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## **Pennypacker Mills Wallpaper Workshop**

**Schwenksville, PA (December 16, 2013)** – Explore the colorful history of wallpaper from the early 1900s through the eyes of Don and Judi Larkin. Don, a professional wallpaper installer for over twenty-five years, has done an outstanding job of installing all of the authentic reproduction wallpaper at historic Pennypacker Mills. Don will discuss historic hanging and manufacturing techniques, some of which are still used today. Judi, a design decorating coach, will show wallpaper from Thibaut's historic book collection. Thibaut Inc., established in 1886, is the oldest continuously operating wallpaper firm in the United States and was once heralded as the world's largest wallpaper company.

Don has found new and creative uses for wallpaper. What is old is new again as many patterns are repurposed for new designs. Don is known in the design industry for his problem solving ability, one-of-a-kind wallpapered floor cloths, and wallpapered furniture, which will be on display. Be inspired by Don's creations and discover ways to use wallpaper in personal projects!

This free winter workshop is being held at historic Pennypacker Mills on Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 11:00am to 12:00pm. The snow date is Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 11:00am to 12:00pm. The workshop will be held in the Classroom Building with nearby parking. Enter the main entrance and continue through the main parking lot and up the hill to the gravel lot and Classroom Building. Please arrive a few minutes early to get a good seat. Call 610-287-9349 for more information. Refreshments will be served.

Pick up a signed copy of "Never Too Late: 7 Steps to Achieving Your Dream at Any Age" by Judy and Don Larkin after the workshop! A portion of the profits will be donated to Pennypacker Mills.

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, seasonal events, and educational programs. For more information, please call 610-287-9349 or visit the website at [www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills](http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills).