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A Victorian Tea and P.T. Barnum – The Master Showman – at Pennypacker Mills
Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Schwenksville, PA (September 21, 2015) – Experience the Victorian tradition of an afternoon tea on the mansion porch at historic Pennypacker Mills. On Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm enjoy three courses, including scones and jam, tea sandwiches, desserts, and tea, all served by Pennypacker living historians. The ambiance of the wide mansion porch includes small tables with flowing tablecloths, a centerpiece of fragrant flowers, and all the china and serving pieces necessary to create a Victorian experience.

Actor Neill Hartley will portray showman P.T. Barnum in this exciting and entertaining look at one of the most colorful and well-known personalities of all time who brought high and low culture to all of America. A brilliant and shameless promoter, Barnum gave the public of the 19th century hucksterism, peerless spectacle, and everything in between. He was often called the “master showman” and became one of the richest men in America. Watch as his fame grows with a bevy of acts and share in his crowning success: “*The Greatest Show on Earth!*” Following the performance, there will be a short informational session about the circus, P.T. Barnum’s life, and a short reading from his book, “*The Art of Money Getting.*”

The fee for this Victorian Tea is \$40.00 per person, by preregistration and prepayment. Seating is limited, so call Pennypacker Mills at 610-287-9349 to confirm availability and to pay with a credit card. Guests will be registered upon receipt of payment.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. The historic site is conveniently located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA. The site is open year round for guided tours, seasonal events, educational programs, and changing exhibits. For more information on the site or events, check out the website at: www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills.