

# Streamside

Newsletter of the Renfrew Institute

## MISSION STATEMENT

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



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## Twenty-four...

Renfrew Institute has reached a new milestone—total pages in this *Streamside* issue just hit 24!!

This says much about the organization, its people, its programs, its value in the community.

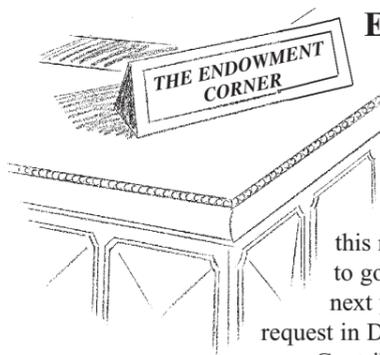
First, its people. You will see pages of names...contributing members, sponsors, spotlighted individuals, board members and other volunteers, accountants, staff members, miscellaneous gift givers, endowment donors, program presenters, water quality monitors, writers, readers, even those who have left this life, yet bequeathed Renfrew Institute before doing so. Hundreds, no thousands, of people are part of what we are, what we do, and how we do it.

Second, the institute’s programs—They pop up throughout the pages: school programs like *Marvin Visits Earth*, *EarthSeekers*, *Four-Squares* (garden) and *LifeSavers of the Chesapeake Bay*; adult lectures on geology and weaving, environmental issues and the planet Pluto; adult workshops on chair caning, fly-fishing and fly-tying; after-school watershed education for *WaterStriders*; summer institute for kids with activities from nature to heritage crafts; summer story-time for young ones; birdwalks and trips for older ones; community events for everyone. This list is the seasonal short one. The annual total list is too long to print at one time!

Third, the value of Renfrew Institute in the community—You, the members, volunteers, teachers, participants, sponsors, givers and receivers have collectively carried our organization from its beginning in 1990 to its present. You have voted with your involvement, at all levels. You have expressed, in so many ways, your belief in the mission of Renfrew Institute. You have supported our work and have made clear to others that what we are and what we do is important to our local and regional communities.

As our editor, Andrea Struble put it, “Wow, so many pages! What a great problem!” We laughed together and said, “So, do we go to 24?” The answer was somewhere in the depth of all those people, all those programs and all that community value within the text... all that just wouldn’t fit on 20 pages anymore. Thanks for your part in taking us to 24!

Melodie Anderson-Smith



## Endowment Corner—Endowment Fund Tops \$100,000!

with George P. Buckey, Chair, Endowment Trustees

Our sincere *THANK YOU* to the following members and friends who made contributions to Renfrew Institute's endowment fund in response to our winter supplemental giving campaign. Contributions are still coming in, so additional names will appear in the next newsletter.

Total new donations for 2007-08 have reached an incredible \$44, 573! With this new infusion, the entire fund will grow to \$106,731! Of course we have a long way to go to reach our goal of one million dollars. Please keep Renfrew Institute in mind for next year and, if possible, put a few dollars aside for this fund again. You will receive the request in December 2008.

Contributions are welcome year round. Please make your check payable to Renfrew Institute (memo "endowment") and send to: Renfrew Institute, 1010 E. Main St., Waynesboro, PA 17268. For information about including Renfrew Institute in your estate planning, please call our office 717-762-0373 or email us at renfrewinst@innernet.net. *The following is a list of endowment donors for 2007-08 (to date):*

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## Membership Meetings Announced

### Renfrew Institute Election Meeting:

Monday, April 21, 2008 • 6:45 PM  
Visitor Center

Institute members in good standing are invited to participate in the election of new board members. The slate of candidates has not been finalized as of this printing, but will be available upon request soon.

[Note: Suggestions for future nominees can be made by contacting a member of the Nominating & Governance Committee. See pg. 18] Call 717-762-0373 or email renfrewinst@innernet.net

### Renfrew Institute Annual Meeting:

Monday, July 21, 2008 • 6:45 PM  
Visitor Center



## Pumpkin Fest '07 a Success!

Renfrew Institute and Renfrew Museum gained excellent profits again last fall during the 2007 Pumpkin Festival. After \$3,361.45 in expenses were covered, the net proceeds were \$6,184.55—that's \$3,092.27 for each organization!

Underwriting support from M&T Bank and sponsorship of 4,500 advertising placemats by Linda Barkdoll/Ronnie Martin Realty helped greatly with the bottom line. A big *thank you* to the many attendees, and to volunteers and staff who worked very hard to make the event profitable and enjoyable. In addition to the underwriters mentioned above, we thank the other businesses and organizations that helped through donations of money and in-kind support. [Note: A complete list of those who helped with Pumpkin Fest 2007 appears on page 18.]

**Put Pumpkin Fest 2008 on your calendar now — SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008.**

## Downstream

with Melodie Anderson-Smith

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

### For the Birds—Stop Mowing This Spring *And* Feed Birds Next Winter...While You Relax!

They came anyway...the birds, that is. I have been feeding the birds in my yard for years. But this year as the holiday season wound down I sadly realized that I had let the little guys down—no feeding stations, no watering holes, just a couple of suet cakes for emergency rations. Me, the nature lady, how could I have allowed *that* to happen? Still, I learned something from this guilt-producing situation.

Much to my delight, the two-legged and the four-legged returned to our yard anyway. Maybe they just didn't leave. There isn't the usual feeder frenzy, but still, there's lots of coming and going from the suet, *and* chowing down on left over seeds from fall flowers, crabapples and berries, fungi, acorns, walnuts and clover.

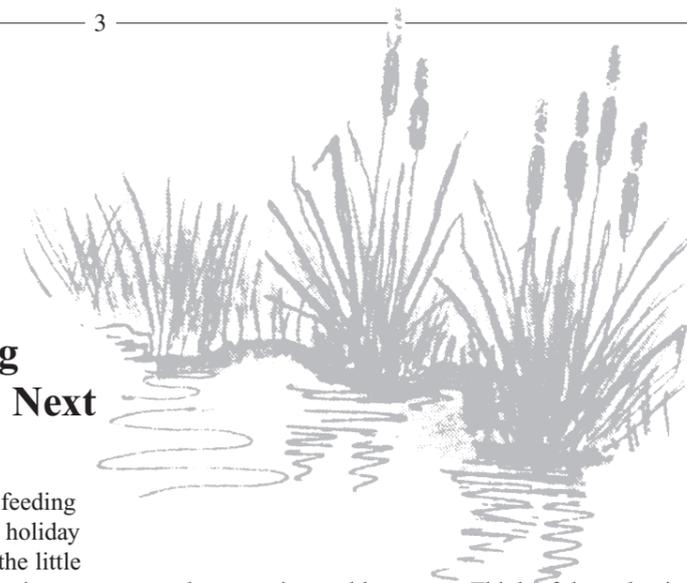


*Feeding our fine feathered friends in the winter might be easier than you think.*

Though we are new to this property, we have begun adding seasonal vegetables and perennials to the former owners' many flowerbeds. The animals love it! Maybe I don't have to spend hours of work maintaining feeders and forking out money for winter bird food. Maybe I just need to think ahead during the warm seasons and plan for wildlife the easy way.

An article in Natural Resources Defense Council's winter 2008 journal, *On Earth*, focused on the importance of backyard habitats, the kind certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Maybe some of you have such certification? If so, kudos! The rest of us could strive to achieve this too. Even if we don't rate the certification, we can collectively make a huge difference in the "greening" (eco-friendliness) of our community. Just think, if all the yards in the neighborhood designated only 1/8, or even a 10'x10' square, of the existing grass lawn on each property to be planted with native grasses, perennials, shrubs and trees—in other words, taken out of mowing—what a bonanza for our wildlife!

That sounds like a lot of work, but may not be, especially if it's done in small steps...and especially if it



means less mowing and lawn care. Think of the reduction in water use, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides needed to keep those perfect lawns perfect! Who knows, homeowners may catch a "no mow" fever that could be epidemic! I'm not talking weeds here—neglected, overgrown and undesirable growth. In contrast, I'm suggesting native beauty and wild food bounty found in attractive swaths filled with flowers, tall grasses and shrubs.

There are many programs (with supportive research) promoting wildlife corridors. Our backyard habitats, strung together yard-to-yard, could provide those corridors. The critters would have a hey-day! If you live along a creek, all the better. It's always a good idea to provide water, especially in very dry times. I've noticed the birds and squirrels drinking from snow-melt, but in times of deep-freeze or summer drought they can benefit from extra water sources (i.e. heated birdbaths in winter).

Speaking of creeks and wildlife corridors, mown areas along creek banks can be turned into wildlife plantings (unmown) that are essential to animals living in riparian (creekside) zones, and critical to reduction of nutrients in our streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Pathways (mown or mulched) can meander through beautiful creekbank wildlife plantings (native grasses, flowers, shrubs, trees) to small, cozy alcoves along the bank, providing beautiful human access areas without mowing the entire bank area.

### *Effects of global warming?*

About a hundred robins descended on our crabapple tree in mid-February. Fortunately for the robins, the resident cardinals had left lots of fruit still hanging. Though this occurrence may not be unusual of late, the point is this... more migrators will be coming through earlier in spring (and later in fall), so we should be planting for them. A few beautiful southern exotic plants (provided they are *not* invasive) might even make sense for our northern gardens in the near future. The butterflies, bees and birds that pollinate them and/or feed from them will likely be moving north too, as permanent residents!

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## Missing Pieces—Robin & Family Fly North



Robin Shipman with the rocket her family designed and built for the program, Marvin Visits Earth.

They just couldn't resist the opportunity to purchase the house they always wanted on an island in the Niagara River where Robin Shipman grew up. On a visit to see family, there it was—the "for sale" sign, on that beautiful farm house—and a door opening. All

fell into place as Robin, Bryce and three of their children (Emily, Julia, Joshua) made the decision to move to Grand Island, New York. They will depart in May.

Robin, known to Renfrew Institute school students as *Robin's Nest*, has been a tremendous addition to the institute's faculty staff. She took on several primary level

environmental programs juggling teaching at Renfrew with home schooling her three younger children. In addition, she took over as co-instructor for the middle school watershed program, WaterStriders, providing dependable organization and leadership.

The Shipmans work together as a family. When Robin signed on as an institute paid staffer, we gained five additional volunteers—her family! Robin's husband Bryce, retired from the U.S. military, jumped in on numerous occasions to help with events such as Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art, and Pumpkin Fest.

With help from the kids, Bryce designed and built a new rocket for Marvin, the puppet from outer space featured in the first grade program, *Marvin Visits Earth*. The new rocket really looks like one, replacing the old 5-gallon bucket version!

Emily became a student leader in the middle school program *WaterStriders*, and became our lead water quality monitor. Her sister Julia is now a regular member. Joshua, an avid outdoorsman at age 8, tags along too and finds ways to be helpful.

Renfrew Institute will greatly miss the Shipman Family. Their enthusiastic participation in our organization and the many contributions of time and talent have been very much appreciated. We wish them all the best in their new, yet familiar, surroundings.

## For the Birds *(continued from pg. 3)*

First, it's probably best to work with what we already know for our own regional ecosystem. We can add a few gorgeous newcomers later on. If you want to join me in turning your backyard (side yard, front yard too) into a wildlife sanctuary, perhaps a program here at Renfrew can help us along. With plant specialist, Dr. Doris Goldman, on our staff and a roster of master gardeners among you, we wouldn't have to look far for speakers. Included here are some websites to get you started (see below).

Meanwhile, if you aren't putting out bags and bags of bird food this winter, take heart. The birds will probably make it anyhow, at your neighbor's feeder or at your fall backyard left-overs.

### Resource Websites:

National Wildlife Federation [www.nwf.org/backyard](http://www.nwf.org/backyard)  
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Bayscapes) [www.acb-online.org/project.cfm?vid=85](http://www.acb-online.org/project.cfm?vid=85)  
Windstar Wildlife Institute (Myersville, Md.) [www.windstar.org](http://www.windstar.org)

There is a new website called Project BudBurst, [www.BudBurst.org](http://www.BudBurst.org), which is asking citizen-scientists to track climate change data on the timing of leafing and flowering of native plants. Historical records show that first flowering is related to air temperature and native southern plants are surviving our northern winters.

## A Message from Virginia Rahn

In July 1987, Melodie [Anderson-Smith] gave me a book called "The Earth Speaks," which is a collection of essays, quotes, etc. by many well-known persons.

In the last 20 years, I have learned that the earth speaks at Renfrew through the enthusiastic, dedicated staff of Renfrew Institute. Each year, they touch the lives of more than 8,000 elementary school children.

Since the Institute began, it has been my pleasure to be a part of this staff. It has been great to watch it expand and provide so many exciting environmental and PA Legacy programs.

The time has come for me to be a side-line supporter. I hope Renfrew Institute will always be here for the children of the Waynesboro area.

Virginia retired from teaching last fall, and wrote this note reflecting on her many years at Renfrew Institute.

## Cultural Currents

with Sherry Hesse

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

### The Limekiln: From Rocks to Rich Resources

Did you know that the remains of a limekiln are tucked away in the woods at Renfrew Park? Once common on Pennsylvania farms, most limekilns have vanished or fallen into disrepair. The Royer limekiln is located near the Fahnestock farmstead. In 1991, under the direction of William Sheppard, the kiln site was excavated. The field-work yielded valuable information about the limekiln, which was one facet of the Royer's agricultural/industrial farmstead.

In the late 1700s Daniel Royer purchased the land that we know as Renfrew Museum and Park. Along with farming, the family operated small industries on the property, including a limekiln, gristmill and tannery. The limekiln was important to the operation of the other industries, and to the agricultural function of the farmstead.

The use of lime dates back to very early history—the Egyptians used lime plaster in the construction of the pyramids. Agriculture has used limestone, oyster shells and similar materials for centuries.

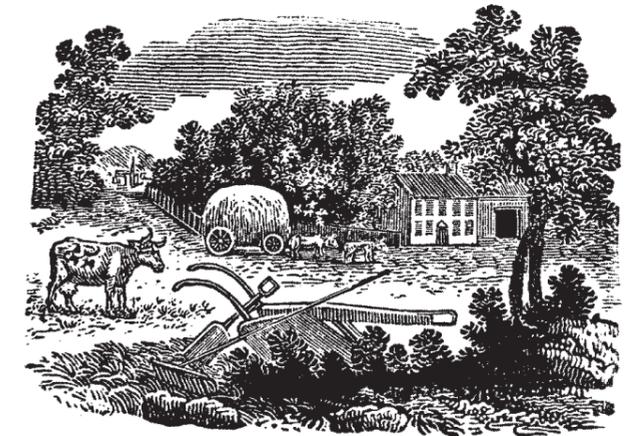
Early in the European settlement of our area, Pennsylvania Germans used lime in a variety of ways. Agricultural applications were the most common use of the material during the 19th century. Lime spread on fields neutralized acidic soil. It was also an ingredient in mortar, which was used in brick and stone construction; and it was used to make whitewash for fences, walls and stables.

In addition, lime was important to the iron industry, where it was used as flux (to help remove impurities in the iron), and commercial kilns appeared in Pennsylvania in the 19th century.

Many farmers burned lime for their own use. A primitive method was to layer wood or coal and limestone rock in an open pile, cover it with dirt and burn it. Some farmers built a structure (kiln), often on a hillside on isolated or un-tillable land. Here, limestone rocks were burned at high temperatures to create lime powder.

The kiln was commonly built near trees, which were used for fuel, and near limestone, which could be quarried for use in the kiln. If limestone was not available nearby, it could be hauled short distances by horse or mule-drawn wagon, or purchased. Sometimes farmers worked together to produce the lime necessary for farm operations.

On the Royer farmstead, lime produced in the kiln was also used in the tannery. Hides were soaked in a solution of lime and water, which cleaned the hides and



helped prepare them for dehairing. In addition to grinding grain, the Royer gristmill included a plaster stone for grinding lime. The lime processed in the mill was used for mortar and whitewash. Daniel Royer's 1838 probate inventory includes two tons of ground plaster.

The Royer kiln dates back to the late 1700s or early 1800s, and is typical of "pot" kilns that were built into a hill. Constructed from limestone, these kilns were usually square or rectangular structures from 10 to 20 feet high. An opening in the lower level was used for lighting the fire, providing airflow, and removing the finished lime powder. A vertical wall rose to the top of the hill, accessible by a road used for hauling stone to the kiln. Inside the kiln was a cylindrical shaft into which limestone rocks and fuel (coal or wood) were loaded in alternating layers.

Limestone was obtained from out-croppings or quarries. Quarried rock was the best quality for burning. Large rocks were broken into loaf-sized pieces, and the shaft was loaded from the top, a time-consuming process. The top was then sealed with mud or clay and the kiln fire was lit. Sometimes a temporary roof covered the top of the structure to protect it from the elements.

The rocks burned for a week or week and a half. The extreme heat caused the rocks to crumble into lime powder. Deadly gases were released during burning, and the job of lime-burner was a dangerous one. Lime powder was allowed to cool and then removed from the bottom of the kiln. After cooling for a week, the lime was ready to be spread on fields, put to other uses or sold. In 1835, lime purchased from a kiln cost 25 cents a bushel.

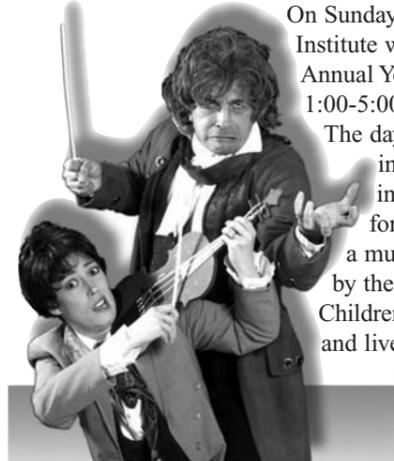
The use of lime for agricultural and industrial purposes is an example of the reliance of settlers on the natural world. Such natural resources provided the things needed for survival and economic prosperity.

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## Traveling Lantern Theatre Illuminates Annual Youth Festival



Actors from *The Traveling Lantern*, shown here in a Beethoven play, bring their production of "The Industrious Mr. Franklin" to Youth Festival in May.

On Sunday May 25, Renfrew Institute will host its 19th Annual Youth Festival from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The day's activities will include numerous interactive workshops for children of all ages, a musical performance by the Waynesboro Children's Theatre Troupe, and live theatrical performance by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company featuring *The Industrious Mr. Franklin*.

We are excited about the return of this accomplished group, appearing once again on the museum house patio stage for this fresh air version of live theatre. Now in its 20th year, Traveling Lantern Theatre Company continues its mission to educate and entertain children, bringing great stories from literature, history and biographies to life for audiences across the United States.

Following the model used by quality educators, the company incorporates interactive participation with the audience into each performance. Whether cheering the villain, creating sound effects or playing one of the main characters in the show, children from the audience are provided a hands-on opportunity to share in the experience of live theatre.

Mr. Franklin will be on hand to deliver lightning, wit and statesmanship!

Through this performance, visitors will meet the intrepid inventor, quipping author, productive scientist, and founding father: Mr. Benjamin Franklin. The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company promises you'll travel with him, meet his friends, help him in his work and learn all about the courageous and diligent man who tamed electricity with a kite and a key. This new play is a fascinating and humorous romp with one of America's most endearing historical characters.

St. Andrew Catholic Church's Youth Group will return with food stand goodies to feed the crowd. Plan to join us for the entire afternoon of festivities.

Volunteer committee members **Vicki Sprenkle**, **Kim Sheffer** and **Kathy Bourdeau** are working behind the scenes to insure a fun-filled day. Watch local newspapers and our road sign for details, and opportunities to pre-register for activities.

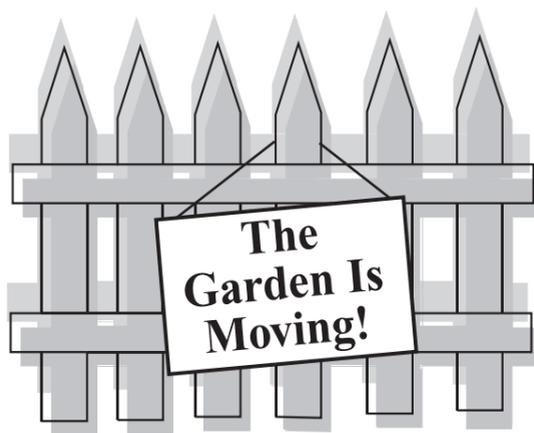
The Four-Square Garden is moving to a new location this spring. If you are one of those who enjoy walking in the park, you know the garden is a highlight of the Fahnestock farmstead complex.

The garden is also visited by many school children each year. The students plant, tend and harvest the garden under the supervision of Doris Goldman and other institute staff. The current location is on a steep hillside, and is actually smaller than the typical four-square garden of the past.

Our garden will be moved to a level spot at the rear of the meadow behind the Royer House. It will still be close to the Fahnestock house and barn and will continue to complement that farmstead. The new, larger location will accommodate more school children, and the level ground will make the garden more accessible to visitors. We approach this project with much enthusiasm and excitement, and hope you will enjoy watching the progress as well.

### Funding the Move...Join our Lead Donor!

Renfrew Institute is grateful to **J. Edward Beck** for his generous lead donation in support of the four-square garden specifically for construction of the new garden



fence in memory of his wife, Dorothy (Dot) Beck.

The Beck Family had made previous donations for the first garden, and the garden fence has always been thought of as the Dot Beck Memorial Fence. We are pleased that this legacy will continue in the new location.

The expansion and relocation of the garden will require additional funding to complete the fence, garden

bed layout, replanting and walkways. The total budget for the project is estimated at \$8,000.

If you would like to donate to this exciting project, please send your check payable to Renfrew Institute (memo 4-Square Garden), 1010 E. Main St., Waynesboro, PA 17268.

### Building the Garden...Help Needed Here TOO!

Wish to donate time and talent? Your volunteer assistance with fence construction and plant moving would be greatly appreciated! Call or email us to learn how you can help.

For more information: call 717-762-0373 or email us at: renfrewinst@innet.net

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## Renfrew Institute is Pleased to Announce New Underwriting Support

Renfrew Institute is pleased to announce new underwriting support from several area individuals and businesses. **The Cavetown Planing Mill** has committed support to the institute's third grade environmental education program, *Trail of Trees*. Peggy Bushey, president of The Cavetown Planing Mill, offered enthusiasm for the new partnership in this "tree-focused" experience.

Bushey noted that she was glad to be a part of helping to fund *Trail of Trees*. "As a company, the Cavetown Planing Mill has always helped with community organizations like Little League, area schools and local fire departments," she said. "Educational programs for children are beneficial for everyone, and the *Trail of Trees* program ties in perfectly with what we do."

The Cavetown Planing Mill has created quality custom woodwork for residential and commercial projects since 1881. With over 125 years of experience in the art of master carpentry, the mill is quality-certified by the Architectural Woodwork Institute, and recognized for its outstanding craftsmanship and high standards.

The mill's exacting woodwork can be seen in such notable locations as the Smithsonian Institute, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the Washington County Courthouse, and projects include the award-winning National Cathedral Gatehouse, Alexandria Courthouse, and Walters Art Gallery.

In addition to historic restoration woodwork, the Mill also manufactures a wide variety of custom windows, doors, trim, kitchen cabinets, bookshelves, staircases, wainscoting, and entertainment centers. Of course, all this good work is reliant on a sustainable supply of trees!

During the two-hour *Trail of Trees* program, third grade students are launched on a quest traveling the "trail of trees" in search of puppet character, Old Hickory. Along the way, they learn about the structure and importance of trees. Ecological, botanical, cultural and economic factors are considered as activities engage students in opportunities for drama and literature while tree science is revealed.

At each station along the trail, children collect letters for a secret word, which answers the question, "Are leaves important after they fall off the trees?" At the conclusion of the program, Old Hickory helps them discover that fallen leaves are an important ingredient in soil, and help nourish the trees from which they fall.

Renfrew Institute thanks Peggy Bushey and The Cavetown Planing Mill for recognizing the importance of helping our young citizens develop a growing understanding of the ways in which we all rely on the natural world.

Renfrew Institute welcomes **Corporate Office Properties Trust (COPT)** as a new program underwriter

of the institute's sixth grade environmental experience, *Discovering Wetlands*. Rand Griffin, president and CEO of COPT, described the company's philosophy of community investment activities.

"COPT demonstrates our support of the communities where we live and serve by contributing to an improved quality of life through 'green' or sustainable development, volunteerism and charitable contributions. We are pleased to partner with the Renfrew Institute to sponsor educational programs in the Fort Ritchie community that instill in children an understanding of the natural environment and a deep commitment to its protection."

During *Discovering Wetlands*, students explore and define the wetland communities of Renfrew Park. They learn about the three major types of wetlands and examine the plants, animals, soils, energy flow and water chemistry of these special ecosystems. Hands on activities involve soil sampling, water testing, plant study and macroinvertebrate investigation. Students learn how wetlands act as sponges and filters, and why wetlands are valuable to humans—ecologically, aesthetically and economically.

Corporate Office Properties Trust recently completed the purchase of the former Fort Ritchie property in Cascade, Md. The company has announced plans for creating office space, homes and apartments and supporting businesses. The development is expected to bring 1,400 jobs to the Cascade area over nine years. Currently underway on the site is construction of a LEED-certified (*Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design*) community center which will be available for public use.

Corporate Office Properties Trust was recognized for its environmental leadership by receiving the first national Green Development Award from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) for one of their LEED-certified buildings in The National Business Park. COPT has six buildings certified and 24 others registered for LEED silver or gold certification. Nine professionals in the company hold the LEED Accredited Professional designation.

Renfrew Institute applauds COPT's sensitivity to environmental concerns as it conducts business in the region. We are grateful for the company's investment in Renfrew Institute's work in environmental education.

**Lucinda D. Potter, CPA** recently offered support of Renfrew Institute with two contributions. Potter's office is a new program underwriter for the institute's second grade environmental education program, *Sidney's Wonder Web*, and will also sponsor the third annual Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale Fundraiser.

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## New Sponsorships

## Dynamic Duo: Allie & Jo Ann Kohler



The top of the mushroom is big enough for two—Allie and Jo Ann Kohler share the "position of honor." Together, the couple has contributed years of time and talent, assisting with institute activities, special events, and operations.

The Kohlers, both Waynesboro natives, formed an early bond with Renfrew when they donated a tree to be planted in the park in memory of a friend, according to Jo Ann. Several years later, in the 1980s, "a group of friends honored us with a tree for our anniversary," she said. "These special trees sparked our interest in Renfrew Park. When the institute came along, we were so impressed with the incredible work they were doing through the schools, and were thrilled to have the educational focus on the environment, which is such a benefit to our community."

Over the years, the Kohlers have been a great benefit to the institute. Allie served on the institute board for six years (2000-2006), the last year as president. During that time, he was active on several committees, including Development, Membership, Nominating/Governance, Finance, Special Events and Facilities.

He also worked with representatives from Renfrew Museum and Park serving as chair of the Renfrew Exploratory Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. This museum/institute joint committee explores options for solving future facility needs of both organizations. [Following expiration of his institute board term, Allie accepted a position on Renfrew Museum's governing board (RCI) and management committee (REC). He continues to provide important linkage between the two organizations.]

The institute's future is a special concern of Allie's. With former board president, Tim Rahn, Allie spearheaded the institute's Strategic Plan, and as president, saw that the plan was carried through to completion. "I felt strongly that this plan needed to be in place to guide decisions regarding the institute's future," he said.

With great organizational skills, Allie is also a "hands-on" worker. A long-time member of the Pumpkin Fest committee, the current 'soup chairman' can often be found stirring the kettles and serving the soup himself during the event.

Allie co-chaired the institute's 10th Anniversary celebration with Eunice Statler, and has worked many of the institute's events over the years. "This year will be my third as emcee of the Bay Supper," Allie said. "I enjoy the job, and like to keep the ball rolling at events like this."

An educator by profession, Allie retired after a 33-year teaching career—29 of those years at Waynesboro Area Middle School, where he was also the Athletic Director.

When asked why Renfrew Institute attracted him, Allie said, "I have always been active as a volunteer locally," he said. "When I retired, I wanted to stay active and give back to the community...as an educator, I thought the institute was a cool thing," he said. "The educational aspects drew me in...my kids love it, my grandkids love it, we all love it," he said.

Although Jo Ann Kohler says that she and her husband "try not to overlap each other on volunteer committees," they both love Renfrew Institute. Jo Ann was a "busy stay-at-home mom" for many years, she said, and then worked in banking. Jo Ann's "specialty" at the institute is special events. She is the 'food and arrangement chair' for the annual Bay Supper, serving as liaison with

the country club and helping with invitations and other tasks.

"The Bay Supper is the only committee I actually serve on," she said, "but I enjoy helping out at other events." Over the years, Jo Ann has helped with Jazz Fest, the Corn Maze, Haunted Farm and most recently, the Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale, among others. "Whatever they need, I'm happy to do," she said.

Working at institute events "doesn't feel like working at all," Jo Ann said. "I love working with the staff and other volunteers. There is something unique about the people who volunteer at the institute. They are so easy to work with, and have a common goal in mind—anything for the institute! It is a wonderful community experience."

The Kohlers live in Waynesboro and have been married for 47 years. They have two sons, Greg and Tim (both graduates of Penn State), and three granddaughters.

We thank Allie and Jo Ann for their continuing support of Renfrew Institute—they make a perfect pair up there on the mushroom!



Allie & Jo Ann Kohler



## Staff Field Trip to Virginia

Members of Renfrew Institute and Renfrew Museum and Park staffs recently journeyed to Belle Grove Plantation near Middletown, Virginia. This home, earlier and more grand than the Royer home at Renfrew, was built by Major Isaac Hite, grandson of Yost Heydt, leader of first German settlers in Shenandoah County.

The journey, undertaken to provide a glimpse into the operations of another historic interpretive site, offered opportunities for professional development by building a broader understanding of the history of the Shenandoah Valley region as it relates to the Pennsylvania German community and the Royer farmstead.

Opportunities for professional development are funded, in part, by a grant from Dan Ryan Builders, Inc.

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Potter, a graduate of Shippensburg University, began her CPA practice in Waynesboro in 1983. After operating on Second Street for many years, she relocated in 2005 to her present office location on Walnut Street. Her practice, geared toward small businesses and individuals, offers a full range of accounting services, which includes advising corporate and partnership entities and individuals, tax return and financial statement preparation, and payroll services.

In describing her motivation in choosing to support Renfrew Institute, Potter says she is "interested in preserving both the history and natural spaces of Waynesboro. I am excited about the opportunity to help provide educational experiences for our young people that will contribute to this effort."

When student visits resume in April, Potter's contribution will help some of our young naturalists take to the trail. Students are launched on the two hour "Wonder Web" experience by puppet character Sidney the spider, who has a problem...She has built a web and in order to make it complete, she must find out how the nine parts of nature are interrelated.

Students help Sidney by visiting the trails of Renfrew in search of answers to Sidney's query. They visit four activity stations where they learn that plants and animals depend upon each other and upon non-living elements of nature for food, shelter, hiding places and transportation. Upon completion of their quest, young naturalists earn a bead necklace, which they assemble to help them remember the discoveries they made. The necklaces also serve to help students share what they learned at Renfrew with family members.

In addition to educational program sponsorship, Potter's pledged support for Renfrew Institute's upcoming Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale Fundraiser will help to boost the bottom line by underwriting administrative expenses

associated with the event. The third annual Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale will produce income for our organization in three ways: by the sale of "good used" donated items at the Renfrew Institute yard sale table, by generating rental fees for vendor "spaces" and by the sale of food from our "earthy" food stand. The success of last year's event secured the Recycle/Reuse Yard Sale Fundraiser as a signature partner of our Earth Celebration event. The theme reinforces our care for the earth and may encourage others to practice conservation strategies of recycle/reuse.

We are grateful for Potter's demonstration of support, and her generosity in choosing two areas in which to contribute.

### The Larson Family

Perhaps you've seen small contractor adds...*No job too big or too small.* That is exactly the mindset with which the late **Colleen Larson** arrived on the Renfrew scene, inquiring about volunteer opportunities. Colleen had an avid interest in archaeology. When plans to conduct archaeological research of the farmstead were announced during Renfrew Museum and Park's farmstead research and development initiative of the late 1980's-90's, she found herself right there in the mud, alongside archaeologist Will Sheppard.

As the site of the former gristmill was excavated and examined, she remained engaged. Her interests continued through service as chair of the Mill Committee, which worked to document findings and explore possible interpretive opportunities.

We at Renfrew Institute count among our fortunes the generous spirits of folks who engage in volunteer work with varying task lists and levels of commitment. During Colleen's days of involvement with the Mill Committee, Renfrew Institute was newly created by the

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## New Underwriting Support

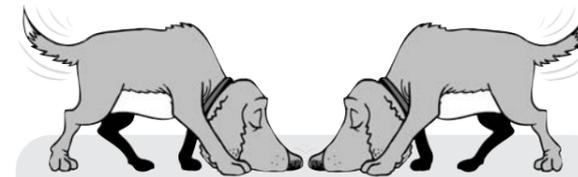
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Museum and Park to conduct programming on this site. Colleen followed her nose into a new area of need and became involved with the institute as an office volunteer. During the years that Colleen graced our office with weekly visits, she copied, folded, filed and organized, created photo scrapbooks and shared her gentle spirit and hearty laughter.

Her husband, current Waynesboro resident **Frank Larson**, has likewise been a steady volunteer presence on the institute scene. Frank is known to arrive with boxes of cookies...not freshly baked, but freshly cut. Small slices of downed branches gleaned from the woods are used as wooden cookie nametags by visiting kindergarten students during the EarthSeekers experience, and Frank is the "cookie man."

An accomplished woodworker, Frank created a reproduction scutching board and scutching paddles used in our farmstead interpretive program, *Growing Clothes: Flax Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans*. He also crafted a handsome rack for displaying textiles during programming. His interest in woodworking led to his involvement in the restoration of the Fahnestock Barn on the Royer farmstead.

In recognition of her parents' devotion to Renfrew Institute, **Chey Larson** and partner **Deb Matthews** have made a gift to Renfrew Institute in support of this newsletter, *Streamside*, in memory and in honor of Colleen and Frank.



### Trotting Along with ParkPals

We currently have 115 dogs registered in the ParkPals program. Thanks so much to all of our furry friends and their people for taking the time to stop in and join us in our efforts to keep the park clean and healthy.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you this spring as the weather warms up and the park beckons with fresh air and sunshine!

If you have not registered your dog yet (\$5 lifetime fee per dog), please do so by stopping at the Visitor Center (large white barn) Monday through Friday, 9:00-5:00. Please feel free to bring your pals with you when you register so we can meet them too!

If you need more information, call us at 717-762-4723 or email at [renfrew@innernet.net](mailto:renfrew@innernet.net).

Sue Smith  
Supervisor of Visitor Services  
Renfrew Museum & Park

Chey and Deb have been counted among the members of Renfrew Institute for many years. I felt as if I knew them before we met from listening to Colleen speak of her family as we worked together. Though they live in Virginia, Chey and Deb are frequent attendees at the institute's Chesapeake Bay Supper Fundraiser, bringing enthusiasm to the auction bidding as they get their share of Old Bay under their fingernails. The last issue of *Streamside* listed many books in the "wish list" column, and Deb and Chey, with the help of Deb's librarian brother in locating them, donated every book on the list! (See *Wish List Thank Yous*, pg. 24 )

"It is such a wonderful feeling to contribute to an organization like the Renfrew Institute," Chey commented recently. "Everyone makes us feel like old friends! I have seen so much satisfaction over the years as my parents participated in volunteering. Melodie, Tracy, and crew make the volunteers want to donate, which is not always the case with volunteer-based organizations, and plays a big role in the institute's success.

*Streamside* is informative and helps me keep abreast of the activities of the institute from my home in Virginia. The museum and grounds are such an important part of the community and we are proud to be a part of the effort to keep that going!"

Renfrew Institute is truly grateful to Chey and Deb, both for their gift in support of *Streamside*, our voice to our membership, and for the opportunity to help them honor our friends, Colleen and Frank.

Tracy Holliday

Thank you to the following who have made special donations to Renfrew Institute

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**Colleen Larson**

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*in memory of...*

**Dorothy (Dot) Beck**

by J. Edward Beck

Renfrew Institute is fortunate to count among its supporters a number of individuals who demonstrate their care for our work through personal financial support at various levels of program sponsorship.

Among the first to make this choice was **Betsy Payette**. While maintaining a personal membership, Betsy has also been, annually since 2001–02, a Preservation Society level underwriting supporter of the institute's farmstead program *Growing Clothes: Flax Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans*.

This experience helps fourth grade students make discoveries about Pennsylvania German families' labors involved in producing linen cloth, the cloth of the farm, during the 1800s on farms like the Royer Farmstead at Renfrew. Institute faculty members continue to be warmed by an additional gift made by Betsy...a traditional woolen coat, hand made at her expense, for use in the farmstead interpretive programs.



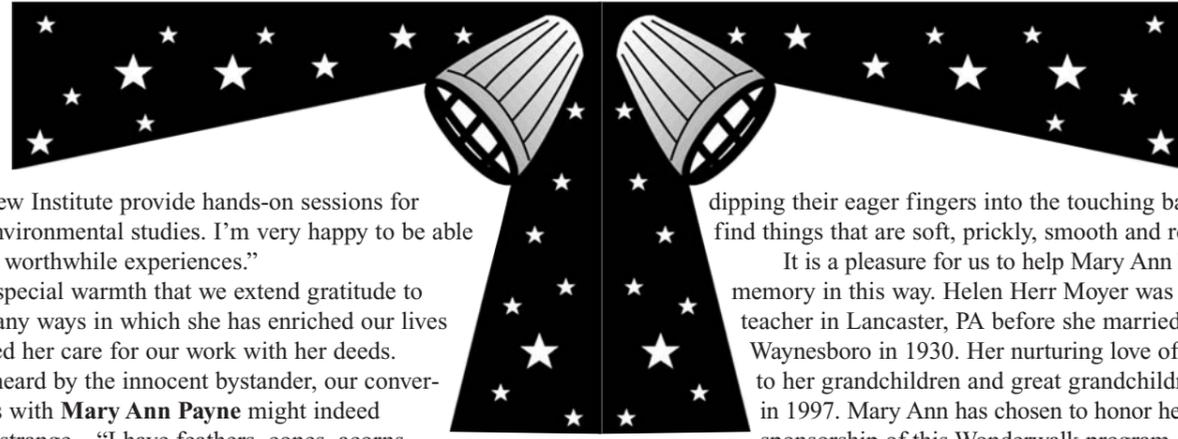
Instructor Sherry Hesse shows students a hatchel, used for combing flax, during *Growing Clothes: Flax Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans*. Betsy Payette sponsors the program.

As a retired educator, Betsy found a natural link to the institute's work. She is a past member of Renfrew Institute's board of directors, having served as an officer in the role of secretary for many years. Prior to serving on the board she co-authored, with Marilyn McCaerney, a comprehensive history of Renfrew Museum and Park, which included Renfrew Institute's inception as an organization and ongoing operation as an educational hub. We continue to refer to the work that was done with Betsy's care and attention during her tenure as institute historian.

Betsy's devotion to Renfrew Institute found her for many years at the edge of the Pumpkin Fest soup kettle, ladle in hand, helping to feed festival-goers in support of the institute's fall fundraiser.

In relating her feelings about Renfrew Institute, Betsy offered these remarks. "As a retired teacher I understand the importance of helping children appreciate and understand our cultural heritage and our impact on the world. To further this appreciation and understanding,

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classes at Renfrew Institute provide hands-on sessions for historical and environmental studies. I'm very happy to be able to support these worthwhile experiences."

It is with special warmth that we extend gratitude to Betsy for the many ways in which she has enriched our lives and demonstrated her care for our work with her deeds.

If overheard by the innocent bystander, our conversations with **Mary Ann Payne** might indeed sound strange... "I have feathers, cones, acorns, palettes and stars ready for next week.

How is your corn cob supply holding up?" Payne might inquire. Over the many years she has been helping behind the scenes to prepare program materials, Mary Ann has cut thousands of stars and strung them with colorful string, to be worn by first grade students as they journey on the *Marvin Visits Earth* experience. Students add a star sticker to this necklace each time a sought-after discovery is made. The stickers help the children remember their discoveries, and provide an opportunity for sharing stories of their adventure with family members.

Acorns, hemlock cones and feathers adorn EarthSeeker necklaces of visiting kindergarten students, representing their three seasonal visits to the natural world at Renfrew. Corn cobs serve as the base of hand made bird feeders that children take home to extend their relationship with nature's wonders in their own backyards. Palettes cut by Mary Ann are adorned with bits of items from the natural world, such as leaf fragments, flower petals, and blades of grass, by visiting kindergarten students as they observe nature's variety of colors and textures.

Mary Ann, longtime Renfrew Institute member and volunteer extraordinaire, has also "adopted" an institute school program. Since 2001–02, Mary Ann has chosen to honor her mother, **Helen Herr Moyer**, through a Preservation Society level sponsorship of institute pre-kindergarten environmental program, *Wonderwalk*. This program delivers an opportunity to awaken curiosity for the wonders of the natural world in some of our youngest visitors. They may be seen dancing with streamers to the sounds of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, or

dipping their eager fingers into the touching basket, where they find things that are soft, prickly, smooth and rough.

It is a pleasure for us to help Mary Ann honor her mother's memory in this way. Helen Herr Moyer was a kindergarten teacher in Lancaster, PA before she married and moved to Waynesboro in 1930. Her nurturing love of children extended to her grandchildren and great grandchildren until her death in 1997. Mary Ann has chosen to honor her mother with the sponsorship of this *Wonderwalk* program, which "opens tiny minds and hearts to the wonders (and responsibilities) of nature and to its place in their lives."

Mary Ann describes her relationship with Renfrew Institute as "a vital part of my life, both before and after my retirement from teaching in 1993. It is a great privilege and a trust to work with these programs for youth, activities designed to emphasize the importance of understanding, conserving and appreciating our natural world. The future of Renfrew and its treasures will depend on these youth who take part in the programs today. I cannot think of a more precious legacy to pass on to future generations."

We are deeply grateful for this heartfelt gift from Mary Ann, and especially appreciate her devotion to our work with children.

**Doris Large** fondly recalls that her father had a device that could be placed over a lamp, casting a model of constellations on the ceiling of their home. Many a starlit night was spent in the back yard with her parents, gazing upward. She remembers carefully catalogued nest collections (some of which she shared with Renfrew Institute), conserved and documented bird eggs and snakes kept for study in her family's home during her student days.

Doris and her parents, **J. Warren and Jessie O. Large** passed many joyful vacations camping and hiking, and indulging their curiosity in the wonders of nature, which she noted was "free entertainment" during a time when many families were living on limited means.

Her father grew up a nature lover in the Reading area, and chose to pursue studies, first in languages at Penn State as an undergraduate, then completing graduate studies in ornithology in the 1920's at Cornell University. His work with the Philadelphia Zoo was interrupted by the war.

He and his wife elected to move to Waynesboro, where he worked for Landis Tool and Frick Companies. In order to satisfy his desire to spend time in the great outdoors and share his love for the nature experience, he became involved with the Boy Scout organization. His reputation as an amateur naturalist was widely recognized. Doris's mother, also a lover of nature, became involved with Girl Scouts.

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

This issue highlights several of Renfrew Institute's individual sponsors. Look for more of these 'special sponsors' in the next issue of *Streamside*.



Wonderwalk students dip their fingers into the touching basket, where they find a variety of natural things with different textures. Mary Ann Payne sponsors the program.

After attending Renfrew Institute's 10th Anniversary Celebration in 2000, Doris—a longtime supporting member—approached us about a way to honor her parents, who she credits with providing her with a lifelong and sustaining relationship with the natural world. Doris chose to honor her parents' memory through a Heritage Society sponsorship of Renfrew Institute's third grade environmental program, *Henry Hooter's Park Ranger Training Program*. She recalls that her father's role as amateur naturalist brought him close to park ranger status as he extended his love for nature to others.

"I feel so fortunate to have grown up in a home where curiosity and a love of nature were encouraged," she said. "My parents gave me a real gift by exposing me to nature as a child, a gift that has provided interests that have sustained me, during good times and bad. I'm glad for the opportunity to help other young people discover the wonders of nature through Renfrew Institute's Park Ranger Training Program."

During this third grade experience, students discover a note from elusive park ranger Henry Hooter. It seems that Henry is experiencing a need for new park rangers in a hurry, so when our young visitors arrive in the nick of time, they are launched into an "emergency park ranger training course." During their training, they embark on an adventure, which immerses them in the natural environment in the park.



Third grade students become "ranger recruits" during the environmental program, *Henry Hooter's Park Ranger Training Program*. The program is sponsored by Doris Large.

The "ranger recruits" pursue their training mission, led on by discovered notes from Head Ranger Henry Hooter, who is always one step ahead of them. Their training culminates when they establish their own "micro-parks," where they discover some of nature's tiniest wonders.

We are deeply grateful for Doris's willingness to share her love of nature, and her commitment to help others develop a relationship with the natural world through her program sponsorship. We welcome the opportunity to help Doris honor her parents' memory in this way.



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**N**ancy “Glacier” Erlanson and husband Don Gibe now live half a nation away in the Nevada desert; yet remain close to their former Waynesboro community and Renfrew Institute through the affection of their friends, occasional calls and letters, and annual Renfrew Institute program sponsorships. Last year, their Heritage Society gift helped to support not one, but two, environmental education programs: *Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay* and *Earth Encounters*.

Nancy, who holds a degree in Geo-environmental Studies, is fondly remembered as a lively institute faculty member. “Glacier” (her nature name) specialized in environmental education, including the *Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay* program for which she created an incredible array of “program props” that are still in service.

In addition to her teaching duties, she spent many pre-dusk hours as a volunteer, setting the stage for Halloween storytelling by spray painting giant neon glow-in-the-dark foot prints leading to the Fahnestock barn, creating a “cauldron gathering” of masked characters at the door and decorating the barn with all the right “spooky trimmings.”

Since her move to the desert, Nancy has continued her work in environmental education through her role with the Las Vegas Water District. She is also involved in wetland education near Lake Mead, where a man-made wetland was created to mitigate municipal wastewater temperatures and stabilize flow rates as it re-enters the lake. Nancy describes it as a beautiful place that is home to creatures such as the Great Blue Heron, which would not otherwise live in the Nevada desert region.

“Glacier” chose her Renfrew Institute “nature name” with fond memories of her early years in Minnesota’s glacier-etched lake country. Nancy’s enthusiasm for her



Students in the Lifesavers of the Chesapeake Bay program study a map as they learn about the Bay. The program is sponsored by Nancy Erlanson & Don Gibe.

profession is contagious. While an institute faculty member, she arrived to her teaching duties with “pearls of knowledge” about the natural world and a joyful desire to share them with visiting students. The children were crazy about her, as were her colleagues.

Nancy and Don relocated when Don accepted a transfer with CitiBank. Their children, Matthew and Meredith, who had attended Waynesboro area schools, were launched into college pursuits, so they felt the time was right to follow opportunities westward. Since their move, Don celebrated his 20-year anniversary with the company. He continues to keep in touch, letting us know recently that he has traveled the globe in his role as Citicorp executive, spending time in India through the company’s international banking presence.

Don has developed a reputation for his commitments to community support activities. While living in the Waynesboro area, he could be found up to his eyeballs in mud at Citibank’s Mud Volleyball charity fundraiser or in the REACH cold weather shelter kitchen dishing out turkey dinners with all the trimmings.

In describing their continuing involvement with Renfrew Institute, Nancy says, “You guys at Renfrew Institute have been delivering programs about care for our environment for all these years, and now the message seems to be reaching critical mass across the nation. When I think about the state of our world environment, I sometimes feel like the reality is scary, and that it is more important now than ever to be helping people understand the limitations of our planet.

In my own work as an outdoor educator, both in the past at Renfrew Institute and now in Nevada, I’ve heard students say things like ‘Wow, this was fun and I didn’t think it would be. I really learned a lot.’

When I hear those words, I know environmental education matters. Don and I are glad to be in a position to support Renfrew Institute in the important work of helping people connect to the natural world.”

Though we miss having our friends nearby, their links to the Renfrew Institute family remain strong, through Glacier’s “legacy” contributions as educator and their family’s generous contributions to our work in environmental education. We extend affectionate gratitude to Nancy and Don in their desert habitat.

Tracy Holliday

*These Sponsor Spotlights have featured only a few of Renfrew Institute’s individual program sponsors. Please look for more in our next issue of Streamside.*

## WaterStriders Learn Where Old Leaves Go

Renfrew Institute’s *WaterStriders*, along with three members of Waynesboro Area Senior High School’s Enviro-Thon team, spent two months (Nov./ Dec. 2007) and three sessions conducting a leaf pack experiment on the Antietam Creek at Renfrew Park. The results were interesting.

Leaves that fall into creeks in the fall season fuel aquatic food chains providing not only food, but clinging surfaces for aquatic insects and other macroinvertebrates and microorganisms like algae and bacteria. Without the leaf debris the whole ecosystem and health of the creek would change, for the worse. Students wanted to find out what creatures eat the leaves, do they prefer certain leaf species, and will they eat other organic material like fruit, nuts and grasses.

The first month involved packing mesh bags with selected vegetation, labeling, weighing wet and then securing the bags, submerged in the creek. The bags were to remain there a month, and then be retrieved, weighed and contents explored. At the end of two weeks we discovered that all seven bags had disappeared. It was obvious after finding one label in a nearby bush, and knowing that no storm had created a disruption, that vandals had destroyed the experiment.

Not daunted, the young scientists started over. Month two became a repeat of gathering materials for new bags, labeling, weighing and submerging. This time the students traveled far downstream to a more remote location in the park to conduct the study. At the end of the month, with colder temperatures and higher water, the students retrieved six out of seven bags. They believe that the seventh bag became dislodged and was carried off by

increased stream flow. Still, the group was delighted to have success...so far.

Next came the investigation of the bag contents. Weighing was a problem because our scale was too small to weigh the waterlogged bags. Students wondered why the critters hadn’t eaten more of the contents. Indeed, when

bags were opened and explored, surprisingly few macros were found. Still, there were some—caddis fly and mayfly nymphs, a few midges and a nice big crane fly larva. It was determined that with more time, more organisms would be found. Critters were identified to the family level, counted and recorded. All the natural material was returned to the creek.

The students will likely repeat this project sometime in the future. Science is all about observation, inquiry and discovery. Usually, in an effort to find answers, the students discover yet more questions about the natural world. That unending wonder is to be cherished and nurtured.

Best wishes to the Enviro-Thon team members Sarah Brown, Laura Fawks and Lauren Dukes as they compete with other high schools at county and

state levels this spring. We have enjoyed working with them and appreciate their contributions to the leaf pack experiment and to ongoing water quality monitoring.

The *WaterStriders* (listed on pg. 18) will display their work at the 2008 Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art on Saturday, April 19. Do visit their table and give them an opportunity to show you the results of their efforts!

Melodie Anderson-Smith



*WaterStriders and WASHS Enviro-Thon members used buckets to retrieve submerged leaf packs from the creek, and scientific methodology to analyze and document their contents.*

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**Oops!**  
*Our apologies for the inadvertent omission from last issue's Volunteer List for 2007 Youth Festival:*  
Randall Sprenkle, and Girl Scout face painters  
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Zoe D'heeden  
Madison Gober  
Julia Miles  
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**SEE ENCLOSED FLYER!**

*Time to get ready for the*  
**3rd Annual "Recycle/Reuse" Earth Day Yard Sale**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008 • 9 AM-3 PM**

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Earth Day Recycle/Reuse Sale on Saturday, April 19. Rent a space for yourself, your family or your organization. Spread the word to help the Institute raise funds through space rentals and don't forget to come to the sale to find great bargains! Spaces are available for \$15 each, double spaces for \$25 and triple spaces for \$30. Each space accommodates an 8-ft. table or two card tables.  
For more information call the institute at 762-0373.

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## Tannery Story Brought to Life by Donor

William H. Gelbach, Jr. has made a special two-part gift, intended to dovetail works by Renfrew Institute and Renfrew Museum and Park. Gelbach approached both organizations with the hope of identifying ways to interpret the Royer leather tannery, which once operated on the Renfrew site. Gelbach served on Renfrew Museum and Park's Interpretive Committee as chairperson of the Tannery Subcommittee during the early 1990s, and has a continuing interest in seeing that work shared with the public.

In the late '80s, Renfrew Museum and Park graduate intern William Sheppard conducted a thesis study, *The Tanner & Boundary Maintenance: Determining Ethnic Identity* (presented to the Dept. of Anthropology, The College of William and Mary), and wrote a follow-up report, *A Good Summer's Tan: A Report on the Excavation of The Royer Tannery Site 1987–1988*. Using this study as its basis, the interpretive committee investigated the tannery site in preparation for development of planned interpretive signage. Local artist Clyde Roberts later rendered paintings, which depicted several of the industries, including the tan yard, that once thrived on the Royer Farmstead.

In conducting his studies, Sheppard excavated the former tannery site, a spot now occupied by the picnic grounds along the Antietam Creek. His studies exposed the scope of the site and helped to reveal lost secrets about the material culture of the Pennsylvania Germans.

Due to the nature of the tanning process, it is not an industry that could safely be interpreted by restoring the site to its former functional state. Rather, information generated by the project would be used to help educate the public through the development of programs and printed interpretive materials.

From this work, Renfrew Institute gleaned details for use in its series of Pennsylvania German Farmstead interpretive school programs. Today, visiting students arrive in Renfrew's lower lot and travel across the former tannery site. Institute instructors explain that this area was not always a scenic spot for picnic lunches, and describe the aromas that likely emanated from in-ground vats essential to the tanning process.

As students explore other 1800s farmstead operations, they learn that tan bark used in the tan yard was generated on-site at a bark mill, and that the "left over" tan bark was recycled in the garden as mulch and compost. Students also learn that few parts of animals harvested for food from the forest or field were wasted. This of course,

included animal hides.

As a result of Gelbach's generous gift, Renfrew Institute will develop additional opportunities for students, both youth and adults, to learn about this once essential practice in its pre-industrial days. That effort will be launched during summer 2008, when Summer Institute's Heritage Craft Series will include a component featuring leather craft. Young participants will learn a bit of tannery history on the Renfrew site, and complete the experience by creating a leather craft project.

Renfrew Museum and Park expects to implement plans to physically interpret the tannery trade on the site through signage, brochures and additions to the museum's guided tours.

In making this gift, Gelbach has established a legacy, born from an interest in his early days as a volunteer committee member, and bringing full circle his personal commitment to Renfrew Institute's mission.

"The tannery operation was so very important to the development of this whole farmstead," Gelbach said. "It provided profits for building the mill and for the other activities that brought success to this agricultural-industrial farmstead. I don't think people really know that story. The community benefited from the tannery back in the 1800s. The tannery made the Royer farmstead successful—and now today we have Renfrew! I'm doing this so that we can help children today (adults too) to have an understanding of how important the tannery was long ago."

Watch for more information about the tannery in the fall 2008 issue of *Streamside*.

Renfrew Institute extends gratitude to William Gelbach for this generous investment in our work.

Tracy Holliday

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Linda Zimmerman

## Institute's Doris Goldman Published in National Anthology

Renfrew Institute faculty member and biologist, Doris Armstrong Goldman, Ph.D., was recently published in the book, *Mighty Giants, An American Chestnut Anthology*, edited by Chris Bolgiano with a forward by Bill McKibben.

At the request of the publications director of the American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), Doris gave permission for the use of her article, "Pennsylvania-German Traditions and the American Chestnut" (originally submitted to TACF's 1994-95 Fall/Winter Journal), in the anthology.

*Mighty Giants* is a beautiful full-color large format book that includes art and literature detailing the "plight of the American chestnut tree," according to publications director, Louis Bedor III. "Other contributors to the work include President Jimmy Carter, Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug, and other luminaries."

The dust jacket notes the inclusion of poems by Wendell Berry and Robert Frost, chestnut scenes by noted artists, Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth and others, along with "excerpts from best-selling author Barbara Kingsolver's *Prodigal Summer*," and many more.

Bedor explained in a letter to Doris, that TACF was preparing the book "just prior to the out-planting of its first

generations of blight-resistant chestnut trees, and the book's purpose is to educate and inspire the general public about the history and the potential future of a tree that was once the most abundant, majestic, and useful tree in the East."

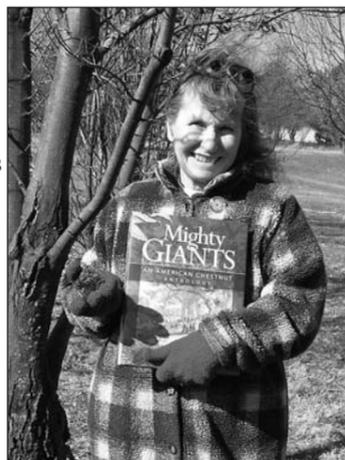
Doris's article is located in the *Mighty Giants* chapter on "Hearth and Home," and features interesting historical notes on the use of chestnut trees by Pennsylvania German settlers and Native Americans—from food and medicines, to "furniture, musical instruments, coffins, shingles, houses, barns, and for long-lasting fences, barrels, and pump parts." Folklore and proverbs are part of the story.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Doris for being honored with her participation in this project. *Mighty Giants* is available for purchase through TACF's website [www.acf.org](http://www.acf.org) or through the publisher at [www.imagesfromthepast.com](http://www.imagesfromthepast.com)

(Bennington, VT). Hardcover, \$49.50 or paperback \$24.95 plus S&H. Hardcover

copies autographed by President Jimmy Carter are available for \$75 plus S&H. Doris will also be available to autograph your book!

Melodie Anderson-Smith



Renfrew Institute faculty member, Doris Goldman, holds new book and a chestnut from Renfrew's experimental chestnut grove planted by Goldman in 1995.

## Antietam Watershed Association News



The past months have been busy ones for the Antietam Watershed Association. Through a grant from the Environmental Protection

Agency and administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, an extensive review of the West Branch of the Antietam Creek was completed. The results have been given to AWA by RETTEW, Inc., who conducted the study. The next step will be to prioritize the sites that most need help.

AWA members are also serving on Washington Township's Antietam Meadow & Park committee. The meadow, located off N. Welty Road along Antietam Creek, will eventually provide a quiet place of natural beauty amidst bustling residential and commercial surroundings.

A backyard riparian buffer program is also being planned and our stream monitoring group continues to grow. [See article, right] Call 717-762-9417 or visit [www.antietamwms.org](http://www.antietamwms.org) for more information.

Next general AWA meeting: **Wed., April 23, 7 pm**, at Washington Township Municipal Offices on Welty Rd.

Pat Heefner

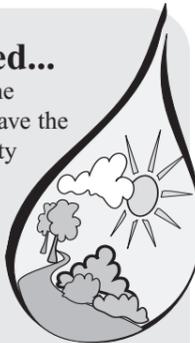
## Stream Monitors Needed...

Like to spend time in nature? Love the Antietam Creek? Like science? We have the job for you! You can be a water quality monitor for the East or West Branch of the Antietam Creek. Here are the requirements:

### MONITOR REQUIREMENTS:

- General interest in water science
- Willingness to commit a 3-4 hour work session during the first weekend of each month (for at least 8 out of 12 months)
- Willingness to commit to training sessions as needed (2-3 per year)—usually a half day Sat. or evening (accommodates those with fulltime day jobs).
- Physical ability to manage stream entry (usually shallow water) or assist partner who can do this.
- Willingness to be part of a team and have fun!

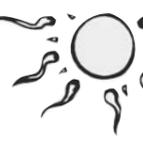
Note: Residence along creek is helpful, but not required. Science background not needed—will train. Equipment provided. Interested? Call 717-762-0373 or email [renfrewinst@innernet.net](mailto:renfrewinst@innernet.net) for more info.



## Summer Institute 2008

Renfrew Park, 1010 East Main St., Waynesboro, PA (762-0373)

Summer Institute activities are made possible in part by contributions to the Today's Horizon Fund by JLG Industries, Inc. and by an Anonymous Donor



### Children's Summer Stories

Tuesdays, June 24–July 29 • 1 pm

Provided in part by in-kind support from VC Enterprises, Inc.

Children gather under the tree near the Visitors Center to listen to stories and enjoy related hands-on activities. Preschool and up. Free. Pre-registration not required. If inclement weather, call to confirm.

### Wednesdays in the Park: Nose to Nose With Nature

Wednesdays, June 25–July 30 • 9:30–11:30 am

Underwriting support provided by sponsor to be announced

Explore nature's best spots in the park with Renfrew Institute's environmental instructors. Check out those weird, wild, wonderful creatures & plants that help make our life on earth possible. Tools, stories, secret missions, music & games will add to the fun and adventure. Bring old sneakers for wading. For children completing grades K–3. \$3 per child, per session. Attend one or more. Pre-registration not required. Meet at Visitors Center.

### Old Friends Are Worth Saving

Tuesday, July 15 • 9 am–3 pm (Rain date: Wed., July 16)

Underwriting support provided by sponsor to be announced

Through exploration of the 1800s Royer farmstead (now known as Renfrew Museum & Park), participants discover a new awareness of old buildings, learn to listen to the stories they can tell us, and understand the importance of preserving them. Hands-on experiences include an opportunity to try the 'people-powered' tools of the 1800s and to assemble a log building. For children completing grades 3–8. Limit: 12. \$35 ea. members, \$40 ea. non-members. Registration deadline: July 9.

### Sun & Earth: Into the Woods

Thursday, July 17 • 9:30–11:30 am

Amazing wonders can be discovered when you move quietly through the woods. Use your senses to explore Renfrew's trails with our experienced biologist! Wear sneakers or hiking shoes. No sandals please. For children completing grades 4–8. \$3 per child. Pre-registration not required. Meet at Visitors Center.

## Plus ~ Heritage Crafts: Summer Workshops For Youth • July 21–25

Underwriting support provided by William H. Gelbach, Jr.

Heritage Crafts selections include Tinsmithing, Quilting, Fun With Fibers, Leatherwork, Pottery, Basketry and Scherenschmitte. Details available soon.

### Attend One or More Craft Workshops! All Sessions Meet at Visitors Center

Fee: \$20 members\* • \$25 non-members (Additional materials fees may apply) \*Member discount for memberships of \$25 or more  
Note: Workshop fees apply to each workshop, per student (i.e., one student attending four workshops= \$80 member/\$100 non-member)

Call or email for a flyer & registration form: 762-0373 • [renfrewinst@innernet.net](mailto:renfrewinst@innernet.net)



WASHS senior, Logan Haugh with the brochure and binder he produced, documenting nearly two dozen trees at Renfrew Park.

## Trees of Renfrew: Senior Project Produces Brochure on Trees

Logan Hough of Waynesboro, a 2008 senior at Waynesboro Area Senior High School, has completed his senior project with Renfrew Institute.

His "Trees of Renfrew" project includes an attractive brochure providing information on 22 trees found at Renfrew Park. Logan also produced a binder with pressed leaf samples from all the trees and a tri-fold exhibit board.

The brochure will be available free to the public at the Renfrew Visitor Center. The binder will be added to Renfrew Institute's library and may be used by visitors on-site only. **Thank You** to Logan for doing an excellent job and for providing a very useful resource for our park.

## Spring/Summer 2008 Calendar of Events

All events supported in part by Today's Horizon Fund contributors:  
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### FREE Spring Lecture Series—

#### “Over and Under: Weaving Threads of History”

Thursdays—March 27 & April 10 & April 24, 7:00 pm

Visitors Center. Free admission.

Underwriting support provided by Charles and Undine Warner and by Beauchat & Beauchat, LLC of Gettysburg

**March 27—Silk Weaver for the World** Commonwealth Speaker Martha Capwell Fox examines the process & challenges of making silk, how the industry developed and then waned.

Pennsylvania was once the top silk producer in the world.

**April 10—Colonial Women & Their Homespun Protest** Karel Henneberger presents a program of how Colonial women protested against British taxes and government by making their own clothes rather than wear those imported from England.

**April 24—News Flash! King Bans Gold & Silver Lace**

Nancy Walker explains the intricacies of how lace was made, its decorative applications, and the part it played in court politics and commerce through the centuries.

#### Adult Fly Tying Workshop—Beginner & Intermediate

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

Presented through a partnership between Renfrew Institute and Antietam Fly Anglers

“Make and take” workshop led by Sterling Buzzell, President of Antietam Fly Anglers and other AFA instructors. Complete instruction & tying materials provided. Tools and equipment provided for use by Antietam Fly Anglers. Fee \$15/members of Renfrew Institute, \$20/non-members. Pre-registration required. Ages 15 & up.

#### Bird Walks at Renfrew

Saturdays in April & May, 7:30–10 am

Underwriting support provided by Beauchat & Beauchat, LLC

Willard Rahn leads bird walks along the hiking trails at Renfrew Park. Walks begin at Renfrew's lower parking lot off Welty Road. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and may bring identification books and binoculars. Free.

#### 15th Annual Renfrew Fun Fly

Saturday, April 12, 10 am–4 pm

Underwriting support provided by Buchanan Auto Sales

Kite flying (10 am–4 pm) and children's kite workshop (11 am–noon) with kiteman, Bill Flohr, in the meadow behind the museum house. Kite workshop material fee, \$1. No fee for free flying (bring your own kite). Open to all ages.

#### Special Earth Week Program

Thursday, April 17, 7 pm, Visitors Center

Annual environmental topic lecture held in conjunction with Renfrew's Earth Celebration Week. Topic and speaker to be announced.

#### 3rd Annual Recycle/Reuse Earth Day Yard Sale

Saturday, April 19, 9 am–3 pm

Underwriting support provided by Advance Auto Parts, Dru's Books & Things, First National Bank of Mercersburg, Kay Hoffman, Store Mgr, Sherwin Williams Waynesboro, Lucinda D. Potter, CPA, & Total Vac, & in-kind promotional donation by Mother Martin's Coupons

Rent a space at Renfrew Park, bring your own table and sell off your discarded “stuff”—it may be just what someone is looking for! Make extra cash for yourself, your family or your organization. For information & registration form, call 762-0373.

#### Earth Celebration Day & Festival of Art

Saturday, April 19, 1–5 pm [Note Date is a Saturday]

Underwriting support provided by Angela Grove Weagly in memory of Joyce L. Ceyler and in honor of Richard D. Ceyler; IESI PA Celebration of earth and spring with environmental exhibitors,

### Earth Celebration Day Continued—

student clothesline display, food and music. Franklin County Commissioners and the Planning Department will recognize April as Earth Awareness Month. **Again this year: Festival of Art!**—Area artists display, demonstrate and sell their works. Ongoing supervised art activities for children. Rain site: Waynesboro Area Middle School. Free admission.

#### Birding Trips—Two Off-Site Trips:

Saturday, May 3 • Wildwood Lake Sanctuary, Harrisburg

Saturday, May 17 • Southern Frederick Co.

Wildwood Lake Sanctuary and southern Frederick Co. are both noted birding areas. Experienced birders, Willard & Tim Rahn, will lead the trips. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and bring bird identification books and binoculars. Participants will carpool from Renfrew, leaving early in the morning. Please call to pre-register. Ages 15 & up. Free to the public.

#### Adult Fly Fishing Workshop—Beginner

Sat., May 10, 9 am–12 noon, Visitors Center & Antietam Creek

Presented through a partnership between Renfrew Institute and Antietam Fly Anglers

Learn all about equipment, casting techniques, and the “secrets” of fly-fishing. Led by Bob Stauffer of Antietam Fly Anglers, this workshop will launch you into this popular specialized sport. Instruction includes time at the stream in Renfrew Park. Practice rods and other equipment loaned by Antietam Fly Anglers for the workshop. Fee \$15 for members of Renfrew Institute, \$20 non-members. Pre-registration required. Ages 15 and up.

#### Youth Festival 2008

Sunday, May 25, 1–5:30 pm

Underwriting support provided by Susquehanna Bank

A celebration of youth with a variety of workshops, demonstrations, activities, exhibits and entertainment. Admission is free. Pre-registration for workshops. Rain site: Summitview Elementary School. [See related article on page 6]

#### SUMMER INSTITUTE—SEE PAGE 21 FOR DETAILS

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##### Heritage Crafts for Youth

July 21 through July 25 (daily, times to be confirmed)

##### 11th Annual Chesapeake Bay Supper Fund Raiser

Friday June 27, 6 pm, Waynesboro Country Club

Show your support of Renfrew Institute. Join us for an enjoyable evening of steamed blue crabs from the Bay, delectable side dishes and dessert, raffle, oral and silent auctions and other Bay-related activities. Reservations required. Cost to be determined.

##### 17th Annual Jazz Festival

Sunday, August 24, 2–4 pm (to be confirmed).

Underwriting support provided by PA Partners in the Arts and by additional sponsors and grants to be announced. Featuring top professional jazz artists, festival will be held on the lawn behind the museum house. Includes a concert from 2–4 pm followed by an informal question and answer period. Rain site: Waynesboro Area Middle School auditorium. Free. Open to the public. Featured artists to be arranged.

## Thanks

...to **Jim Rock (GRC Contractors)** for planning assistance for relocation of the four-square garden.

...to **Angela Rocks & Angela Grove Weagly** for assisting with bulk mailings.

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

...to **Mary Ann Payne** for continuing work on the institute's archives, *EarthSeekers* awards and other program related tasks.



### Special Thank You

... to **Rob & Sandy Beaumont, Bob & Donna Steiner, Don & Barbara McBride, Don & Carol Moffo and Allie & Jo Ann Kohler** for making a generous “group donation” to Renfrew

Institute instead of exchanging gifts within their very special group of friends. The donations from each couple were enclosed in a beautiful Christmas card with a loving message. We are honored to be the 2007 recipient of this group's thoughtful donations. Kudos to them for an excellent community giving idea!

### More Thanks

...to member **Gene Cooley** for covering Renfrew Institute and its events for the Waynesboro Day Care Center website. Gene created a webpage for the institute on the center's site and kept our events posted until illness forced him to discontinue the updates.

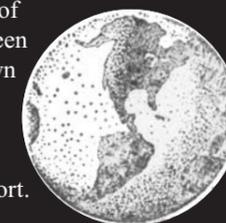
We are grateful to Gene for this valuable donation of service and for establishing the attractive information page for our organization, which remains on the site.

Go to [www.waynesborodaycarecenter.com](http://www.waynesborodaycarecenter.com) and hit the link to Community. The Day Care Center site is very informative and worth a visit, especially if you aren't familiar with the outstanding service provided by this important community resource.



### RENEWAL REMINDER:

Please check the back page of this newsletter. If you see a green Earth Stamp (like the one shown here), that means you have not yet renewed your membership for 2007–08. Please do...we need your support. **Thanks!**



## WELCOME

### New Members!

**Note: New members sponsoring specific programs are also listed under Gifts—New Sponsorships on page 8.**

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

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### PA Taxpayers: Wildlife Needs Your Help!

Remember to mark the check-off box on your state tax form to help preserve Pennsylvania's wonderful wildlife!

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## Our Wish List...

- ❖ Card tables—used, in good condition
- ❖ Book: *A Field Guide to the Ferns and Their Related Families* by Boughton Cobb; Houghton Mifflin Co., 1963
- ❖ Book: *Grasses: An Identification Guide* by Lauren Brown; Houghton Mifflin Co., 1979
- ❖ Book: *Children's Special Places: Exploring the Role of Forts, Dens, and Bush Houses in Middle Childhood* by David Sobel
- ❖ Outdoor tent canopy—mesh or waterproof, new or used (in good condition)
- ❖ Walkie Talkies—new or used (in working order)  
Prefer rechargeable. Sorry, cannot use older styles.
- ❖ Additional underwriting sponsor for this newsletter (\$250)
- ❖ Used office desk chairs (up to 3)—armless & in excellent condition

## Beyond the Wish List... Thank You Too!

- ❖ **Steve Graham:** Books—*Getting Food from Water*; *Stars: A Guide to the Constellations, Sun, Moon, Planets & Other Features of the Heavens*; *A Guide to Fresh & Salt-water Fishing*; *Pioneering with Wild Flowers*; *The Odyssey Book of American Wildflowers*.
- ❖ **Donna Willard:** Collection of large plastic storage bins.
- ❖ **Lovell's Nursery Inc.:** Donation of daffodil bulbs for kindergarten *EarthSeekers* fall plantings.

*Don't forget to renew your membership for 2007-08!*

An "Earth Stamp" here means we're missing you!

## Wish List "Thank You"

- ❖ **Kathy & Darwin Seiler:** Full funding for student rain ponchos!!
- ❖ **Chey Larson & Deb Matthews, in memory of Colleen Larson and in honor of Frank Larson:** Entire wish list of books from the last issue of *Streamside* including—*The New Games Book*; *More New Games!*; *The Book of Forest and Thicket—Trees, Shrubs, & Wildflowers of Eastern North America*; *The Natural History of Wild Shrubs and Vines*; *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide*; *A Guide to Nature in Winter—Northeast & North Central North America*; *American Wildlife & Plants—A Guide to Wildlife Food Habits*.
- ❖ **Also from Chey & Deb:** New underwriting sponsorship of this newsletter. See front cover.
- ❖ **Karen Manderson:** Book: *Nature in Winter*



*New ponchos, donated by Kathy & Darwin Seiler, protect students from wet weather but don't interfere with having fun in the rain!*

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