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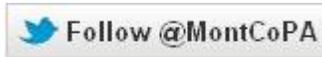
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A Sweet Holiday Tradition: Clear Toy Candy Demonstration at Pennypacker Mills
Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Schwenksville, PA (November 16, 2015) – One of the great traditions of Christmas in the 1800s was eating a piece of three-dimensional clear toy candy and savoring the sweet taste. While there was no flavor, the sweetness reminded people that it was Christmastime. On Saturday, November 21, 2015 get into the Christmas spirit with a free, early holiday demonstration of clear toy candy making at Pennypacker Mills. Stop by the mansion kitchen between 11:00am and 3:00pm where resident candy maker Suzanne Wainwright-Evans will share her passion for molded candy and its fascinating history.

In the decades between 1855 and 1875, many food items were used as tree decorations. The industrialization of candy making had much to do with this phenomenon. Clear toys or “Christ Kindlin,” as the Germans would say, got their name from the fact that the cast figures were three-dimensional miniatures of real life items. Miniature books were once called toy books, and so, anything miniaturized from life was styled as a toy. The candies were considered “clear” because they were made of sugar and light came through them. These candies came in clear colors of red, yellow, and green.

The clear toy candy demonstration will be ongoing throughout the afternoon. Stop in the Museum Shop to buy some of these special holiday sweets in Christmas-themed shapes. Why not add a bit of Victorian sweetness to the holiday celebration this year?

The Pennypacker Mills historic site is open year round for tours, seasonal events, educational programs, and changing exhibits. Operated by the County of Montgomery, the site is located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA. Contact Pennypacker Mills at 610-287-9349 or visit the website at www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills.