sunday, August 7, Todd Kline, a classical guitarist from Waynesboro, will give a recital on the back lawn. In both instances, the public will be invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an hour of music.

THE AGNES HARBAUGH MEMORIAL FUND. During the past month Renfrew has received two contributions in memory of Agnes Newman Harbaugh. The two contributors were Helen S. Ziegler of Greencastle, PA. and Barbara Newman Findlay of Fairfield, Conn. These donations bring the memorial fund total to \$1243.08.

BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION. A plan for brochure distribution has been drawn up to utilize a portion of the 5000 brochures printed this spring and to provide greater exposure of Renfrew Museum and Park to the people of Waynesboro and surrounding communities as well as visitors to the area. With the help of Mary Jane Miller and Blanche Dukehart, the brochures will be distributed throughout Waynesboro and surrounding areas like Blue Ridge Summit, Chambersburg, Greencastle, Hagerstown, and Mercersburg. Types of distribution centers will include antique shops, Chambers of Commerce, historical societies, hotels/motels, libraries, museums, and some restaurants.