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### **Annual Sheep Shearing Program at the Wentz Farmstead**

*Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10:00am to 3:00pm*

**Worcester, PA (March 21, 2017)** – Enjoy a fun-filled day for the entire family by visiting the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, April 22, 2017 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. The lambs born this spring will also be frolicking in the nearby pasture eagerly awaiting the return of their moms and the newly-hatched chicks will be chirping in the Visitors Center.

Visitors young and old will also enjoy scratching designs onto onion skin-dyed eggs, making butter, creating hooked rugs, and helping us to prepare the newly-shorn wool to make yarn and fabric. Skilled artisans will explain the techniques of tape weaving, spinning wool into yarn, making baskets, and the culture of the native Lenape people. Visitors will hear lively 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 seasonal cooking on the open hearth.

There will be a performance of the puppet show “Punch and Judy” performed by Tuckers’ Tales Puppet Theatre at 12:00pm.

Refreshments will be available for purchase from Ollie’s Food Truck and the Museum Shop will be open vending items related to the program. Also, participate in a Silent Auction run by The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society, the not-for-profit friends group that supports the site. A donation of \$2.00 per person is suggested for attending the day.

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.