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**Winter Chores at the Peter Wentz Farmstead**  
***Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 10:00am to 4:00pm***

**Lansdale, PA (February 8, 2017)** – How hard was winter for a family in colonial times? Visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, February 25, 2017 between 10:00am and 4:00pm to experience how people in the late 18<sup>th</sup> through early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries coped during the colder months. Work still took place outside, while other chores occurred inside an only slightly warmer house.

In many cultures the days just before the start of Lent meant a time for celebration and feasting and the Pennsylvanian Germans were no different. They often celebrated Fastnacht Day by using some of the indulgent ingredients in the kitchen, such as butter, sugar, eggs, and potatoes to produce yummy Fastnachts, or fried potato donuts. Visit to watch hearth cook Deborah Peterson make these and other pre-Lenten treats in the Summer Kitchen; we'll even have some to share.

Tours of the historic Wentz home will be offered on the hour throughout the day with a focus on the different methods of staying warm during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The tour will finish in the outer kitchen where additional activities will be demonstrated. Watch as the staff makes tallow candles made from beef fat and prepares a hearty meal of soup, made using herbs and vegetables dried during the growing season.

A suggested donation of \$2.00 per person is greatly appreciated.

The Peter Wentz Farmstead is located at 2030 Shearer Road in Lansdale, PA. For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit [www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead](http://www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead). The restored 18<sup>th</sup> 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 offered on the hour. The last tour begins at 3:00pm.