Seasonal Life on the Farm at the Historic Wentz Farmstead

Saturday, October 13 from 10:00am-3:00pm

Worcester, PA (October 10, 2012) – Cold weather is fast approaching and it’s time to begin preparations for winter. Visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead in Worcester on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00am-3:00pm to learn about seasonal life on an 18th century farm and the importance of processing and storing food for the long winter ahead.

Experience the activities typical of autumn on a Pennsylvania German farm of the late 18th through early 19th centuries. The visit will include a demonstration of the skills of broom making and then guests will help to process flax fibers in preparation for spinning and weaving them into linen. A guided tour of the historic house will include information on how a colonial household readied for the colder seasons ahead.

Without modern methods of food preservation, people in the past had to find ways to make their fresh food last as long as possible. A visit to the summer kitchen will show how fruits and vegetables were preserved by drying or pickling them, including making sauerkraut. Also a part of the day’s activities will be making apple butter, pressing apples into cider, and shelling corn using the tools and machinery of earlier centuries. Be sure to visit the kitchen garden to learn about seasonal gardens and how to ready the ground for the upcoming frost.

A donation of $2 per person is greatly appreciated.

For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit www.historicalsites.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 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with guided tours every forty-five minutes.
Junior volunteers demonstrate the making of sauerkraut, a way to preserve cabbage after the growing season.

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