Annual Sheep Shearing Program at the Peter Wentz Farmstead

Worcester, PA (March 19, 2012) – The historic Peter Wentz Farmstead will hold its annual shearing of the sheep and associated activities typical of spring on a colonial Pennsylvania German farm on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Many of the trades and crafts of the late 18th through early 19th centuries in a rural community will be highlighted. Farmers will skillfully shear the sheep during demonstrations throughout the day. Visitors can see lambs, learn about the culture of the native Lenape and the many tools and skills of the woodworker and broom maker. Try your hand at spinning, scratching designs onto dyed eggs, butter making, rug hooking, and other crafts. Children will enjoy playing with colonial toys and games, building a scarecrow, and watching a puppet show performed by Tuckers’ Tales Puppet Theatre.

Tours of the historic house will be offered and will demonstrate how the people living at the Farmstead prepared it for spring. Enjoy colonial era music performed by The Bakshi Studio Baroque Players, a local group of aspiring young musicians. The tour will finish in the summer kitchen where you will experience the sights and aromas of seasonal cooking on the open hearth.

Refreshments will be available for purchase, and the museum shop will be open featuring items related to the program. A donation of $2 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.historicsites.montcopa.org. The restored 18th 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 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm with guided tours every forty-five minutes.
Visit the lambs at the Farmstead on Sheep Shearing Day.
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