

Peter Wentz Farmstead

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January—June 2022

Program Calendar

Saturday January 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Holy Smokehouse!

Winters were harsh in the 18th century, and the Wentz family prepared with plenty of provisions. Without refrigeration, colonial families found other ways to preserve food. Watch a demonstration of how meats were flavored, cured, and preserved at an 18th century farm. All ages; suggested donation \$2

Saturday, February 5 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Kinder Klass: Scherenschnitte Valentines

Learn the art of traditional German papercutting! Children will learn about this staple of Pennsylvania German folk art and create their own scherenschnitte valentine cards. Ages 5 and up; FREE. Limited space; by registration only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit our website at montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead for more information about registering for this program.

Saturday, March 12 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Kinder Klass: Fraktur Painting

Fraktur paintings are a traditional Pennsylvania German art form used to decorate important documents like birth certificates or house blessings. Children will learn about some of the typical patterns and images found in frakturs and use watercolors to paint their own. Ages 5 and up; FREE. Limited space; by registration only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit our website at montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead for more information about registering for this program.

Saturday April 23rd from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Sheep Shearing Day

Watch as the farmers shear our sheep and experience life on a colonial farm in spring. Learn about all the various activities that went into running a farm in the 18th century. Highlights include open-hearth cooking, farm tours, spinning, weaving, and many other historical crafts. All ages; suggested donation \$2

Saturday, May 7th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Jaegers to Long Rifles

German settlers brought many skills and folkways to southeastern Pennsylvania in the colonial era. One of these abilities was the production of rifles. As with other European technology brought to America, gun smiths adapted rifles to meet conditions. Learn how smiths produced rifled guns and how the rifle evolved from a short-barreled heavy gun used by hunters and gamekeepers (jaegers) employed by noblemen in parts of Europe into the long-barreled weapon suited to the American environment. Ages 12 and up; suggested donation \$2

Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, May 8th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Native Plant Sale

Join the Conservancy on Mother's Day weekend at the Peter Wentz Farmstead for our annual Native Plant Sale! The Sale will feature over 150 different native plant species of flowering perennials, ferns, grasses, vines, and more! Behmerwald Nursery will also join us to sell Pennsylvania native trees and shrubs. Pre-order your plants on our website or shop in-person at the outdoor sale. Pre-ordering will be open from Monday, April 18th, 8:00 am - Monday, May 2nd, 8:00 pm. An in-person Native Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sunday, May 8th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Sale will be held outside of the greenhouse located at the Peter Wentz Farmstead. Visit Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's website to learn more: www.perkiomenwatershed.org/native-plant-sale

Saturday, June 4 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Kinder Klass: Hex Signs

Have you ever taken a drive out into the country and wondered about those brightly colored circles painted onto the sides of barns? Come hear about the history of Pennsylvania German hex signs, learn the meaning of their designs, and make your own hex sign to bring good luck to your home! Ages 5 and up; FREE. Limited space; by registration only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit our website at montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead for more information about registering for this program.

Sunday, June 19
Juneteenth

Join the Peter Wentz Farmstead in observation of Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the emancipation of Black enslaved people in America. We will spotlight the story of Jack, a man who was enslaved by Peter Wentz and who made two attempts to escape to freedom. Through telling Jack's story, we hope to educate the public about the little-known history of slavery in Pennsylvania. The Peter Wentz Farmstead is a designated National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site. All ages; FREE.

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All on site programming will fully comply with the current guidance on mitigation efforts, including, but not limited to social distancing, appropriate wearing of face masks, and limitation of group size dependent upon venue.

Important information about our programs:

All guided tours must be scheduled in advance. Call 610-584-5104.

All programs are a suggested \$2.00 donation per person unless noted.

Any program can be cancelled at anytime. If registration cost was paid, a full refund will be given.