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***From Out the Fiery Furnace Performance at Pennypacker Mills***  
**How the Hopewell Furnace Changed the Life of One Woman**

**Schwenksville, PA (May 13, 2013)** – Nothing is as dramatic nor as realistic as an authentic history experience with the opportunity to meet the historical character. The upcoming performance of *From Out the Fiery Furnace*, a one-act play written and directed by nationally recognized playwright Christine Emmert and performed by 40-year veteran of the stage and screen Barbara Hannevig, gives the audience just that! Preregister to attend this historically-based play on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm by contacting Pennypacker Mills at 610-287-9349. The performance is free; however, there is a suggested donation of \$2.00 per person.

*From Out the Fiery Furnace* tells the stories of life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century at Hopewell Village around the time of the Civil War. The play demonstrates how a woman's life and love could be singularly tracked through her relationship with a Hopewell stove. Hannevig brings to life several characters of the period, including runaway slaves, "fallen" women, indentured servants, orphaned children, and others.

Actress Barbara Hannevig studied at the Goodman Theatre School in Chicago and has worked professionally for over forty years. She has graced the stage of Village (now Steel River) Productions in such diverse pieces as *Jake's Women*, *Almost Maine*, and *Lettice and Lovage*. She is currently rehearsing for their production of *Lil Abner* in Phoenixville, PA. Playwright and director, Christine Emmert has been in the theatre for fifty years, working in many capacities. She is also a writer whose works *Ismene* and *Lilith* are out on Kindle. Most recently she has appeared in her own productions. Both women are active volunteers at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site.

The performance of *From Out the Fiery Furnace* is provided by the National Park Service from Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, which is an excellent example of an American Iron Plantation forged

prior to the American Revolution, and which produced iron products through the Civil War time period.

Pennypacker Mills Historic Site is operated by the Montgomery County Department of Assets and Infrastructure, Division of Parks, Trails and Historic Sites. Located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, Montgomery County, PA, Pennypacker Mills offers year-round guided tours, changing exhibits, educational programs, and seasonal events. For more information, please call 610-287-9349 or visit the website at [www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills](http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills).

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Actress Barbara Hannevig portrays twelve characters in the play *From Out the Fiery Furnace* at Pennypacker Mills.