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**A Victorian Tea at Pennypacker Mills**  
***Sunday, July 26, 2015 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm***

**Schwenksville, PA (July 20, 2015)** – Historically, Victorian teas were a way for ladies to entertain their close friends or relatives with a party that included the taking of afternoon tea. Indeed, to be invited to a tea party signified that a guest was part of the host and hostess’s inner circle of friends. Today, Victorian teas are a way to enjoy the etiquette and ambiance of those special times. Come to Pennypacker Mills and bring back the elegant pastime of afternoon tea on Sunday, July 26, 2015 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on the mansion porch.

A three-course luncheon will be prepared by the Culinary Arts Institute of Montgomery County Community College and served by Pennypacker Mills living historians. The ambiance of the wide mansion porch includes small tables with flowing tablecloths, a centerpiece of fragrant and airy flowers, the glow of an oil lamp, and all the china and serving pieces necessary to create a truly Victorian experience. Taste scones and jams, a variety of tea sandwiches, and a selection of delicious desserts, all served with hot tea.

Musician Matthew Dodd will entertain the audience with “Songs and Stories of the American Road,” a tribute to the personal experiences of people throughout history as they journeyed across America in Conestoga wagons, wagon trains, railroads, and early automobiles to more modern-day transportation. Throughout the show, Matthew will sing and play guitar, banjo, mandolin, and harmonica to the delight of his audience.

The fee for this Victorian Tea is \$40 per person. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Seating is limited. Call Pennypacker Mills at 610-287-9349 to confirm availability and to pay with a credit card. Guests will be registered upon receipt of payment.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. Conveniently located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, the site is open year round for guided tours, seasonal events, educational programs, and changing exhibits. For more information on the site or events, please visit the website at [www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills](http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills).