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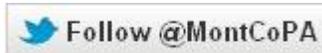
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Arbor Day Tree Planting at Pennypacker Mills
Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 11:00am

Schwenksville, PA (April 25, 2016) – In celebration of Arbor Day, Pennypacker Mills will be planting trees on the property to help maintain the original landscape that Pennsylvania Governor Samuel Pennypacker envisioned for his farm in the early 1900s. Visit Pennypacker Mills on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 11:00am to be part of this springtime celebration during a free program.

During his term in office, Pennypacker promoted the environment through a variety of initiatives including the establishment of the Water Supply Commission that improved water quality; the creation of the School of Forestry at Mount Alto (now Penn State) to reforest logged land throughout the state using students to plant seedlings; and the establishment of some parks, game lands, and state camping areas.

The replanting of trees at Pennypacker Mills is based upon the original 1901 landscape plan by Thomas Meehan and Sons. A brief talk about the company and the original plan will take place on the Mansion porch followed by the planting of replacement trees. Staff will be demonstrating proper planting techniques of the trees as well as a giving brief talk on the benefits that trees provide for the environment, what humans get from trees, how and why Arbor Day was started and what it means today.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. Open year-round for guided tours, educational programs, seasonal events, and exhibits, the site offers visitors a glimpse of life in the early 1900s and showcases the life and legacy of Samuel W.

Pennypacker.

Pennypacker Mills is located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA. For more information, please call 610-287-9349. Visit Pennypacker Mills online at: www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills. Like Pennypacker Mills on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pennypackermills.