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Christmas Tours at Historic Pennypacker Mills “All That Shines”

Schwenksville, PA (November 20, 2012) – Welcome to a truly Victorian Christmas in Pennsylvania filled with the holiday traditions and décor that reflect life in the early 1900s. One hundred years ago at Pennypacker Mills, the Christmas tree was freshly cut from the farm, complete with homemade imported glass ornaments, shimmering icicles, shiny satin ribbon, and small candles on branch tips. The spirit of Christmas throughout the Pennypacker home could be seen in the traditions of putting carrots for reindeer in Dutch wooden shoes, placing clear toy candy on a plate so the light could shine through it, and simply wrapping presents that were personally decorated with gold Dresden ornaments, Victorian scrap designs, and shiny ribbon.

This holiday season, this historic house museum is fully decorated with a luxurious draping of greens and all things that shine – cut glass, silver, gilt, satin, luster, mica, and mercury glass ornaments on mantles, windowsills, and doorways. The glow of oil lamps and candelabras reflect the light and add sparkle, warmth, and ambiance to each room. Throughout the house, see the sparkle of the personal touches this family added to the holidays and how they celebrated this special time of year.

Guided holiday tours begin Tuesday, November 20, 2012 and go through Sunday, January 6, 2013. All tours are free. The Museum Shop is open with outstanding gift items, toys, and decorations. Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10am to 4pm; Sunday, 1pm to 4pm. Closed all Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day. Groups of 10 or more should make a reservation.
For more information, please call 610-287-9349 or visit the website at

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A child’s wonderland of toys, sweets, and Christmas delights displays how the holidays were
celebrated in the early 1900s.

Poinsettias fill the fireplace in the Governor's Library as an image of Santa Claus looks out from over
the fireplace.