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Annual Sheep Shearing Program at the Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 10:00am-3:00pm

Worcester, PA (April 8, 2013) – Visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 10:00am to 3:00pm to experience the annual shearing of the sheep and activities typical of spring on a colonial Pennsylvania German farm. Enjoy a fun-filled day for the entire family.

Many trades and crafts in a rural community of the late 18th through early 19th centuries will be highlighted. The farmers will skillfully shear the sheep throughout the day. Participants will get a chance to help brush the wool in preparation for the spinners to twist it into yarn. Skilled artisans will teach guests about the culture of the native Lenape, the tools and skills of the woodworker and the broom maker. Participants will be able to test their skills at scratching designs onto dyed eggs, making butter, creating hooked rugs, and other crafts. Children will enjoy playing with colonial toys and games, and building a scarecrow. A puppet show will be performed by Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre at 12:00pm. Special guest lecturer and textile historian, Kathy Lesieur, will give a presentation on early needlework samplers of the area, dating to the late 18th through mid-19th centuries, before teaching some of the basic stitches.

While touring the historic house, guests will enjoy colonial era music performed by The Bakshi Studio Baroque Players, a local group of aspiring young musicians. The tour will finish in the summer kitchen where participants will experience the sights and aromas of seasonal cooking on the open hearth.

Refreshments will be available for purchase and the museum shop will be open featuring items related to the program. A donation of \$2 per person is suggested.

For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit <http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=929>. The restored 18th century Pennsylvania German historic site is owned and operated by the County of Montgomery and receives support from the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. The site is regularly open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, with guided tours every forty-five minutes.



Demonstrators showcasing their skills of carding and spinning wool

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