**Pennypacker Mills Presents: In The Good Old Summertime**

**Schwenksville, Pennsylvania (July 30, 2012)** – In the early 1900s, summertime for Samuel Pennypacker and his family included hosting family reunions and visits from Philadelphia friends. This famous Pennsylvania family entertained themselves by enjoying the summer breezes on the mansion porch and playing lawn games. Now, visitors can step back in time and revisit those simpler summer days at Pennypacker Mill’ In The Good Old Summertime Event on Saturday, August 4 from 11am to 4pm. Parking and admission are FREE.

Come join the fun as Pennypacker Mills celebrates the summer days:

- For high flying flea fans of all ages - Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus and Chief Wahoo's Medicine Show! Don't miss the breathtaking high-wire extravaganza of this show nor a chance to buy a cure-all elixir sold by a traveling salesman!
- A British Car Show hosted by the Delaware Valley Classic MG Car Club is where guests will marvel at vintage cars on display. Stop by and talk to the owners, and take part in judging too!
- Vintage music resounds on the mansion porch as unique crank-up musical devices will be played for guests’ musical enjoyment throughout the day.
- Fun games and summer crafts for kids are on tap at this event. To keep cool on a hot summer day, kids can make a Victorian fan along with other fun crafts and lawn games.
- A sensory experience awaits all who enter the Children’s Heritage Garden. Herbs, fragrant flowers, heirloom vegetables, and creative growing techniques are on display. Kids can participate in a fun activity in the garden while adults can enjoy the unusual plant varieties and talk with gardeners.
- A Victorian cook will be on hand in the Classroom Building showing families how the produce in the garden was used in the kitchen. Stop by and help her snap beans, weigh produce, and more.
Enter the now air-conditioned home where Pennsylvania Governor Samuel Pennypacker (1903-1907) and his family once lived. Guided tours take guests on two floors of the mansion and into the gallery where the “Call to Arms! Emergency Militia in Pennsylvania During the Gettysburg Campaign” exhibit is on display. Tours highlight life at the turn of the twentieth century and how the Pennypackers entertained friends and family during the summer months.

Visit the Museum Shop for old-fashioned outdoor games like French hoops and jump ropes and a bit of history with books like, “Footloose, Fancy, and Free,” about vacations and traveling during the Victorian era. Included are recipes such as Waldorf “Hundred Dollar Cake!”

Stop by the food vendors for lunch, a snack, or water ice.

Pennypacker Mills is located at 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. For information and directions please call 610-287-9349 or visit the website at: www.historicsites.montcopa.org.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Department of Assets & Infrastructure, Parks & Heritage Services Division. The site offers year-round guided tours, education programs, changing exhibits, seasonal events, and craft workshops.

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Witness Phydeaux’s world renowned acrobatic fleas as they defy gravity and surmount seemingly impossible feats of strength!
Enter the garden tee-pees and see lemon cucumbers and yellow pole beans from the undersides. See potatoes grown above ground and taste a plant that is fifteen times sweeter than sugar!

Vintage cars will be on display for judging. Stop by and meet the owners of these beautifully restored cars too!
Kids will enjoy taking aim at the bean bag targets in this old-fashioned summer activity!