

# Wentz Post

A Periodic Publication Of The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society Featuring News, Views And Activities...

## Sew a Fine Seam

By Morgan McMillan

In the eighteenth century, a woman's sewing tools were important. Containers to organize and protect those tools were helpful to keep them in working order and to keep them from becoming lost. Antique sewing implements are frequently quite lovely. Cases to protect needles, pins, and thimbles from rust were often made from bone or ivory and beautifully carved. Stiletos for punching holes and bodkins for threading ribbons were also made from ivory or bone, so that delicate fabrics would not be rust-stained. Thread winders carved in lovely star shapes from mother-of-pearl, bone, or ivory would not snag the threads wound round them.

The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society recently purchased a number of early sewing implements and a reproduction sewing box decorated with inlaid wood, with funds donated in **memory of Hazel Biddle**, a long-time volunteer at the Farmstead. The sewing box is a reproduction of an eighteenth century sewing box that is currently in the collection at historic Harriton House. Our box was made by David Hoffman, who has demonstrated inlaid woodworking at many Farmstead events. We have additionally purchased a variety of period sewing implements – bone needle cases, a thimble case, stiletos, bodkins, and other tools. These items will be temporarily displayed in the visitor's center and then will become part of the furnishings for the house.



From left to right top row: scissors, sewing box, ivory thimble case, thread winder, mother-of-pearl needle book.

From left to right bottom row: small stiletto, larger stiletto, bone handled crochet hook, ear wax spoon, three bodkins, bone needle case, ivory needle case, small knife with shell handle.

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### Peter Wentz Farmstead Hours of Operation

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00-4:00 PM

Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM

Last Tour 3:30 PM

Closed Mondays and holidays.

Reservations required for group tours.

Admission: FREE!

The Farmstead is located on Shearer Road in  
Worcester, PA, near the intersection of  
Routes 73 and 363 in Montgomery County.

## Letter From The Administrator

By Dianne Cram

Hibernation seems like a good idea in the first months of the year. The weather is cold, the days are short, and curling up like a bear in her den seems a grand idea. But there is no rest for the staff and volunteers at the Peter Wentz Farmstead. As visitation slows in January and February, planning for the year ahead goes into high gear. Though the weather outside is frightful, we keep busy inside with visions of events and exhibits and projects to come.

We've started our year out with smoke and fire. Don't worry, no need to call the fire department, it's just our new smokehouse. Our smoking demonstration in January drew an enthusiastic crowd. If you haven't had the opportunity to see it in operation, keep an eye out for future smoking events. We kept the hearth fires burning in February for Presidents' Day Weekend with a visit from Martha Washington. Karen Dougherty cooked up recipes from the First Lady's family cookbook while our resident Martha, volunteer Irene Ferguson, answered visitors' questions about the Washingtons.

As the snowflakes fall, we make plans for the spring planting – crops, and also trees. The Farmstead staff and the PWF Society are busy putting together a grant application to fund the marking and mapping of the walking trail around the site. The matching funds for this grant would come in part from donations to the Memorial Tree program, which places trees along the trail route. Look for future events that feature the natural environment and native plants at the Farmstead.

Farm life, both past and present, moves with the rhythm of the seasons. Our current flurry of activity, indoors and behind the scenes, readies us for our work in the year ahead. Throughout this issue of the Wentz Post, you will find articles about upcoming activities at the Farmstead, all thanks to the great efforts of the staff and volunteers I am privileged to work with. We're looking forward to seeing you here!

## Annual Scholarship Program

By Carol Berardelli

The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society Scholarship Committee would like to announce that the annual **Albert T. And Elizabeth R. Gamon Annual Scholarship Program** is again open to students for its 2005 award and would like to invite you or a family member to apply. The scholarships, which will be available in amounts up to \$1,000.00, will be given to high school seniors and/or undergraduate college students who are interested in pursuing a degree in American History and/or American Decorative Arts History, Archaeology, Pennsylvania German Culture, Museum Studies or Anthropology. The awards will also be based on the student's academic records, activities, leadership qualities and a written essay.

In addition, the committee is pleased to report that a new type of award, **The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society Scholarship**, will be available. This award will be given to students who have given volunteer hours of time and talent to the Farmstead and who also qualify academically. They are not required to pursue a specific major but are asked to demonstrate achievements equivalent to those stated in the Gamon scholarship application. Those interested may call or stop by the Farmstead for either application or check the website at [PeterWentzFarmsteadSociety.org](http://PeterWentzFarmsteadSociety.org) for the Gamon scholarship application. All forms must be on file by May 1, 2005. Please call the Farmstead office at (610) 584-5104 for more information.

## Around the Farm *By Jay Ryan*

I'm currently exhausted from hauling firewood, emptying sap buckets and preparing for our Maple Sugaring Workshop. The Farmstead hosted its first event on maple sugaring this year on February 26, 2005. The workshop was held for the Peter Wentz apprentice program. In addition to eating pancakes smothered in butter and freshly made maple syrup, the apprentices learned about the sugaring process in its entirety. This includes splitting logs with a sledge hammer and wedge, identifying sugar maples, tapping trees, as well as the evaporating process and products made from the syrup. The Farmstead's sugaring program lasts for weeks at a time or until the trees tell us to stop. Visitors are able to see the entire process.

The fifth annual memorial tree flyer will be arriving in your mailbox shortly. This year's focus will be on the conservation donation. We hope to purchase more conservation stock in order to increase the variety of trees found on the farm and further stabilize the watershed. This stock will include hickories, paw paws, oaks and black gums to name a few. The larger hardwoods are also available and donations for these are very appreciated. I encourage all who have donated in the past to please visit your trees around the Farmstead. They are quite happy in their new homes and are already enriching the landscape along the Zacharias Creek. Thank you to all who have contributed thus far. Your donations continue to grow in the Farmstead soil.



*Jay Ryan, assisted by Robin Forbes and Erin Sweeney, work with the apprentices and other volunteers boiling maple sap.*

## ***Genuardi's Club Donations to the Society*** *By Dick Anderl*

The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society is participating in a program with Genuardi's Markets whereby you can contribute to the Society simply by using your Genuardi's Club card every time you shop. This card saves you money at the check out counter and gives the Society a donation of up to 3% of your monthly purchases. The donation to the Society is handled electronically.

We currently have 20 of our members registered with the Genuardi's Club program and the Society is getting an average donation of \$40.00 every month based on their purchases at Genuardi's.

**We would like to get more of our members registered. If you have a Genuardi's Club card and have not registered but would like to participate, please call me at 610 584-1465 and let me know your name, address, Genuardi's Club card number, and e-mail address if you have one. Or you can mail this information to the Society c/o Dick Anderl. Thank you for your continuing support.**

## President's Letter *By Sally Graybill*

Please plan to attend the April 20 Spring Meeting at the Central Schwenkfelder Church. There will be a very brief business meeting at 7 PM, followed by the guest speaker, "Dr. Benjamin Franklin." The Hospitality Committee will provide their famous assortment of delicious desserts and coffee following the program.

Good luck to Kim and the Farmstead staff with summer camp. A lack of Society volunteers necessitates this change but we are confident that the camp program will be in good hands.

Ideas are being generated by the Society Officers and Trustees to update and revise some programs. The Trip Committee and Scholarship Committee have organized their agendas for 2005 and the Garden Committee is ready to go. Research and planning for new structures is underway. Plans are being set for an art show benefit in the fall.

Bring a friend and stop by the Farmstead, visit our very nice Museum Shop, and attend some of the special events that are planned for your enjoyment.

Thanks to all of the folks who so generously volunteer their time; those who so generously offer their financial support, and to the dedicated County staff. This continuing effort and cooperation helps make the Farmstead a source of pleasure for all of us.

## Upcoming Exhibit on Pennsylvania German Decorative Arts

*By Morgan McMillan*

Exuberant color is the focus of the next exhibit in the Farmstead's visitor center, "*Der Regenbogen: A Rainbow of Pennsylvania German Decorative Arts*". From *fraktur* to painted blanket chests, Germans living in Pennsylvania used brilliant color to decorate the surfaces of the objects in their lives. The interior paint in the Wentz house is one example of creating a colorful environment. Eighteenth century hand-drawn *fraktur* used reds, greens, yellows and blues to illuminate certificates and religious texts. Redware plates and bowls were covered with yellow and green glazes.

Vibrant silk threads decorated samplers, show towels, and household linens. Multicolored nineteenth century ceramics known as Gaudy Dutch were manufactured in Britain and sold to a primarily German-American market. Tole painting of tin items added reds, greens, and yellows to kitchen equipment, document boxes, and trays. Colorful nineteenth century quilts used fabrics in yellow, "poison green", and "double pink" to create striking geometric patterns. Pennsylvania Germans surrounded themselves with a variety of colorful objects.

We are thrilled to be working with Dr. Richard Godshall to put this exhibit together. Dr. Godshall has been collecting Pennsylvania German decorative arts for a number of years and has graciously agreed to lend a number of items for this exhibit. This rainbow of Pennsylvania German items will be on display from April through September. For more information, please contact the Farmstead office.



### Recent Donations

*By Morgan McMillan*

- Stoveplate, donated by Robbie Rothenberger
- Two grain cradles, for demonstration use, donated by Phillip and Donna Silbaugh
- Sewing machine, for costuming workshops, donated by Rich and Jayne Poole

### Wentz Post Now Online At Our Website

Ron Higgins has added the Wentz Post to our website ([PeterWentzFarmsteadSociety.org](http://PeterWentzFarmsteadSociety.org)). You can now download the PDF file to your computer. Go to News & Photos, then to Our Publication (Wentz Post) on the right side. This gives a new page where the Wentz Post can be downloaded and you can view and/or print the PDF file. The download is pretty quick if you have a high-speed connection, but will be slower if you have a dial-up connection.

## Take A Hike! (at Peter Wentz) *By Jim Nichols*

Looking out the window at February's latest snowfall, it's hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner. Soon the ground will be bursting forth with green shoots and early flowers, making it an ideal time to take a walk around the Farmstead. Many of you already know that for the past few years Jay and I have been developing a walking trail around the perimeter of the farm. It's about one mile long and takes you to some of the lesser visited portions of the site, winding its way first along the Zacharias, around and through some of the different field spaces on the farm, and then back to its beginning near the parking lot. Our goal this year is to see the completion of the project and a formal opening of the trail to the public. It will feature an information kiosk with a map and a sign up log to help us track visitor usage. It will also have numbered trail markers to help people orient themselves as they make their way around the trail. The trail will also offer us many new educational avenues, giving opportunities to discuss historic land use and its environmental impact, woodland and wet meadow ecology and numerous other related topics. Kim is already hard at work developing programming along these lines with Christine Gephart, Environmental Education Coordinator for Montgomery County. We have been fortunate to enlist help from many others, including Paul Felton, retired Urban Forester and frequent user of the trail; Susan Greth, Watershed Specialist for the Conservation District; and current Extension Urban Forester Julianne Shieffer. Their input will help us better stabilize the Zacharias watershed and utilize the educational potential that it offers. We have applied for a Community Improvement Grant, funded by the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council, and are hopeful that it will help us reach our goal of making even more of this unique historic site available to the public for its enjoyment and education. So get out there and take a hike around the Farmstead. You just might see something new!

## Farm For Sale *By John Schilling*

When people visit the Peter Wentz Farmstead to experience a taste of 18<sup>th</sup> century life, they occasionally comment on how nice it would be to return to a period when open space abounded and property values were more affordable. So I did some research by examining courthouse records on property values in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in the Worcester area.

In August of 1771 Peter and Rosanna Wentz sold 68 acres of their property to Nicholas Hoffman for 342 pounds, 10 shillings, which equaled about \$1,025.00 dollars. (In 1796 the currency of pounds, shillings and pence values were converted to dollars and cents.) During this same period of time Abraham Anders, a local farmer, had 138 acres and a house valued at \$1,104.00 dollars, his 3 horses \$69, and 7 cows at \$84. The total assessment of Worcester Township for the year 1800 was \$38,971. As of January 1, 2005 the total assessment value is over \$845 million dollars! Recent sales of prime real estate in the certain areas of the township indicate values as high as \$95,000 per acre.

Property values continue to soar in the area with no end in sight. As state and local governments initiate programs to help preserve open space and land developers purchase properties, this will only push values even higher. Don't you wish that your ancestors had invested in real estate in the area? That's what's nice about the Peter Wentz Farmstead, all of us taxpayers own a little piece of it and it is preserved and can be enjoyed by generations to come.

### Welcome New PWFS Members:

Betty Hurley  
Celia and Clint Martin Family  
Allison Reinert  
Michelle and Frank Senk Family  
Ann and Frank Sorace Family  
Janice and Rick Wiley Family

### Membership Committee Update *By Donna Armstrong*

Our Membership Committee has had a recent flurry of activity with many renewals that have resulted from a first of the year reminder.

We are also delighted to have had several new members join. It is always a pleasure to have donations to the Society accompany the membership fee. All support is greatly appreciated!.

## **Curl Up With A Good Book** *By Dianne Cram*

As all bibliophiles will attest... we can't get enough. Too many books, not enough time! The staff decided to add a new feature to the Wentz Post; a suggested reading list. We are happy to pass along some of our favorite titles in some of our favorite subjects – American history and decorative arts. This may tend to frighten off many who shudder at the memory of required reading of those heavy tomes of dust dry history textbooks that turned our brains to mush, caused our eyes to roll back in our heads and would cure even the worst cases of insomnia. But don't run away, we promise to pass on only the "good reads". What makes a good "history book" is not necessarily one that is weighted down with dates and facts, but rather books that contain excerpts of letters and journals that record first hand impressions of everyday life. First in our series of recommendations are books that will give great insight into the daily lives of American families:

### **At Home: The American Family 1750-1870.**

Elizabeth Donaghy Garrett. Harry N. Abrams, Inc. Publisher, New York, 1989.

The author draws on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century diaries, letters, household manuals, paintings and prints to weave a wonderful depiction of everyday life of middle-class Americans between 1750 and 1870. The reader is led through the parlors, dining rooms, kitchens, bedchambers, and attics of homes that give us insight into furnishings and how the rooms were utilized. We get a wonderful glimpse into the domestic lives of Americans in this time period; from the mundane washday chores to the endless demands of child care, cooking, caring for the sick and how best to light a room with candlelight. Well illustrated mostly in color, 304 pages.

### **Our Own Snug Fireside: Images Of The New England Home 1760-1860.**

Jane C. Nylander. Yale University Press, 1993.

Similar in content to the title above, the author gives us insight into the changing domestic scenes from early colonial America to a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century culture of increasing materialism. This book includes physical descriptions of the homes, material culture, gender roles and daily life. The reader will learn how the seasons regulated the cycle of early American life, how many cords of wood were needed for a household, how young couples set up housekeeping, the types of foods that were popular and how they were prepared, the ever present dangers from fire and sickness and the social occasions that brought families and friends together. Well illustrated, 317 pages.

### **After The Revolution: The Smithsonian History Of Everyday Life In The Eighteenth Century.**

Barbara Clark Smith. Pantheon Books, National Museum of American History, New York. 1985.

The author recreates the very first days of our nationhood through the lives of four ordinary people: a Massachusetts merchant and patriarch, a struggling Delaware yeoman farmer, a tobacco planter slave owner in tidewater Virginia, and a free black founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. Illustrated, 214 pages.

**ENJOY!** Stay tuned for more great suggestions, or stop by the Farmstead and peruse our research library.

#### **Spring Meeting Reminder – Wednesday, April 20, 2005**

Please plan to attend the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society Spring Meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7 PM at the Central Schwenkfelder Church. Our guest speaker will be "Dr. Benjamin Franklin." This is a "Not To Be Missed" opportunity! The Hospitality Committee will provide refreshments following the program.

#### **PWFS Business Sponsorships**

We welcome Willow Brook Farm, Barr and Jeanne Aplundh, our fourth new Business Sponsorship Member.

## A Plethora of Upcoming Events By: Kimberly D. Praria

When I first started working here some twenty months ago, I had ideas of increasing the number of quality programs offered by the site. The foundation established by previous educators was a stable one and I am truly thankful to have it. So you can only imagine the daunting task before me and now that time has passed, I find that I am almost overwhelmed with the responsibilities of organizing the number of events scheduled for the next few months.

Thanks to the generosity of the PWFS, we are able to host three Commonwealth Speakers from the PA Humanities Council. Dr. Simon Bronner spoke about the folkways of Pennsylvania in mid-February. Dr. David Eller will make a presentation about the 'plain peoples' of this region on 31<sup>st</sup> March and Dr. Barry Kent will speak on 12<sup>th</sup> May about the state's prehistoric heritage. Both speakers will undoubtedly enlighten audience members about their diverse, but interesting topics at the Farmers' Union Hall of the Worcester Township Historical Society beginning at 7pm.

With any luck, the weather will cooperate for the remaining events planned. Last year the Farmstead welcomed some 300 visitors on-site for Sheep Shearing Day and we hope for no less this year. This year's event will also include period music performed by students of the Bakshi Studio, so please join us on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Return on the 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30pm for a program that will highlight the natural history of southeastern Pennsylvania followed by a hike of the various ecosystems at the Farmstead. Beginning in May, the Millbrook Society, Archaeology Division will begin digging again, so keep an eye out for the Saturdays they plan to get down and dirty.

You may have noticed some new events scheduled for the early summer months. *Rural Traditions* will focus on the everyday chores typical of an 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century farm. We have already arranged for animal demonstrations and representations of early farming machinery, including devices used to produce brooms and those used for haying. We hope that you will visit the Farmstead on 4<sup>th</sup> June to satisfy your curiosity about this often overlooked aspect of history. Visit the site on 16<sup>th</sup> July to experience some of the specialized trades typical of the colonial period. You will learn about the skills necessary to build a house, produce furniture, turn stone into a work of art, amongst others. As a final summer hoorah, the Apprentices will present a program on 20<sup>th</sup> August about colonial childhood that will include demonstrations on period clothing, games, and colonial life.

So, you should mark your calendars now with all of the events you plan to attend, either as a volunteer or as a visitor. Either way, everyone should have a good time, so I look forward to seeing you then.

## Garden Committee Opportunity By Janet Reimer

Spring is around the corner, I hope. Now is the time to think about the Kitchen Garden, what seeds to plant and what new herbs and flowers to buy. We have a group of people who are very faithful in coming out every Wednesday night to work in the garden, but we would also be very happy to see some new faces. The garden looked so good last year, that we will have to work extra hard to keep it as good or better.

Hope to see you in the garden. Please call me at 610 584-9085 for more details.

## Museum Shop By Charlotte Herman and Phyllis Yergey

The Museum Shop is ready for Spring! Stop by to see the collectible bunny gourd and unique gourd baskets with gourd eggs resting in their grasses.

Check out our silver writing stand and amber and cobalt inkwells. The tin night lights are available and an adjustable tin lamp.

With Spring in mind, we have carved Bluebirds and Golden Crowned Kinglets.

For your country home, there are quaint tissue and napkin holders.

Don't forget our wide selection of books and especially the new Peter Wentz Cookbook.

Thanks to our members for their patronage of the shop.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2005

*By: Kimberly D. Praria*

### *Agricultural Practices I & II*

**Jim Nichols, Farm Manager**

Wednesdays, 23 & 30 March from 9-11am

Discussion will highlight historical agricultural practices, including methods and field systems. A walk around the site will help to reinforce ideas covered during each session. \*\*Pre-registration required.

### *What Makes the Plain Peoples Plain?*

**Guest Speaker: Dr. David B. Eller**

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

Get a glimpse into the culture of the Amish, Brethren, & Mennonite peoples during this program provided by the PA Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the PA Historical & Museum Commission. Program held at the Worcester Township Historical Society (Rt.363/Valley Forge Rd.).

### **Sheep Shearing Day**

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3:30pm

Learn how the farmers sheared the fleece off their sheep. Also view demonstrations of clothing and textile production.

### **Peter Wentz Farmstead Society**

**Annual Spring Meeting**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

The highlight will include a guest speaker making a presentation on a topic of historical significance to the Farmstead and the region. Program held at the Central Schwenkfelder Church (Rt.363/Valley Forge Rd.). Please call 610-584-5104 for more information.

### **Open-hearth Cooking Workshop**

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm

Back by popular demand, Karen Dougherty will teach you about historical cooking methods by having participants learn by doing. \*\*Pre-registration and fee required.

### **Take a Hike Day**

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30pm

Enjoy a presentation about the natural history of southeastern Pennsylvania followed by a hike of the various ecosystems at the Farmstead.

### *Pennsylvania's Prehistoric Heritage*

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Barry Kent**

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Learn about the Native peoples that lived in PA thousands of years before white settlement during this program provided by the PA Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Program held at the Worcester Township Historical Society (Rt.363/Valley Forge Rd.).

Please call 610-584-5104 for more information.

### **Ongoing Saturdays, May through October**

Come and observe the volunteers of the Millbrook Society as they dig into the past at the Farmstead.

Please call 610-584-5104 for exact dates.

### **Rural Traditions**

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3:30pm

A day of learning about the everyday chores of an 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century farm, including demonstrations of early farming machinery used for broom making, haying, and other activities.

### **Colonial Day Camp**

Monday-Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm

This camp allows students entering 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade to learn about life in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries by interacting with craftspeople and participating in various activities. \*\*Pre-registration and fee required.



### **Tools of the Trade**

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm

Visit the Farmstead to experience some of the specialized trades typical of the colonial period. Witness the skills necessary to build a house, produce furniture, turn a slab of stone into art, and many more.

### **Colonial Childhood**

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm

Experience childhood of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries as demonstrated by the site's youth volunteers, the Apprentices. They will share their knowledge of period clothing, games, and colonial life.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm

To show their appreciation for the volunteers of the Farmstead, the staff invites you to bring a dish to pass at this annual event. Guaranteed fun for all who attend.

### **Colonial Pretzel Making**

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm

Join Historic Foodways volunteer, Karen Dougherty, as she instructs you about how to make pretzels as done during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Laerenswaert**

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3:30pm

A hands-on colonial craft fair for the entire family with period craft demonstrations, house tours by costumed guides, military reenactment, and open-hearth cooking.

### **Peter Wentz Farmstead Society Annual Fall Dinner Meeting & Lecture**

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Dinner at 6pm; Program at 7 pm. Bring a dish to pass and then stay for the presentation on a topic related to the Farmstead and the region. Program held at the Central Schwenkfelder Church (Rt.363/Valley Forge Rd). Please call 610-584-5104 for more information.

### ***In or Out: Fences of the Past***

#### **James Ryan, Assistant Farm Manager**

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Learn about the ways in which fencing has changed since early settlement in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with the use of more "modern" farming practices.

### **Mincemeat for the Season**

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm

This period dish was kept for pie making throughout the winter season. Come learn more during this open-hearth Cooking demonstration. \*\*No mincemeat available to purchase.

### **Candle Light Tour**

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-9pm

Encounter the Farmstead by the soft glow of candlelight and learn how the Pennsylvania German residents during the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries celebrated the winter holiday season. Last tour of the house begins at 8:30pm.

### **Exhibits**

#### ***Der Reggeboge: A Rainbow of Pennsylvania German Decorative Arts***

April-October

Come explore the Pennsylvania Germans' love of color in this exhibit of decorated objects. Textiles, ceramics, and fraktur are only a few of the arts which demonstrate their affinity for vibrant color.

#### ***From Fruit Tree to Furniture: Joynery of the Colonial Period***

November-March

Learn about the tools and trades of 18<sup>th</sup> century woodworkers. From building barns to carving chairs, woodworkers used specialized hand tools to create beautiful and functional objects.

# Membership in the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society

Our Society continues to grow, and if you are not already a member, please join us. There are two meetings a year which feature speakers and/or slides and movies on subjects of historical interest. Your membership fee entitles you to discounts on our day trips and overnight excursions to historical sites, discounts on selected museum shop purchases, and a subscription to our newsletter. Join us in the worthwhile project of preserving the 18th century way of life at the Farmstead. The PWFS is registered as a 501(c)(3), not for profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

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