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Seasonal Life on the Farm at the Historic Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00am-3:00pm

Worcester, PA (October 7, 2013) – How did people in the past preserve food without modern refrigeration? Visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead in Worcester on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00am-3:00pm to learn about seasonal life on an 18th century farm and methods of processing and storing food in preparation for the long winter ahead.

Experience the activities typical of autumn on a Pennsylvania German farm of the late 18th through early 19th centuries that will include a demonstration of making brooms, processing flax fibers for linen, and dyeing wool using natural ingredients. During a guided tour of the historic house, learn how a colonial household readied for the cold season ahead.

Without modern methods to preserve food, people in the past had to find ways to make their fresh food last as long as possible. A visit to the summer kitchen will show how fruits and vegetables were preserved by drying or pickling them, including making sauerkraut. Also a part of the day's activities will be making apple butter, pressing apples for cider, and shelling corn using the tools and machinery of earlier centuries. Be sure to visit the kitchen garden to learn about seasonal gardens and how to ready the ground for early spring plantings before the first frost.

A donation of \$2.00 per person is greatly appreciated.

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 will assist visitors in processing flax for later use as linen. Photo courtesy of Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, & Historic Sites, Peter Wentz Farmstead.