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“Come to the Fair!” – Annual Colonial May Fair at Pottsgrove Manor
Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 11:00am to 5:00pm

Pottstown, PA (April 27, 2015) – Celebrate spring at the Annual Colonial May Fair held at historic Pottsgrove Manor on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

This yearly event is a fun-filled day with activities for all ages including games, music, dancing, and crafts. Tucker's Tales Puppet Theatre will present interactive puppet shows and will also provide festive historic music around the grounds during the event. Signora Bella will delight audiences with her acrobatic feats. Colonial conjurer Levram the Great will perform historically-themed magic shows and entertain visitors with pocket magic tricks throughout the day. Members of the Tapestry Historic Dance Ensemble will demonstrate authentic English country dances, this year with a focus on those of the early nineteenth century to honor the bicentennial of Pottstown Borough, incorporated in 1815. As always, visitors will be invited to join in and dance around the maypole to help open and close the fair!

In addition to the entertainment, a variety of early American crafters and demonstrators will be on hand to display historic skills and trades and sell their wares. Young visitors will have the chance to meet colonial farm animals, watch a blacksmith at work, compete in hoop races, play with colonial toys, try an 18th-century bat-and-ball game, dance around a kid-size maypole, and more! The first floor of colonial ironmaster John Potts' 1752 manor house and the current exhibit, "Pride of Place: The Local Legacy of the Potts Family," will be open for self-guided tours during the fair. Open-hearth cooking will be demonstrated in the Pottsgrove Manor kitchen by historic cook Deborah Peterson. While visitors can't try the food cooked in the colonial kitchen, they will be able to purchase food during the event. MMG Concessions will offer burgers, cheesesteaks, hot dogs, sausages, sandwiches, fries, hand-rolled pretzels, fresh-squeezed lemonade, and more. Visitors will also be able to shop at the manor's museum shop for colonial games, books, and unique gifts.

The fair coincides with the second annual "Pow-Wow on Manatawny Creek," celebrating the culture and traditions of the Lenni-Lenape Native Americans. The pow-wow will be taking place during the hours of May Fair and will be held at Memorial Park, less than a block from Pottsgrove Manor. The public is encouraged to visit both events for an experience that spans time periods and cultures!

For a schedule of the day's activities and a list of vendors and craftspeople who will be at the fair, please visit <http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=1421>.

A donation of \$2.00 per person is suggested for this event. Visitors are asked to park at the Carousel at Pottstown building, 30 West King Street. There is no charge for parking, and Pottstown's restored trolley will be giving free rides during the fair between the carousel parking lot, the pow-wow at Memorial Park, downtown Pottstown, and Pottsgrove Manor. Handicapped parking is available in the museum's parking lot.

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/pottsgrovermanor. Like Pottsgrove Manor on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pottsgrovermanor>.