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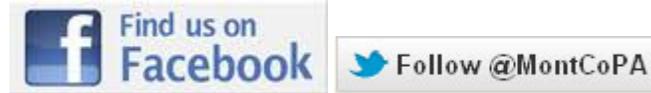
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## **Pottsgrove Manor to Offer Program on “Clothing the Common Sort”**

**Pottstown, PA (September 15, 2014)** – On Saturday, September 20, 2014, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, historic Pottsgrove Manor will show visitors what their colonial ancestors wore to work with a living history program entitled, “Clothing the Common Sort.”

At 11:00am and 1:00pm, historian Deborah Peterson will give show-and-tell presentations explaining the clothing of laboring men, women, and children in eighteenth-century America. Throughout the day, the site’s living history volunteers will demonstrate various colonial chores, including cooking at the open hearth, while dressed in their working-class attire. Some activities will be hands-on, and visitors will get a chance to try on some of the reproduction clothes for themselves.

This program is being held in conjunction with the Manor’s current exhibit of both reproduction and original 18<sup>th</sup>-century garments, “To the Manor Worn: Clothing the 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Household,” which can be toured on the hour during the program. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per person for this program. The museum shop will also be open throughout the event and will be having a special one-day-only sale—10% off all sewing-related items!

The clothing exhibit can also be toured during regular museum hours through November 2, 2014: Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Tours are given on the hour. The last tour of the day begins at 3:00pm. The site is closed Mondays and major holidays. Groups of ten or more should pre-register by calling 610-326-4014.

Pottsgrove Manor is located at 100 West King Street near the intersection of King Street and Route 100, just off Route 422, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Pottsgrove Manor is operated by Montgomery County under the direction of the Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites Division of the Assets and

Infrastructure Department. For more information, please call 610-326-4014, or visit the website at [www.montcopa.org/pottsgrovesmanor](http://www.montcopa.org/pottsgrovesmanor). Like Pottsgrove Manor on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pottsgrovesmanor>.