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**Annual Sheep Shearing Program at the Wentz Farmstead**  
**Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 10:00am to 3:00pm**

**Worcester, PA (April 4, 2016)** – Enjoy a fun-filled day for the entire family by visiting the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 10:00am to 3:00pm for the annual shearing of the sheep and other activities on the colonial Pennsylvania German farm.

Many trades and crafts typical of a rural community in the late 18<sup>th</sup> through early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries will be demonstrated throughout the day, including shearing the sheep. Watch as the farmers carefully cut the wool and trim the hoofs of the sheep that live at the site.

Visitors young and old will also enjoy scratching designs onto onion skin-dyed eggs, making butter, creating hooked rugs, and preparing wool for the spinners to twist into yarn. Skilled artisans will explain the techniques of natural dyeing, various types of woodworking, and the culture of the native Lenape people. Visitors can also listen to live colonial music performed by students of The Bakshi Studio Baroque Players while touring the historic Wentz house. A stop in the detached kitchen will delight the senses with the sights and aromas of cooking on the open hearth.

Children will enjoy colonial toys and games and building scarecrows. There will also be a performance of the puppet show “Punch and Judy” performed by Tuckers’ Tales Puppet Theatre at 12:00pm and a hands-on craft activity will be taught to kids at 2:00pm.

Refreshments will be available for purchase from Ollie’s Food Truck and the Museum Shop will be open featuring items related to the program. A donation of \$2.00 per person is suggested.

For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit [www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead](http://www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead). The restored 18<sup>th</sup> century Pennsylvania

German historic site is owned and operated by the County of Montgomery and receives support from the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. The site is regularly open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, with guided tours offered on the hour. The last tour begins at 3:00pm. The Peter Wentz Farmstead is located at 2030 Shearer Road, Lansdale, PA 19446.