

# The Institute at Renfrew 2019–20 Adult/Teen Education Programs



In the Visitors' Center  
at Renfrew Museum & Park  
1010 E. Main St., Waynesboro, PA

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Parking is available behind the visitors center or in Renfrew's lower lot off Welty Road.

## Programs & Workshops

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### "SOAR" Bird Walks

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Sept. 7–March 28  
7:30 to 10 a.m. • Renfrew Park

Larry & Sharon Williams lead bi-weekly *fall and winter* bird walks along hiking trails in Renfrew Park. Walks begin at the lower parking lot off Welty Road. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring identification books and binoculars. Free.

### Village Stories, Memories and Lore from Waynesboro's Surrounding Communities: Beartown

Thursday, Sept. 26 • 7 p.m.  
Oller House, 138 West Main St., Waynesboro, Pa.

In partnership with the Waynesboro Historical Society, this program is the first in a planned series of talks exploring the villages surrounding Waynesboro through memories and stories relayed by village residents. Free.

### Creatures of the Night: Owl Walk for Families

Thursday, November 7 • 6:00 p.m. (snow/rain date TBA if needed)  
Meet at Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Naturalist Lori Schlosser conducts a walk to areas of Renfrew Park likely to attract owls. A pre-walk information session teaches about the nocturnal creatures and methods to locate them. Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Dress warmly and bring flashlights. Limit 60. Pre-registration required. Free.

### Project SNOWstorm and Project OwlNet

Thursday, Nov. 21 • 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park  
Steve Huy, a founding member of Project SNOWstorm, presents a program on the Project, which uses innovative science to track and understand snowy owls, and to engage people in their conservation. Huy will also discuss Project OwlNet, which facilitates cooperation and innovation among a growing network of owl migration researchers in North America and abroad. Free. [Note: this is a rescheduled program from last year when snow caused multiple cancellations]

### Star Party

Monday, Dec. 2 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
(Cloud date TBA if needed—check website if cloudy)  
Backyard of the Renfrew Museum house, Renfrew Park

In partnership with the Tri-State Astronomers  
A telescope viewing of the night sky. Tri-State Astronomers will set up telescopes and be on hand with guidance. Cookies and hot chocolate in the visitor center. Free.

### Creatures of the Night: Owl Walk for Adults

Thursday, February 6 • 6:30 p.m. (snow date TBA)  
Meet at Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Naturalist Lori Schlosser conducts an outdoor walk to areas of Renfrew Park likely to attract owls. A pre-walk information session teaches about the nocturnal creatures and methods to locate them. Ages 15 and up. Dress warmly and bring flashlights. Limit 60. Pre-registration required. Free.

### An Astronomer's Perspective on Climate Change

Thursday, February 20 • 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park  
Presented in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers

Dr. Lawrence Marschall, Professor of Physics Emeritus, Gettysburg College, discusses what astronomical conditions can affect the climate of a planet. He asks, "How do we know that current climate change is *not* caused by astronomical changes?" Come to this free program to learn more about this "hot topic." Night sky viewing after the program, weather permitting. Free.

*Our thanks to Renfrew Museum and Park  
for facility support.*

### Annual Spring Lectures 2020

#### Penn's Woods Over Time: People and the Forest

Thursdays: March 12 and 26 • 7 p.m.

Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

*Underwriting support provided by Robert and Grace Brown*

The Institute at Renfrew's annual lecture programs spotlighting various cultural and environmental aspects of our community. Details on reverse side. Free.

#### Telescope Clinic—Learn How to Use Your Telescope!

Sat., March 7 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

*Presented in partnership with Tri-State Astronomers*

This "telescope clinic" is designed to help you learn how to maximize your use of a telescope. If you have a telescope and you're not sure what to do next, bring it to the telescope clinic for some guidance. Registration is required to reserve consultation time. Free.

#### Renfrew Rocks! with Geologist Jeri Jones Prehistoric Life of Pennsylvania

Thursday, April 2 • 7 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

*In partnership with the Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club*

The program will cover long-ago life forms in Pennsylvania from ancient seas of 541 million years ago, through the Ice Age ending about 8,000 years ago. Fossils help to tell scientists what our area was like over geologic time. Free.

#### "SOAR" Spring Bird Walks

1st & 3rd Saturdays, April 4–May 30  
7:30 to 10 a.m. • Renfrew Park

Spring bird walks continue on the first and third Saturday, led by Larry and Sharon Williams along hiking trails in Renfrew Park. Walks begin at the lower parking lot off Welty Road. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring identification books and binoculars. Free.

#### Recycling: Answers from the Experts!

Thursday, April 23 • 7:00 p.m. • Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Co-sponsored by Antietam Watershed Association and The Institute at Renfrew. Still confused about what's recyclable and what isn't? Local experts address the status of recycling in the Waynesboro area and Franklin County. Panelists include: Washington Township Manager, Jeff Geesaman; Waynesboro Boro Manager, Jason Stains; Franklin County Planning Dept. Director, Steve Thomas; Franklin County Planner, Rochelle Barvinchack; Apple Valley Recycling representative. Submit questions ahead by email or phone ([info@instituteatrenfrew.org](mailto:info@instituteatrenfrew.org) or 717-762-0373). Free, no registration required.

#### Geology Field Trip: Fossils Tell Stories

Saturday, May 9 • 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Meet at Visitors Center, Renfrew Park

Geologist Jeri Jones takes us to northern Pennsylvania to the St. Clair fern fossil site and the New Ringgold fossil site. Transportation by bus only, provided. Pre-registration required. Fee: Age 7–14 (\$30); Age 15 & up (\$50). Institute at Renfrew member discount: \$5 per seat. Bring bag lunch.

#### Off-Site Birding Field Trips to Gettysburg Battlefield

Saturdays, June 6 & 13 • 7:30 a.m. to approx. 10 a.m.

Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Virginia Memorial on Confederate Avenue, on Gettysburg battlefield

Naturalist Jack Olszewski has spotted many species at Gettysburg battlefield. Bring binoculars, bird ID books, cameras, water, snacks, or lunch. Wear comfortable walking shoes. RSVP appreciated. For more information or directions, call The Institute at Renfrew at 717-762-0373. Free.