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Annual Sheep Shearing Program at the Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:00am-3:00pm

Worcester, PA (April 8, 2014) – Enjoy a fun-filled day for the entire family by visiting the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:00am to 3:00pm for the annual shearing of the sheep and other activities on the colonial Pennsylvania German farm.

Many trades and crafts of a rural community of the late 18th through early 19th centuries will be highlighted. Farmers will skillfully shear the sheep throughout the day. Visitors will have a chance to help brush the wool in preparation for the spinners to twist it into yarn. Skilled artisans will demonstrate the techniques of natural dyeing and woodworking and discuss the culture of the native Lenape. Participants will be able to try scratching designs onto dyed eggs, making butter, creating hooked rugs, and more. Children will enjoy colonial toys and games, as well as building a scarecrow. There will also be a performance of the puppet show *Cinderella* performed by Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre at 12:00pm and an interactive program featuring the book "Charlie Needs a Cloak" at 2:00pm. There will be an opportunity to take a tour of the 18th century Wentz house and enjoy the music performed by students of The Bakshi Studio Baroque Players and the aromas of seasonal cooking on the open hearth in the Summer Kitchen.

Refreshments will be available for purchase and the Museum Shop will be open featuring items related to the program. A donation of \$2.00 per person is suggested.

For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit <http://www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead>. The restored 18th century Pennsylvania German historic site is owned and operated by the County of Montgomery and receives support from the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. The site is regularly open Tuesday through Saturday

from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, with guided tours every forty-five minutes. The Peter Wentz Farmstead is located at 2030 Shearer Road, Lansdale, PA 19446.