

exhibits

Through November 11th during regular museum hours

EXHIBIT:

“Good Night at the Manor”

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Life does not only happen from sun up to sun down. Uncover the nighttime happenings and routines of 18th century Pottsgrove Manor! Work, relaxation, and more made nighttime a lively time of day. Discover what the Potts family and their household staff would do as the light of day turns into dark.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Through October 31st during regular museum hours

EXHIBIT:

“The Art of Josephine W. Pennypacker”

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

The late 19th century saw popularity in works of art among women, especially watercolors. On display will be watercolors, charcoal drawings, oil paintings, and pencil drawings of Josephine Pennypacker. Included on all tours.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Tuesday, November 20th to Sunday, January 6th, 2019 during regular museum hours

EXHIBIT:

“The Gilded Age of Christmas”

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

The galleries will highlight antique Christmas ornaments of the early 20th century along with some ornaments and glass icicles from the Pennypacker family. Included on all tours.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

events

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Every Thursday in July from 5:30 to 7:00 pm,
and Saturdays from 10:30 to 12:00 pm, and 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Canoe with Perks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 x109

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive Osprey! Personal floatation devices (PFDs), canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week.

All ages; \$20 per person.

Every Saturday in July from 8:00 to 10:00 am

Saturday Morning Bird Walks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593

Join us for a guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Our Facebook page will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Sunday, July 1st at 10:00 am

Eagle vs. Turkey

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Did Benjamin Franklin really want the wild turkey to be our national symbol? Come meet Montgomery, the park's resident bald eagle, and also the park's resident wild turkeys. Visitors will learn interesting facts about both, and then can decide for themselves which bird they would choose. Hands on activities will be included in the fun. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is June 28th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 pm

Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

A park ranger in period clothing will perform a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Before the advent of television and radio important government announcements were read to the public in a common square. Come ready to participate in the cheering for Liberty! There will be toasts and musket fire! The reading takes about 90 minutes. Pre-registration is preferred; meet at the field near the pavilions. Bring a blanket or folding chair. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Salt Wing.

All ages; free.

Tuesday, July 3rd at 8:00 am

Morning Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join park staff the first Tuesday of every month for a morning bird walk. Expect to see vireos, flycatchers, and other songbirds. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Saturday, July 7th at 10:00 am

The Fish of the Farm Park

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Ranger Carlin will give a presentation on the game fish that Montgomery County has to offer. Take a close look at individual species, fishing methods, and the proper way to catch and release. Learn about the many destinations within the county to land the next "big one." Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children ages 6 & up.

Sunday, July 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Open House at the Locktender's House

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a tour of the Locktender's House at Lock 60.

Children of all ages with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.

Sunday, July 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

VICTORIAN TEA:

"Annie Oakley, Aim for a High Mark!"

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Annie Oakley was probably the most famous woman of her day. She and professional partner Buffalo Bill Cody were the first international superstars. In addition to being an expert sharpshooter, Oakley was also a proponent of

safe working conditions; fair and equal pay for days worked regardless of gender or heritage, and supported many young girls through school at her own expense. Her motto was to "Aim for a high mark...for practice will make you perfect," and her hope was that all women would reach the "Bullseye of Success." Join actress Kim Hanley as she brings Annie Oakley to life. Enjoy tea, sandwiches, scones and desserts, all served by period dressed servants on the Pennypacker mansion porch. Pre-registration required; seating limited.

All ages; fee: \$40 per person.

Sunday, July 15th at 6:00 pm

Animal Habitat Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join ranger Tim Wilson on a nature walk in the early evening. Learn about the animals that live in the park. Look for the habitats of particular animals, including their foods and shelters. Bring binoculars if you have them and wear your walking shoes. The walk will be about two miles. Pre-registration is required; meet at the park office.

Ages: adults & children ages 5 & up; free.

Sunday, July 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an evening of celebration and laughter at the amphitheater as Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents "The Complete History of America (Abridged)" - a satirical and fast-paced review of all of American history, from the pre-colonial era to modern day. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

All ages; free.

Monday to Friday, July 16th to 20th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Mitte Camp 2018

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Students entering 1st through 3rd grades in fall 2018 will learn about life during the 1700s at this hands-on camp. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$100 per child.

Saturday, July 21st at 10:00 am

Creek Critters

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an exploration of life in the waters of Perkiomen Creek. We will investigate the creatures that inhabit moving waters, and learn about their special adaptations for an aquatic life. Wear old sneakers or water shoes, we will be getting wet!

Program will meet at Fly-fishing Area on Church Road (1.2 miles east of Kutztown Road). Pre-registration required.

Ages 5 to adult; free.

Saturday, July 21st from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

French and Indian War Muster Day

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

The Pennsylvania Provincial Army needs you! Join French and Indian War interpreters from the 1st and 3rd Battalion of the Pennsylvania Regiment and uncover what soldier life entailed in the 1750s. The French and Indian War, also called the Seven Years War, raged throughout the colonies from 1754 to 1763 as British forces fought French settlers and Native Americans for control of the New World's resources. Come and see Living Historians in action to learn about this crucial time in colonial life.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, July 21st at 2:00 pm

Combatting the Spotted Lanternfly

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371

The Spotted Lanternfly is a significant threat to Pennsylvania's trees. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Penn State Agricultural Extension need your help to combat this invasive insect—already found in Montgomery County! Sally Sue Richmond, Master Gardener and Senior Lecturer in Information Science at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern, PA, volunteers with an outreach mission from the Penn State Cooperative Extension to arm citizens with knowledge regarding this threat and share how they can help. She will be presenting her program at the park once in the summer and once in the fall as each season takes a different approach to eradication of the pest. Pre-registration is preferred; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion; event will be canceled if the weather is severe.

All ages, but better suited for high school & older; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, July 22nd at 2:00 pm

Honey Bees

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Come out and meet the park's resident beekeeper, Don George. Find out about the challenges facing modern beekeepers today and the reasons for the decline in the honey bee population. Learn some bee biology and how you can help the honey bee at home. Participants will see an observation hive first-hand. The equipment used for bee keeping will be showcased. A sign-up sheet will be available for anyone wanting to attend a beginner's course on beekeeping. Taste honey and purchase some if you like. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing next to the park office.

Ages: adults & children 6 & up; free.

Monday to Friday, July 23rd to 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Junior Naturalist Camp

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Students entering 4th through 7th grade in the fall 2018 spend a week learning about the natural world around them through exploration, games, activities, and crafts. Pre-registration is required. Camp shirts are guaranteed to those registered by June 18th.

Fee: \$50 per child.

Saturday, July 28th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fun in the 1900s History Center!

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Immerse the whole family in all the hands-on activities. Purchase food items for a recipe in the General Store, discover what life was like for breaker boys in the coal mines of Pennsylvania by sorting and sizing coal, and see an interactive exhibit on transportation of the time. The air conditioned mansion will be open for guided tours.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, July 28th at 8:30 pm

Full Moon Hike

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Come out and experience the park after dark in this new program offering. We will use the light of the moon to find our way as we experience the sounds and sights of a summer evening. Participants may bring a flashlight, but must refrain from using them except in an emergency. Meet at Park Office (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA 18054). Pre-registration required.

Ages 9 to adult; free.

Sunday, July 29th at 2:00 pm

Freshwater Investigation

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Explore Harper's Run and the Pennypack Creek with the park naturalist. Search for aquatic insects, crayfish, salamanders, and fish. Bring a net if you have one. All creatures will be released unharmed. Wear water shoes or old sneakers and expect to get wet! Pre-registration is required; meet by the bridge over Harper's Run.

Ages: adults & children 5 & up; free.

Monday July 30th to August 3rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Fee: \$50 per child.

Monday to Friday, July 30th to August 3rd from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Wentz Wonder Kids Camp 2018

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Kids ages 4-5 years old will enjoy a half-day camp with hands-on activities related to the historic Farmstead.

Pre-registration required. Fee: \$60 per child.

august

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and Saturdays from 10:30 to 12:00 pm, and 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Canoe with Perks

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All ages; \$20 per person.

Every Saturday in August from 8:00 to 10:00 am

Saturday Morning Bird Walks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593

Join us for a guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Our Facebook page will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Every Sunday in August from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Living History Sundays

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

History is coming alive every Sunday in August as Pottsgrove Manor's staff and volunteers illustrate historic trades, skills, and life. Join in with our 18th century interpreters and try on hands-on-activities! Colonial games will be happening every week, adding to the fun. Visitors are also invited to join our guided tours of ironmaster John Potts manor house to learn and find out more about life in the 1750s. Activities will vary each week so visit the Pottsgrove Manor website or call to discover what will be happening the weekends you'd like to visit.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, August 4th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

In the Good Old Summertime

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Take a step back to a simpler place in time and discover how Victorians spent the lazy days of summer. Families can enjoy trying on vintage clothing for a unique photo opportunity, playing lawn games such as croquet and bean bag toss, visiting the 1900s History Center to shop in the General Store and touring through interactive exhibits, and taking a guided tour of the Pennypacker mansion (it's air conditioned!), and stopping by the vintage car show with the Delaware Valley Classic MG Car Club. A food vendor will be on-site.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, August 5th at 2:00 pm

Knee Deep in the Creek

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Explore Kepner Creek for aquatic wildlife. We should find insects, fish, frogs, and salamanders. Learn to evaluate water quality using a biotic index. Wear water shoes or old sneakers and expect to get wet! If you have a net, please bring it. All creatures will be released unharmed. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3 near the kiosk.

Ages: adults & children 5 & up; free.

Sunday, August 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Category 5 Band

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an evening of music in the park at the amphitheater. Category 5 is a classic rock band covering the best of rock, blues, R&B and pop music from the 1970s (give or take a decade). Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

All ages; free.

Monday, August 6th at 9:30 am

Ladybug Beetles

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a closer look at ladybug beetles and other insects, especially those associated with milkweed. There are quite a variety of ladybugs and they differ in both color and the number of spots. Learn about their life cycle and habitat. Younger children can make a ladybug craft after the field activity. Elementary and middle school age children as well as adults interested in ladybugs are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages: 3-12 with an adult; \$5 per child.

Tuesday, August 7th at 8:00 am

Morning Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Believe it or not many birds begin their fall migration in the summer. Join park staff the first Tuesday of every month on a walk to see and hear birds. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Saturday, August 11th at 10:00 am

Bugs and Blooms Photography Outing

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us as we search the fields for flowers and their insect visitors. Late summer is a perfect time to hone your photography skills, no matter what your level of experience. Along the way, we will learn about the wildflowers and their insect helpers. Meet at Fly-fishing area on Church Road (1.2 miles east of Kutztown Road). Pre-registration required.

Ages 9 to adult; free.

Saturday, August 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

A Georgian Dinner

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Sit down for a three course Georgian dinner prepared completely in our 18th century reproduction kitchen. Watch as our historic cook, Deb Peterson, prepares dishes through hearth cooking techniques and then present them to your table. Starters, an entrée, and dessert allow visitors to truly taste history! Candlelight tables and colonial entertainments add to the historic atmosphere and dining experience. Enjoy history firsthand through your taste buds at Pottsgrove Manor.

Ages 21+; dinner tickets \$50 per person; registration due August 3rd.

Sunday, August 12th at 2:00 pm

COLONIAL TAILS:

Pets in the 18th Century

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

A park ranger will talk about pets that our forefathers and mothers had. What were the laws regarding pet animals in Colonial times? Sorry, 'Rover' is not invited, but this is a fun program for the whole family. The talk/slide show will be about 60 minutes. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

All ages; free.

Tuesday, August 14th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for our late summer bird walk. We can expect to see many of our summer resident and juveniles before they

migrate south. We will walk south along the Pennypack Trail through Bethayres Swamp. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at laltadonna@audubon.org or Jennifer Sherwood at eac.abington@gmail.org. Please pre-register.

Ages 12 & up; free.

Wednesday, August 15th at 10:00 am

Spiders: the Original Web Designers

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Spiders were one of the first predators to walk on land, starting more than 350 million years ago. They are still one of the most successful predators. They live almost everywhere, even in your basement. Find out more about them. Go on a spider search in our meadow. Elementary and middle school age children as well as adults interested in spiders are encouraged to attend. After the field activity younger children can make a spider craft. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages 3-12 with an adult; \$5 per child.

Sunday, August 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Open House at the Locktender's House

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a tour of the Locktender's House at Lock 60.

Children of all ages with adult supervision; free, donations will gladly be accepted.

Sunday, August 19th at 2:00 pm

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Come on a nature scavenger hunt that is bound to challenge you. You'll either find natural things or answer questions. Prizes will be awarded to the first groups, families, or individuals to finish with all the required items. Hiking is required. Pre-registration is required; meet near the ranger hut.

All ages; free.

Saturday, August 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fun in the 1900s History Center!

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Immerse the whole family in all the hands-on activities. Purchase food items for a recipe in the General Store, discover what life was like for breaker boys in the coal mines of Pennsylvania by sorting and sizing coal, and see an interactive exhibit on transportation of the time. The air conditioned mansion will be open for guided tours.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, August 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Butterfly Celebration

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come and help us celebrate this amazing little insect, the butterfly. This annual program will include information on tagging, feeding and raising butterflies. This year the park will be hosting local butterfly experts Dave and Audrey Harding from Marvelous Monarchs. There will be hands-on activities for the kids and much more. If the weather allows, we will be releasing the tagged monarchs at the end of the program so they can begin their migration south. Weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

All ages; suggested donation \$4 per person.

Saturday, August 25th at 1:00 pm

Incredible Insects

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a closer look at our 6-legged neighbors, the insects. We will use nets and bug- magnifier boxes to capture and examine our finds in an "insect zoo". All insects will be released unharmed at end of program. Meet at Tennis Courts (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane PA 18054). Pre-registration required.

Ages 5 to adult; free.

Sunday, August 26th at 10:00 am

Dragons and Damsels

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

No, it's not story book time! Dragonflies and damselflies represent an ancient order of insects that have been on earth since before the dinosaurs. We'll learn about their life history, territorial behavior, and how to recognize individual species. If you have an insect net and a large bug jar (not made of glass), bring them along. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

Ages: adults & children 6 & up; free.

Sunday, August 26th at 7:30 pm

Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join a park ranger on a full moon walk. Native Americans called August's full moon the "corn moon." Find out why along with other moon trivia. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #5.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

september

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Saturday Morning Bird Walks

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Join us for a guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Our Facebook page will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Sunday, September 2nd from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this late summer walk. We hope to see many of our summer residents and juveniles before they migrate to their wintering grounds. We also expect to see some of our fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at laltadonna@audubon.org or Jennifer Sherwood at eac.abington@gmail.org. Please pre-register.

Ages 12 & up; free.

Sunday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm

The Eastern Coyote

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The Eastern Coyote has quietly colonized the city and suburbs of Philadelphia. Whereas bears and wolves were decimated in this area, the adaptable coyote has filled the vacancy at the top of the food chain. Our local coyotes stick to a field diet of deer, mice, voles, rabbits, and fruit, but they are not averse to eating pet food and garbage. Learn about the natural history of the elusive coyote from Ranger Tim Wilson. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 6 & up; free.

Tuesday, September 4th at 8:00 am

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds is in full swing now. Join our regular first-Tuesday-of-the-month walk to look for resident and migrant birds, especially hawks. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Thursday, September 6th at 1:00 pm

Insect Music

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn about the many vocalizations of our field insects. Grasshoppers, crickets, and katydids are very noisy at this time of the year. How do they make those sounds? We'll search for noise-making critters in the meadow and make an insect craft after our field activity. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Saturday, September 8th at 1:00 pm

Tree ID Made Easy

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Don't know a beech from a birch? Join us for a closer look at tree and shrub identification. We will use leaves, bark, and any other clues we can find to reveal the identity of native woody plants. We will learn some fun facts about the uses of different plants by people and wildlife! Meet at Park Office (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA 18054). Pre-registration required.

Ages 9 to adult; free.

Sunday, September 9th at 1:00 pm

Hike to North Park

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join park ranger Kevin Roth on a strenuous hike to one of the more remote areas of Lorimer Park. This route is hilly and not always on an established trail. The round trip should take approximately three hours. Bring water. Meet in the parking lot on Moredon Road. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 15 people. Sign up early!

Ages: adults & children 10 & up; free.

Saturday, September 15th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Craft Marketplace

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

The Friends of Pennypacker Mills are hosting their highly successful Craft Marketplace with a huge number of artisans bringing unique handmade items and one-of-a-kind gifts for all to buy. There's something for everyone - jewelry, textiles and yarns, repurposed vintage items, soaps, preserves, wooden toys, birdhouses and many more hand-crafted items! The Pennypacker Mills mansion will be open for guided tours. Visit: www.friendsppm.org for general information, or to register as a crafter. Food vendor available.

All ages; free admission & parking.

Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 am

Bark in the Park!

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join one of the park rangers and his dog for a pleasant stroll

with your favorite four-legged friend. Time will be spent letting the dogs get to know each other. Proper dog walking etiquette, signs of aggression, and safety will be discussed. The walk should last about an hour. Be sure to bring water. Dogs must be leashed. Pre-registration is required. The walk is limited to 15 dogs. Meet in the office parking lot.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Saturday, September 15th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Colonial Dyeing Workshop

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Transform your whites into something new and learn the methods of natural colonial fabric dyeing. Ingredients for dyes in the 18th century could be exotic items such as bits of dried insects to everyday things such as walnuts, roots, or flowers. Deb Peterson will lead this workshop and participants can take home different swatches of dyed fabric plus one pair of 18th century style stockings.

Ages 10+; \$25 per person; register by September 8th and bring a bagged lunch.

Sunday, September 16th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Discussion on the British Invasion of Phoenixville and Skirmish at Jacob's Ford (1:00 - 2:30 PM)

Followed by a Photo Safari of Lock 60 (2:30 – 4:00 pm)
Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association as it discusses the little known skirmish of Jacob's Ford (near Rt. 29 Bridge) prior to the Battle of Germantown. Afterward a Schuylkill Canal Association volunteer will lead a photo safari around the Lock 60 area. The photo safari will be weather permitting.

Children 10 & up with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.

Tuesday, September 18th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

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Ages 12 & up; free.

Saturday, September 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

8th Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird & Wildlife Festival

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Bring the entire family to enjoy a day of fun and learning at the park. As in years past, this event will feature live animal presentations, Monarch Butterfly tagging and releases, kids' games and activities, free hayrides, live music and much more. Food and merchandise vending will be available, along with environmentally-themed exhibits including the Pennsylvania Wood-mobile, a 35' RV converted into a museum celebrating the forest industry of Pennsylvania. Visit our eco-raffle table for a chance to win cool outdoor prizes. Join us as we celebrate our region's rich wildlife heritage! The event will be held at the park amphitheater (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane PA 18054).

All ages; free.

Sunday, September 23rd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

(rain date: Sunday, September 30th)

Native American Day for Kids & Families

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join us for a Native American Day for children and families. Blue Jay, Nokomis, and Darius Puff will be back with lots of Native American crafts, games, animal pelts and other please touch items, and Native American stories. Native American legends will be told at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 1:30 pm. The event is held at the picnic pavilions (parking lot #3).

All ages; free.

Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00 pm

WENTZ MINI WORKSHOP:

Bees

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Learn about the similarities and differences of keeping bees in the past and today from the staff of our neighbors, Worcester Honey Farms. Various tools and an enclosed frame will be available for viewing.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Monday, September 24th at 7:00 pm

Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0216

Late summer's harvest moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. The moon looks orange due to its closeness to the horizon. Join a park ranger on a walk in the park past sunset. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #5.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Wednesday, September 26th at 1:00 pm

Animal Habitats

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn about the home requirements of our local animals. Hear a story, play a game, and make an animal habitat craft. Walk with the park naturalist to find animal homes. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages 3 & up with an adult; \$5 per child.

Friday, September 28th at 6:30 pm and

Saturday, September 29th at 6:30 pm

By The Light of the Moon

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Visit Upper Schuylkill Valley Park and enjoy a moonlit tour of the resident animals. Visitors will learn about their evening habits and hopefully hear the sounds of our nocturnal and night - hunting friends. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the tour. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is September 26, 2018; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors; visitors should dress for the temperature and bring flashlights.

All ages: equally great for adults and kids;

suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, September 29th at 2:00 pm

Combating the Spotted Lanternfly

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371

The Spotted Lanternfly is a significant threat to Pennsylvania's trees. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Penn State Agricultural Extension need your help to combat this invasive insect—already found in Montgomery County! Sally Sue Richmond, Master Gardener and Senior Lecturer in Information Science at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern, PA, volunteers with an outreach mission from the Penn State Cooperative Extension to arm citizens with knowledge regarding this threat and share how they can help. She will be presenting her program at the park specifically aimed at what can be done in the fall as each season takes a different approach to eradication of the pest. Pre-registration is preferred; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion; event will be canceled if the weather is severe.

All ages but better suited for high school and

older; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, September 30th at 2:00 pm

Wild Mushrooms

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Wild mushrooms are not as easy to identify as wildflowers. That's why it pays to come on this annual walk. Increase your general knowledge of mushrooms and learn why

fungi are an important part of our ecosystem. At the same time, learn which mushrooms are better eyed than fried.

Pre-registration is required; meet in the classroom.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

october

Every Saturday in October from 8:00 to 10:00 am

Saturday Morning Bird Walks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593

Join us for a guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Our Facebook page will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:00 am

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds is in full swing now. Join our regular first-Tuesday-of-the-month walk as we search the park for resident and migrant birds, especially hawks. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Wednesday, October 3rd at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:

Colonial Dress-Up

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Preschoolers will learn what people wore during the 1700s and play dress-up with some costumes. Bring your cameras! Pre-registration required.

Ages 3 & up accompanied by an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Saturday, October 6th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

(Rain Date Sunday, October 7th)

Haunted Hayride

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for our first spooktacular haunted hayride through our creepy, ghoulish campground. Festive crafts and tasty snacks will be offered at this family-friendly free event. Pre-registration is not required.

All ages, free.

Sunday, October 7th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this bird walk scheduled for the mid-fall. We hope to see a few of our summer residents that have not yet left for their wintering grounds. We also expect to see some of our fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds and the arrival of some of our early arriving winter resident species. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at laltadonna@audubon.org or Jennifer Sherwood at eac.abington@gmail.org. Please pre-register.

Ages 12 & up; free.

Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 pm

Animal Habitat Restoration

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join Ranger Mike Seasholtz in the ongoing effort to remove invasive plants from the park. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome. Bring work gloves. Loppers, pruning implements, and trowels are handy if you have them. We'll also be planting some native species which will help improve animal habitat in the park. Pre-registration is preferred; meet at the park office.

Ages: adults & children 9 & up; free.

Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

HOME AND HEADQUARTERS:

War Comes to Worcester

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Learn how in October 1777 the Wentz family coped with General Washington and his staff using the house as a military headquarters during the busy harvest season. Experience camp life of an officer and soldier and assist with autumn farm activities throughout the day.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, October 13th at 1:00 and 3:00 pm

Flight of the Falcon

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Cheri Heimbach of Baywing Falconry returns with her live birds of prey flight demonstration. Cheri has a unique ability to connect with her audience using live birds of prey as teaching assistants. Great photo opportunities can also be had. You do not want to miss this special program! Meet near park amphitheater (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

All ages, free.

Sunday, October 14th at 2:00 pm

Scarecrow Making

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Come to the park to make your fall scarecrow. We are having a contest to see who can make the scariest, the most original, and the best overall scarecrow. Bring the clothes you want to use, something to make a head with, and a hat for your creation. We will supply the straw. Pre-registration is required; meet at the park office.

All ages; fee: \$5 per scarecrow.

Monday, October 15th at 1:00 pm

Explore Fall!

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Lots of changes are happening now in nature. Why are so many birds flying overhead? What causes the leaves to change color? Why do squirrels and chipmunks seem so busy now? Find out the answers to these questions and more as we explore the fall season. Listen to a story, make a craft, and come on an autumn scavenger hunt. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Tuesday, October 16th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this second scheduled walk for the fall. We hope to see a few of our lingering summer residents that have not yet left for their wintering grounds. We also expect to see many of our fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds and the arrival of some of our early arriving winter resident species. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at laltadonna@audubon.org or Jennifer Sherwood at eac.abington@gmail.org. Please pre-register.

Ages 12 & up; free.

Friday, October 19th at 6:15 pm

Star and Night Sky Watch

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join members of the Bucks-Mont Amateur Astronomers for a close up look at the night sky. Club members will bring their telescopes and vast knowledge of the heavens to share with participants. Binoculars are welcome, but not necessary to participate. Meet at Red Trail parking lot on Knight Road (2005 Knight Road, Green Lane PA 18054). NOTE - in the event of rain or heavy cloud cover, program will be rescheduled to Monday October 22nd at same time.

Ages 6 to adult; free.

Saturday, October 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Harvest Happenings

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

As the warm days of summer turn into the falling leaves of autumn, take part in the changing of the seasons with living history activities centered around the happenings of harvest-time. Apple butter making, cider pressing, historic crafts, and more bring history alive. Everyone in the whole family can take part in the fun and learn what a colonial household would be doing to prepare for the cold days of winter.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, October 20th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

All Hallow's Eve Fall Festival

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

What could be better than a beautiful fall day at the Mills where families can engage in old-fashioned fun painting pumpkins, making kid-themed vintage crafts, taking hayrides, bean bag toss, shucking corn, trying your hand at pressing apples to make cider, and jumping in the hay!

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, October 21st at 1:00 pm

Harvest Sheaf

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

As the last of the grain crops were gathered in, farmworkers used to weave decorative items as a symbol of continuing prosperity on the land. Make a harvest sheaf from braided raffia or grasses in honor of the tradition. Decorate it with mixed bunches of grasses, seed heads, nuts, and other natural things with different textures. Tie the top with fall ribbon and hang on a door, pillar, or post as a reminder of the golden days of the season. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 12 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

Sunday, October 21st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Geology Walk

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association's Dave Williams for a guided walk to geology along the Schuylkill River and ravines. Dave will point out faults, fossils, and more. Weather permitting; this is a moderately difficult 1.5 hour hike up the first ravine, up a steep hill, along the bluffs, then down a narrow trail, and back to Lock 60 along the Schuylkill River. Meet at Locktender's House.

*Children 8 & up with adult supervision;
free, donations gladly accepted.*

Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 pm

Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Enjoy an opportunity to be in the park past sunset. Take a hike by the light of the silvery moon. Find out why October's full moon is sometimes called the "hunter's moon." A park ranger will lead this evening adventure. Proper footwear is recommended. The hike will be about two miles. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #5.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Enjoy Halloween-themed fun at the park. A merry, not so scary day offers fun for the entire family. Spooktacular activities will include games, crafts, and making treats for the animals. Tucker's Tales puppet theater will perform "It's the Wolf" at 11:00 am. Weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors; costumes welcomed, but not required

All ages; suggested donation \$4 per person.

Saturday, October 27th at 4:30 pm

Leave it to Beavers

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Our resident beavers should be busy preparing for winter now. Join us for a closer look at these amazing aquatic engineers and their adaptations for survival. After a brief indoor presentation, we will head outside to look for beavers and beaver sign. Program meets at Deep Creek Stone Pavilion (2115 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA 18054). Pre-registration required.

Ages 6 to adult; free.

Sunday, October 28th at 6:30 pm

Twilight Spooky Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

It's a spooky time of the year, just perfect for an evening hike. Fading light makes seeing more challenging, so we'll need to rely on our other senses. We'll be walking quietly so we can hear the sounds of the night. Learn about our night time animals. Hear a couple of local haunting tales on the way. Pre-registration is required. Sign up early! Registration is limited to 25 people. Meet in parking lot #2.

Ages: adults only; free.

Tuesday, October 30th at 1:00 pm

Creatures of the Night

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Hear a seasonal story and make some spooky crafts. Do black

cats, bats, and owls scare you? Take a close look at some of the animals that are active at night. Learn about their special adaptations for hunting in the dark. Watch out! There may be a trick or a treat! Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.
Ages 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

november

Friday, November 2nd; tours begin at 7:30 pm

Night Life

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

What happened at the Wentz House after the sun went down? Come to explore night time in the 1700s and what it meant for residents of a home like the Wentz family's. Tours offered at 7:30 / 7:50 / 8:10 / 8:30 / 8:50; Pre-registration required.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 pm

Birds of Norristown Farm Park

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Special guest Ruth Pfeffer (who leads 'Birding with Ruth' walks at many locations both far and near) will be visiting the Farm Park with a slide show featuring birds that have been seen here. Discover birds you've probably never seen before as well as some of our common species. Learn about bird migration and the importance of habitat. Pre-registration is preferred. The indoor program will be held in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 7 & up; free.

Tuesday, November 6th at 8:00 am

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds continues. Join our regular first-Tuesday-of-the-month walk as we search the park for resident and migrant birds, especially hawks. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Wednesday, November 7th at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:

Spices

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Preschoolers will learn about the origins of spices and then prepare a sachet of a common spice mix. Dress to get dirty! Pre-registration required.

Ages 3 & up accompanied by an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Thursday, November 8th at 1:00 pm

Oh Deer!

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a first look at our largest local mammal, the white-tailed deer. Learn about their antlers, what they eat, how they survive the winter, when they give birth to their young, and all kinds of other interesting facts. Hear a story and make a deer craft. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages 3 & up with an adult; \$5 per child.

Friday, November 9th at 10:00 am

Meet the Foxes

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • (610) 948-5170

Come and meet the park's resident red foxes, Shyler and Little Grey. Visitors will learn about the habitat and diet of this smart little creature. A craft to make and take home will be included. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is November 7th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

Ages 3-7; suggested donation \$4 per child.

Saturday, November 10th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Punch Needle Christmas Ornament Workshop

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Create a fantastic Christmas ornament using the punch needle technique with our instructor Betsy Smyth. This workshop is for both beginners and people who have enjoyed doing this craft technique before. The fee includes all materials and instructions. Location: Classroom Building. Refreshments served. By pre-registration & pre-payment; deadline Tuesday, October 16th.

Adults only. Fee if you own the punch needle: \$30 per person. Fee if you need to purchase the 3-strand punch needle equipment: \$50 per person.

Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 pm

LECTURE:

"Stove Plates and Franklin Stoves"

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Curious about what makes stove plates so critical to the iron industry? What do these have to do with the Franklin Stove? And how do Franklin and the Potts family connect? Find out the answer to these questions and more as expert Dan Graham presents his work on the partnership between the Potts family and Franklin in casting his famous stove. After the lecture, visitors are encouraged to tour the manor where several original iron pieces, including stove plates, can be seen throughout the house.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, November 11th at 4:00 pm

Owl Prowl

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Walk with us as we look and listen for the owls of the Farm Park. Owl pairs are courting and calling back and forth now. If we are lucky we'll hear them tonight. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring binoculars. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

Ages: adults & children 13 & up; free.

Saturday, November 17th at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Holiday Craft Workshops

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for one or both workshops! At 10:00 a.m. we will use local cones, pods and nuts to create a "Holiday Centerpiece" to adorn your table. At 1:00 pm, we will use natural materials to create "Winsome Woodland Critters". No previous crafting experience needed! Bring a hot glue gun, if possible, but we have them available to borrow if you don't have one! Workshops will be held in Enclosed Stone Pavilion in Deep Creek Area of Green Lane Park (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA, 18054). Spaces are limited, pre-registration required.

Ages 12 & up; materials fee \$8 per person, per workshop.

Sunday, November 18th at 1:00 pm

Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Create a Thanksgiving table centerpiece from autumn's bounty. We'll supply colorful leaves, acorns and other nuts, grasses, field-dried wild flowers, berries, and fresh fall flowers for your masterpiece. Work with fresh or dried flowers, or both. Bring clippers and a special container, opaque vase, or a basket with a liner to make it in. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 14 & up; \$5 per person.

Sunday, November 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

The Locktender's House: Its History and Stories Living Along the Schuylkill Navigation

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association as it shares photos and stories related to the former families who had lived in the Locktender's House at the turn of the century, 1900. Hear from local researchers and see what it was like at Lock 60 and along the navigation system as it began its demise. Meet at the Locktender's House.

Ages: 10 & up with an adult; free of charge, however, donations gladly accepted.

Monday, November 19th at 1:00 pm

Giving Thanks, a Native American Message

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

This Thanksgiving-themed program for the young will emphasize an appreciation for Mother Earth and all her inhabitants, both plants and animals, and the interconnections between living things. Listen to a Native American story and learn about how they lived and what the first Thanksgiving feast may have been like. Make a craft to celebrate the season. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages 3 & up with an adult; \$5 per child.

Tuesday, November 20th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for our third autumn bird walk. We hope to see many of our returning winter residents that have returned from their breeding grounds. We may be fortunate to see late fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey and summer residents that have not yet departed for points south. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at altadonna@audubon.org or Jennifer Sherwood at eac.abington@gmail.org. Please pre-register.

Ages 12 & up; free.

Tuesday, November 20th to Sunday, January 6th, 2019
during regular museum hours

Holiday Tours

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Take a tour through historic Pennypacker Mills for an unforgettable Victorian Christmas experience! Using vintage inspired ornaments, the Christmas traditions of the early 1900s, and how the Pennypackers spent their holiday, the site creates a magical experience for visitors. All tours include a stop at the Museum Shop, which is stocked with unique Victorian inspired ornaments, gift items, books, children's toys, and holiday sweets. Groups of 10 or more should contact the site to arrange for a group reservation. Closed Mondays and county holidays.

All ages; free, suggested donation \$2 per person.

Friday, November 23rd to Sunday, January 6th, 2019
during regular museum hours

SPECIAL EXHIBIT:

Twelfth Night Tours

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Discover the familiar traditions of Twelfth Night as Pottsgrove Manor transforms for the winter season. Holly and greenery adorn the rooms and guided tours help unwrap the history of the

holiday. Learn about the delicious seasonal desserts such as the Twelfth Night Cake. See what kind of treats and gifts the Potts children might receive. Uncover the long hours and special tasks the servants would have to do to prepare for the yuletide season. Find out how the Potts Family, their guests, and the household staff experienced the merry celebration of Twelfth Night.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Friday, November 23rd at 5:00 pm

"Burn off the Bird" Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Now is your chance to burn off some of those Thanksgiving feast calories. Join a park ranger on a full moon hike that will be between two and three miles. Find out why the November full moon is sometimes called the "frosty moon." Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Saturday, November 24th at 1:00 pm

Waterfowl Watch

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a closer look at ducks, geese, swans and more at one of eastern Pennsylvania's best birding hotspots - Green Lane Park. Southbound waterfowl will be at or near peak numbers at this time, so come take in the sights and sounds. Participants in past years have seen Greater White-fronted Geese, Northern Shovelers, Canvasbacks and much more. Meet at Tennis Court parking lot (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054). We will travel by car to two other hotspots in the park. Pre-registration required.

Ages 9 & up; free.

Sunday, November 25th at 1:00 pm

Holiday Wreaths

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Make a holiday wreath that you can use indoors or outdoors for seasons to come with natural materials such as grapevine, pine cones, nuts, and flower pods. Seasonal ribbon and bows will be available if desired. Bring a glue gun and glue sticks. Pre-registration is required; meet in the salt wing.

Ages: adults & children 14 & up; \$5 per person.

december

Saturday, December 1st at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

More Holiday Crafts

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Come out to the park to create unique holiday decorations using natural materials. At 10:00 am we will make "Kissing Balls"

which can be used for many years to come. At 1:00 pm, join us for a "Holiday Wall-hanging" workshop. Participants are welcome to sign up for one or both workshops. No previous crafting experience needed! Bring a hot glue gun, if possible—we have many to loan out as well. Programs will meet in Enclosed Stone Pavilion in Green Lane Park (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054). Spaces are limited, pre-registration required. *Ages 12 & up; materials fee: \$8 per person, per workshop.*

Saturday, December 1st from 3:00 to 9:00 pm

Candlelight Tours

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

The soft glow of candles will guide you throughout the Farmstead for tours showcasing colonial music, seasonal entertaining, and a visit from Belsnickel, a Pennsylvania German St. Nicholas in furs. Last tour begins at 8:30 pm.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00 pm

Christmas Tree Decorating for Wildlife

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

We're going to trim a tree in the park with edible ornaments for both feathered and furry friends. Join us in making and hanging the treats and take some home for decorating in your own backyard. Fun for the whole family! Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 5 & up; \$5 per family.

Tuesday, December 4th at 8:00 am

Morning Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Come to the final bird walk of the year at Norristown Farm Park. A new monthly series will start in January. On the December walk you can expect to see winter resident species such as woodpeckers, seed-eating songbirds, and raptors. Join park staff in the Salt Wing (adjacent to the park office) after the walk for hot beverages and light refreshments. The bird walk starts in parking lot #3. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required.

All ages; free.

Tuesday, December 4th at 1:00 pm

Reindeer Romp

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Do you know the difference between reindeer, caribou, elk, and our local white-tailed deer? Find out about reindeer and other animals of the far north. Hear a seasonal story, play reindeer games, and make a reindeer craft. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages 3 & up with an adult; \$5 per child.

Wednesday, December 5th at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:

Holidays

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Preschoolers will learn about historic holiday traditions and make a craft to take home. Pre-registration required.

Ages 3 & up & accompanied by an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Saturday, December 8th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Victorian Christmas Open House

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

There is nothing quite as Victorian as visiting Pennypacker Mills' Christmas Open House. With an entertaining bell choir playing Christmas music, a Victorian Santa Claus welcoming families, and living historians inside the mansion portraying family and friends, this one day gives visitors a glimpse of Christmastime in the early 1900s. With greens on every mantle, silky ribbon strewn throughout, shiny glass and tin ornaments to add shine to the tree, and plainly wrapped presents beneath, visitors will be treated to a special experience at each room. In the kitchen, see a clear toy candy demonstration with three-dimensional clear candies. The Museum Shop, which is stocked with unique Victorian inspired ornaments, gift items, books, children's toys, and holiday sweets.

All ages; free, suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, December 8th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Holiday Luminaria

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Step back in time to a Dickens' holiday scene, as you enter the beautifully decorated Locktender's house and sing along with the joyful music played by local musician(s). Partake in holiday treats and hot cider and join in with the Schuylkill Canal Association as we toast our friends with best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. Parking is available at Lock 60. NOTE: The event is cancelled only if there is a steady downpour of rain or snow. The magnificent light display is even more mystical if there is a slight drizzle, misty fog or a few inches of snow, truly creating a beautiful holiday scene.

All ages; donation of \$1 or more gladly accepted.

Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 pm

Natural Ornaments

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Tired of plastic holiday decorations? Join us for our traditional natural ornament program. Use seeds, pods, evergreen cones, and other natural materials to create holiday ornaments and whimsical woodland critters. Samples are on display. There are more ideas every year! Bring a glue gun, glue sticks, and a box to carry home your creations. The program length is about two hours. Pre-registration is required; meet at the park office.

Ages: adults with or without children (minimum age 10); \$5 per person.

Tuesday, December 18th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this late autumn bird walk. We expect to see most of our winter resident species. We will be fortunate to catch a glimpse of a lingering summer residents that has not yet departed. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at altadonna@audubon.org or Jennifer Sherwood at eac.abington@gmail.org. Please pre-register.

Ages 12 & up; free.

Wednesday, December 19th at 1:00 pm

Winter Solstice

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Soon we will experience the shortest day of the year. Learn about the winter solstice and some of the traditions of other cultures surrounding this special time of the year. Some people celebrate a twelve-day holiday called the Yule. Many modern traditions, such as the Christmas tree, the Christmas wreath, and the Yule log were derived from winter solstice customs. The celebration of the day was interpreted as a reawakening of nature. Children will hear a seasonal story and make a winter solstice craft. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

All ages; \$5 craft fee for children only.

Sunday, December 9th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Pottsgrove Manor by Candlelight

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Celebrate Twelfth Night and the holiday season with Pottsgrove Manor! Tour the candlelit manor as our staff and volunteers bring the evening to life with games, crafts, and colonial entertainment. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this historic holiday and bring the family to join in the festive traditions with our living history interpreters. Join in with colonial party games and picture yourself getting dressed and ready for the party in full Georgian style. Ask historic cook, Niel de Marino about techniques of hearth cooking and the intricate dishes being prepared. Find out what is happening upstairs in servant spaces to prepare for and celebrate the holiday as well. At the end of the tour, try some period refreshments and children's crafts to take home! Parking is available at Pottstown Memorial Park, across the street from the Pottstown Carousel. Feel the history and spirit of the season at Pottsgrove Manor by Candlelight.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, December 22nd at 5:00 pm

Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join a park ranger on an early evening walk that will be illuminated by the full moon. Learn why the December full moon is sometimes called the "cold moon" or the "long night's moon." The hike will be between two and three miles. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #5.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.