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**Pennypacker Mills Presents In The Good Old Summertime
*Old-Fashioned Fun on the Grounds of Historic Pennypacker Mills***

Schwenksville, PA (July 29, 2014) – The lazy days of summer in the early 1900s often meant sipping lemonade on the wide porch where one could feel a cool breeze, playing lawn games of croquet, boating on the Perkiomen Creek, and enjoying a walk through the Victorian garden. On Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 11:00am to 3:00pm, come to Pennypacker Mills for a free summertime event where guests will go back in time to those relaxing summer days for old-fashioned fun and toe-tapping musical entertainment.

Musician Charlie Zahm and fiddler Tad Marks will entertain everyone with pastime favorite songs and melodies. A master of the guitar, Zahm chooses a repertoire of songs that will entertain the whole family. Get comfortable in a rocking chair and enjoy this well-known entertainer as he brings his passion for performing both American and Irish ballads to life under the shade of our large tent.

The Delaware Valley Classic MG Car Club will be hosting their vintage car show with classic British cars and motorcycles. Stop by to see a variety of cars from different time periods and meet the owners who have painstakingly restored these vintage beauties. Visitors will get the chance to vote for their favorite vintage vehicle.

Don't forget to stop by the Victorian dress-up area where the whole family can choose Victorian outfits to wear, strike a pose, and have their picture taken with their personal camera or phone.

Take a tour of the Children's Heritage Garden where heirloom varieties abound in the summer. Smell, touch, taste, and explore this fascinating garden and hear interesting stories about these plants. There might be a few that even seasoned gardeners will find interesting!

Near the mansion, participate in some of the games of the past including ring toss, a shorter croquet course for beginners, bean bag toss, and the game of hoops! Kids may just find out that these old-fashioned games are as entertaining as all those electronic games!

The 1900s History Center will be open for guests to explore the many exhibits and hands-on areas. Visit the General Store. Attend "On the Backs of Children, Coal Mining in Pennsylvania" an exhibit that explores the many jobs that young boys held at the anthracite mines. Learn how "Breaker Boys" worked tirelessly in the breakers to sort coal. See the fully restored Rockaway carriage to see what the family sedan and local transportation looked like in the early 1900s.

Come inside to cool off in the Pennypacker mansion. Tours will be offered throughout the day. Check out the Servant Area to see the Cook's bedroom, walk down the back stairs, and see the Butler's Pantry, and "modern" kitchen where food was prepared for the family and servants. See how the cast iron stove worked, what modern conveniences the servants had available to them to make their job easier, and finally see the laundry room where the laundress was able to use a triple-sink, hot and cold running water, and a laundry stove to make her job easier.

A food vendor will be on-site offering refreshments. Enjoy lunch in the shady picnic grove.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. Located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA, the site offers year-round guided tours, educational

programs, seasonal events, and changing exhibits. Call 610-287-9349 for more information. Visit the website at: <http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills>.