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Distilling the Past at Pottsgrove Manor
Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Pottstown, PA (June 3, 2015) – The Manatawny Still Works will be at historic Pottsgrove Manor on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for a new event, “Distilling the Past.”

Manatawny Still Works was established in 2013 as a small-batch distillery that prides itself on connecting to the history of the region. The 1752 ironmaster’s mansion at Pottsgrove Manor—which also served as a hotel and bar from the 1870s to Prohibition—makes an ideal setting to learn about the area’s “liquid” history. Attendees at the program will get to sample some of the distillery’s products, including their signature J. Potts Whiskey and T. Rutter Rum, while learning about the beverages that the actual John Potts and Thomas Rutter bought and consumed in the 18th century.

Throughout the evening, historian and colonial foodways expert Dr. Clarissa F. Dillon will demonstrate the process of making non-alcoholic distillations—used in the 18th century for flavorings, medicines, and cosmetics—in the Manor’s kitchen. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will also be served as guests mingle with interpreters in period dress on the Manor’s historic grounds.

There is a registration fee of \$30 per person for this program, with a reduced fee of \$10 per person for designated drivers. This event is open only to those ages 21 and up; IDs will be checked at the door. Registration is limited to 50 people. Registration and payment is required by June 9th. A printable registration form is available at <http://montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/9046>.

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