Pennypacker Mills Presents Haunting Stories by the Bonfire

Schwenksville, PA (October 1, 2012) – During the Victorian Era, stories which dealt with the supernatural were quite popular. Fairies, witches, and ghosts were used by authors to spin stories that captured the imagination of their audiences. Stories of strange happenings in local communities had an especially gripping effect on their residents and seemed to have a life of their own as they were passed down through families.

The art of storytelling goes back to the beginning of time. A good storyteller can spin his tale and listeners instantly form mental images or “visualize” the characters and actions in their minds. Many stories allow listeners to travel in their imaginations anywhere the story takes them, no matter where or when. Samuel Pennypacker was a collector of antiquities, family history, and the haunting stories of the Perkiomen Valley. To him, these unwritten stories were another form of local history that should be preserved.

On Saturday, October 6 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, bring family and friends to Pennypacker Mills to celebrate Samuel Pennypacker’s penchant for collecting local stories about superstitions and apparitions. Haunting Stories by the Bonfire will introduce visitors to the storyteller as he re-tells one of Samuel Pennypacker’s stories of a ghost in Harleysville, Montgomery County in the eighteenth century, among other haunting tales. This is a FREE event and families are encouraged to bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on.
After the storytelling program hang around for an old-fashioned marshmallow roast around the bonfire. Pennypacker Mills will provide the sweet treats and guests should bring along their favorite marshmallow roasting stick!