

Wentz Post

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

Capital Projects at Peter Wentz Farmstead *By John Schilling*

Three major projects, funded through the County's capital budget, are under way at the Farmstead. By the end of the year we will have completed a new pathway through the historic compound, an animal shelter in the pasture, and a new structure to headquarter our farm management. The pathway construction was completed in time for our candlelight event on December 3rd. The old black top pathway was removed and installation of the new brick-like pavers is an improvement that all will enjoy. Not only is this an aesthetic improvement, it also eliminates the tripping hazards of the old pathway and will be much easier to maintain.

Look down along the pasture to glimpse the animal shelter that will be finished in a few weeks. This building will be used to help our animals endure those not so nice days. Although not a reconstruction of a historical building known to have existed at the Farmstead in the past, the design of the shelter is based on a 19th century horse shed that once stood at the old Boehm's German Reformed Church in Blue Bell. A great thank you from the Farmstead goes out to the crew from Green Lane Park; Bob, George, Chris and John along with volunteer Rich Poole and Robin Ryan and our own Jay and Jim who put a lot of effort into the construction of this structure. The staff also sends thanks to Tom Snyder in the County's Purchasing Dept. for pushing through so many purchase requisitions for materials on a timely basis, and Richard Schafer for lending us his design plans.

And last, but not least, for this year, a pole frame structure is being constructed behind the Restoration Shop and will be utilized by our farmers for storage and maintenance of equipment. The long needed facility has been in the planning stage for many years and will finally be ready for use by the end of this year.

These three projects are welcomed improvements to the Farmstead and we appreciate the efforts of all those who were involved in all phases of the work.



Attention Genuardi's Shoppers – Please help us!

We continue to participate in a program with Genuardi's Markets whereby the Society gets an automatic donation of an amount up to 3% of your monthly purchases every time you shop there using your Genuardi's Club card.

If you shop at Genuardi's and have not signed up for the program, we would like you to join the Society members who already are participating! Please call Dick Anderl at 610 584-1465 or mail him c/o of the Society, PO Box 240, Worcester, PA 19490-0240. All we need is your Genuardi's Club number and your name and address. We will take it from there. Thank you.

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Peter Wentz Farmstead Hours of Operation

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM-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.

Welcome New Members:

Mrs. R. W. P. Allen III Family
Mark & Kim Barabas Family
Angela Caracausa
Tom & Tricia Graybill Family
Ginny Curcio
Joan Hall
Karen Hoffman
Ralph and Deborah Japchen Family
Henry & Yie-Lin Ju Family
Christopher & Nancy Neenan Family
John & Valerie Shuman Family
Erin Sweeney
Nadine Vigliano

Presidents' Letter

By Sally Graybill

Turning the calendar over to a new year is always a moment to reminisce of things past and to dream of the future. This past year in office has been a time of learning and enjoyment for me; making new friends and learning to know many of you better while getting a close-up look at just how important your contribution is to the Farmstead program. The Society has sponsored speakers for a lecture series, purchased lumber for the garden fence, awarded scholarships to six students, acquired name badges for active volunteers and trip participants; all this in addition to on-going activities such as guiding, operating the Museum Shop, maintaining the kitchen garden, trip planning, helping with Farmstead programs and special events, and various other activities.

Plans for building a stone icehouse on the existing foundation continue. The Board has met with County officials regarding the new Strategic Plan, but to date, we have been given no specific details regarding the Farmstead. We anticipate working with the County to the betterment of our site.

Thank you for your support in 2005 and best wishes for the Holidays and New Year.

Museum Shop Gift Selections

By Charlotte Herman and Phyllis Yergey

Once again, tis the season to be Jolly! Our Museum Shop has many suggestions for your holiday gift giving. Please visit the shop and support the Society.

The book, *Stone Houses*, is now obtainable. It has been signed by Margaret Bye Ritchie, an architectural historian, lecturer, and active preservationist. Geoffrey Gross, a widely published photographer, has also signed our copies.

Our PWFS Cookbook, containing delicious and varied recipes from our members, is available and is a nice gift. Two Eric Sloan books are new to our shop. Another new title *Loosening the Bond* concerns changes in the lives of women on the farm. As always we have a great selection of books for children concerning our colonial time period.

Come see our selection of snowmen for your tree or as a tabletop decoration. Speaking of decorating the tree, you will find lambs, mini redware plates, birds from Maine clay, tatted snowflakes, quilled and crocheted angels to name a few.

Thinking ahead to 2006? We have a calendar featuring the Dutch Barn.

We admit to having a few "Made in China" items in our shop, but we make every effort to secure merchandise made in the U.S.A. To give a gift of good quality and craftsmanship, check out the following: redware, stoneware, wooden items such as a cherry rolling pin, scratch board and Scherenschnitte pictures, wooden bowls, glass bottles, assorted wooden boxes, lanterns like those that light our pathways at Candlelight Tour, felted wool pin cushions, elves, Santas and geese, punched tin night lights, and gourds as angels, Santas, cats and snowmen.

To enable you to celebrate in the 18th century style, we have shrub drink and the glasses to serve it.

"Happy Holidays!"

New PWFS Trustees

Carol V. Allen has been a resident of Worcester since she was a very young child. She is a graduate of Germantown Academy and Centenary College in Hackettville, NJ. After graduating she held a series of management responsibility positions as an Admissions Counselor, Associate Dean of Students, and Director of Special Giving at Centenary. Her next career step was Catering Management, which she continues today as a partner in a very successful catering business. Simultaneously, she has continued her involvement with Centenary College as Nominating Director for the Executive Board of the Alumni Association, and on the President's Circle. She also serves on the North Penn Health Foundation Board of Directors.

Carol currently enjoys living in a special historic house in Worcester where she collects antique automobiles, furniture and firearms. Carol has several restored Model A Fords and has the expertise to help you fix yours, if you have one.



Frank Luther is a graduate of Villanova, with a Bachelor of Science in Education, followed by a Masters of Arts in English and then a Pennsylvania Principals Certificate. His career in education began with teaching positions in The Norristown and Upper Merion School Districts. This was followed by administrative positions of increasing responsibility in the Upper Merion School District as an Assistant Principal, High School Principal, and Director of Secondary Education. Upon retirement, Frank spent almost 10 years in Trnava and Bratislava, Slovakia, as an instructor of *English as a Second Language*. In his "spare time", he worked in the area of communications, dubbing a film from Slovak to English, collaborating on English books for Slovaks, translating various publications and other projects. Frank relates that he immensely enjoyed his time and personal relationships with the Slovak people.

Frank enjoys reading, traveling, gardening, genealogical research and collecting Slovak folk art, folk music and folk tales. He is a member of a number of historic and educational organizations. He currently teaches computer courses for senior citizens and is the Chair of the PWFS Trip Committee. If you haven't already been on one of our trips, please plan to join us and enjoy "Travels With Frank".



New Exhibit- From Fruit Tree to Furniture: Woodworking in the Colonial Period *By Kim Praria*

The current exhibit will provide the visitor with general background information about the various levels of working wood in the colonial period, highlighting some specific techniques used by the Pennsylvania Germans. I have placed a number of antique tools next to quality reproduction pieces and period objects to show the relationship between the two. Highlights of the exhibit include a carved 18th century busk, a reproduction brettischtul, and copies of period journals from the area that note interesting techniques used by the author. If you wish to view the exhibit, visit the Farmstead now through March 2006. Also, plan on attending a program lead by Norman Glass, restoration carpenter, to learn about the common architectural features of a historic home on Thursday, March 16th at 7pm at the Farmers' Union Hall.

Many thanks to David Hoffman, restoration specialist and joyner, for providing many of the objects and additional information for this exhibit. Thanks also to Bill Ditter for suggesting this topic and loaning an object.

The Apprentices Program Today

By Kim Praria

What began many years ago with an idea to get teens involved at the Farmstead continues to this very day with the thirty-six young adults currently active in the program. Since I began working here over two years ago, I have welcomed this enthusiastic group to the site for workshops, special events, and for community service projects.

The thirty or so Apprentices already active in the program during the summer of 2003 welcomed me as their new supervisor with smiles and excitement that made me feel eager to keep up with the level of activities already available to them. During my tenure here I have attempted to recruit new young people to the program while maintain-

ing the interest of those already active in it. The experienced Apprentices openly welcomed the new faces to the group and made them feel right at home as the hopefuls learned new skills while they worked on developing their expertise further. I have had the wonderful pleasure of working with all thirty-six participants during basket making workshops, flax pulling, maple sugar processing, sewing workshops, summer camp, special events, lectures, and numerous other programs. I have watched some of them blossom right before my eyes and look forward to seeing where the future will take them. More recent graduates of the program have gone on to local and far-away institutions of higher educa-

tion to study in areas of history or topics unrelated to their experiences on-site. As a veteran of a similar program at another historic site, I can only hope that I have assisted in creating positive experiences and a continued desire for learning amongst the Apprentices of the Peter Wentz Farmstead.

If you wish to learn more about the Apprentice program or would like to offer your services as someone skilled in a colonial craft, please contact me to discuss your availability to work with this wonderful group of young adults.

What's New in the Collection

By Morgan McMillan

The Peter Wentz Farmstead recently received a photograph of another Wentz descendent. The photo is inscribed on the back "Yours with Respect Jesse W. Wentz, Washington Square, Montgomery County, Pa". Jesse Wentz was a descendent of both Peter Wentz Jr. and Peter's brother Abraham. According to the census, Jesse was a teenager living with his parents William and Hannah Wentz in Whitpain Township in 1860. Jesse served briefly in the Union Army during the Civil War, and this photograph was probably taken sometime after the war when Jesse was in his early 20s. By 1870, Jesse had moved west, and after living in Wyoming and Texas, ended up in Los Angeles, California at the end of his life. Thank you to Mary Porter for finding this photo and purchasing it for us.

Other recent gifts include:

- A tobacco spear, used to hang tobacco leaves to dry, donated by Jim Rudy
- Two corn husking pegs donated by Robbie Rothenberger
- Daniel Schultz's Bible donated by Austin and Lettie Schultz
- A scythe, bell jar, wrenhouse, and large kettle to be used for demonstration purposes, donated by Phyllis Yergey



Letter From The Administrator By Dianne Cram

It seems hardly possibly that we are standing at the close of yet another year. What is that adage about how time flies... "as you get older" or "when you are having fun". I prefer to think in terms of the latter, and it is true, in spite of the hard work, we do have fun here at the Farmstead. There were many great moments and many accomplishments in 2005. We had record breaking attendance at our spring and fall events. The weather had something to do with this, but they were wonderful events thanks to all the work of volunteers and staff. (And I think I'm finally off the hook for being held responsible for all the bad weather events of the past.) A myriad of smaller programs also brought many visitors to

the Farmstead and Colonial Camp in the summer had the Farmstead teaming with eager youngsters all of whom, I hope, will continue to return.

We are just completing some great capital projects which are long awaited improvements; the new pathway throughout the historic area, the animal shelter in the pasture and a new building to house our farm management. We have also added many new trees and shrub plantings to the Farmstead in the last few months. New orchard and hardwood trees were donated as part of our Memorial Tree Program and over 100 plantings from Pennsylvania State Tree Vitalization Project were put in along the

watershed of Zacharias Creek. All of this is part of the changing face of the Farmstead.

We are moving ahead with some great changes, but we recognize that we are building on the past, and the preservation of that past is what we are all about.

So, at the close of the year, I thank all who have made it so much "fun", the great staff I work with and amazing volunteers who give so much effort on our behalf. Best wishes for a beautiful holiday season and many blessing in the new year. Take Joy!

Annual Fall Meeting By Sally Graybill

Good food and good friends gathered for the Annual Fall Dinner Meeting at the Central Schwenkfelder Church on October 19. Hospitality was provided by Melanie Kilgannon and her committee of volunteers.

Carol V. Allen and Frank Luther were nominated as new Trustees and will assume a three year term on the Board. Rich Poole and Connie Walsh, outgoing Trustees, plan to remain active in their Committee roles. An amendment to the PWFS Articles of Incorporation was approved by the general membership without dissent, making us an autonomous organization dedicated to supporting our mission at the Farmstead.

The Marquis de Lafayette *finally* arrived and provided the audience with an interesting and amusing program.

Many thanks to all who participated in making this annual event a success.



The Marquis de Lafayette addresses the audience at the Fall Meeting.

The Peter Wentz Kitchen Garden By Janet Riemer

All good things have to come to an end, even this year's garden at the Farmstead. In spite of the dry summer, the garden produced lots of vegetables: beans, carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, squash and tomatoes. We also had colorful flowers to brighten it up, such as marigolds, larkspur, bachelor buttons, nasturtiums and calendulas.

I want to thank the faithful workers who came out every Wednesday evening to weed and trim; Donna Armstrong, Fred and Mary Bookheimer, Kim Barabas, Melanie Kilgannon, Paul Menard and Linda Snyder. (*Editor's Note: also Janet Riemer was there every Wednesday evening.*)

We had a good time and were pleased the garden looked so good all summer!

TRIP PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2005 by Frank Luther

LOOKING BACK AT 2005

During the past year, the Society had sponsored four very successful trips.

SCHAEFFERSTOWN TRIP

Our visit to Schaefferstown on June 16 was described in the Summer edition of THE WENTZ POST.

THE ANNUAL DINNER AND THEATER TRIP

Our next trip was the annual Dinner and Theater trip on Friday, August 19. Twenty-five members and guests met in the Farmstead parking lot to travel to the Woodside Inn for dinner. Some of the group were unaware that this site existed. Shortly after our arrival, the twenty-sixth member of the group arrived---no, she did not miss the bus but found the distance from home to the Inn was shorter than the distance from home to the Farmstead.

We were cordially greeted by Larry and Eric, the owners, and a friendly wait staff. Whether the chicken *cor-don bleu*, the ham with pineapple, or the flounder stuffed with crabmeat was ordered, the dining guests were extremely pleased. Warm rolls, sweet butter, a crisp salad, and a chocolate mousse rounded out the meal. We had arrived at the Inn earlier than planned and the service in the dining room was exceptional. This allowed time to relax once we had finished our meals.

The drive along the Perkiomen Creek was pleasant and Jerry had us at the Dutch Country Players in a very short time. We entered the theater almost immediately, giving us an opportunity to stake out our seats from what we thought would be the best vantage point.

Lo and behold, we soon found ourselves transported to a trailer park in Elroy, South Carolina, the setting for John Culbertson's *MESSIAH ON THE FRIGIDAIRE*, a delightful comedy. Truly, the production was original, poignant, and funny, and the PWFS group certainly agreed, judging by their applause and laughter.

Leaving the theater, one member of the group announced that she was going to spend Saturday morning trimming the hedges. After we all boarded the bus, Jerry announced that in the moonlight he had seen the image of Elvis on the side of the bus and sang a few bars of one of Elvis' hits. What does this all mean? You would have no questions if you had joined us on Friday, August 19. Mark your calendar for this event in 2006 and share a truly enjoyable experience.

THE ANNUAL FALL TRIP

Beep...beep...beep---No, it couldn't be 4:00 AM already! I have an hour to get ready and to travel to the Peter Wentz Farmstead to meet Eleanor Bittle at 5:00 to open the gate and to be ready for our 6:00 AM prompt departure from the parking lot. Eleanor had the gate open and had been waiting fifteen minutes when I arrived! She informed me that she does not sleep the night before a trip. I wonder what time Jerry might have set his alarm for, to go pick up the bus in Souderton and to drive to Worcester to meet us!

It's exactly 6:00, and as Elizabeth Gamon had always done, I repeated my "Good Morning" greeting, wished everyone well, and reminded everyone of our breakfast stop in an hour and a half,. Is anyone awake enough to hear me?

I showed everyone the binder filled with all the papers, evidence of the many hours spent and the many communications that Elizabeth had made to prepare for our September 19-23 Fall Trip to Charlottesville, Virginia. It was a real shame that she could not join us in this rich travel experience.

Stop number one---breakfast, as usual, always our first stop---this time at the former Zinn's Diner, now the Park Palace where we were warmly greeted and treated.

To enumerate every stop after that and to describe the places we had visited would fill another binder. In summary, we had excellent weather following us through Virginia and to sites such as Montpelier---(Will they ever complete that renovation?), The English Inn---the tea and cookies in the lobby: (What a treat!), and Lord Hardwicke's---(Did you ever see so much Fettuccini Alfredo?)

Monticello---(Oh, the genius of Jefferson!), Michie Tavern---(What a lunch (enough of a temptation to purchase a cook book and the colonial dancing upstairs with the members of our troupe participating!), Ashlawn-Highland--a site selected by Jefferson for the home of James Monroe. And that was only Tuesday!

On Wednesday, we departed for the Appomattox Court House---(a new slant on the ending of the Civil War!),

Poplar Forest---(Jefferson's personal retreat, as if he needed to be away from Monticello!), and Point of Honor---(George Cabell's mansion on the James River in Lynchburg; ironically, no one knows why the name is Point of Honor! The box lunches were a surprise treat, and dinner at the Hardware Store, another unique experience!

Walton's Mountain was another trip back in time that brought many TV memories. What the town of Schuyler did with their old school is amazing---to turn a school into a museum honoring Earl Hammer and the Walton Family that he created! Whispers of "Good night, John Boy!" could be echoed throughout the building. Monsieur Del Fosse's new winery was an interesting site as was he. But those mountain "roads"! At the University of Virginia, our guide Mustafa, drama major, history student, and comedian made the University's Rotunda as real for us as it must have been for Jefferson's first students enrolled there. By 7:00 pm we were ready for our dinner at the historic Wild Greens Restaurant.

Heading home on Friday included a stop in Winchester, VA to visit the recently opened Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Glen Burnie House and Estate. Oh, what \$20 million dollars can do!

The pleasure of the trip was enhanced by the characteristic qualities of our driver, Jerry Anderson. His personal attention to every detail and his courteous attention to his passengers added to the enjoyment of the trip.

Once again, special thanks are in order to Elizabeth Gamon who worked so diligently to plan this trip. Following her script was like following a lesson in a textbook!

A DAY IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Our last trip for 2005 was to the Landis Valley Museum and the National Christmas Center in Paradise on November 15. What a wonderful turnout for a trip! Forty-nine Society members and guests were eager to have lunch with Belsnickel. Learning and seeing the collections of the Landis brothers were amazing and yet we had not seen the entire collection. Another trip there could afford us the opportunity to visit the transportation building, the old school, the collections building and other sites. Time was allowed for the shoppers!

Driving on to Paradise we came to the National Christmas Center and stepped back in time to relive our Christmases of the past. Antique ornaments, the model train exhibit, the toy shop, F. W. Woolworth's were all fascinating. Jim Morrison, creator and owner of the museum, boarded the motor coach to share his dreams with us. Anyone who left Lancaster County that day without the spirit of the season---oh well.

A TRANSITION

In September, Elizabeth Gamon announced that she was "retiring" or "stepping down", as she called it, as chairperson of the Trip Planning Committee. Health issues have forced her to curtail some of her activities. From the first trip in 1976, Elizabeth has been actively involved in the planning and expediting of the trips over these past thirty years. Elizabeth agreed to continue to serve on the Trip Planning Committee and serve as a counselor to Frank Luther and to the members. Appreciation must be expressed by the members of the committee and the Society for the work Elizabeth had done over the years. Her expertise and experience will be difficult to match.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2006—Please mark your calendar for these trips

The Trip Planning Committee has been diligently at work, hoping to put together an attractive venue of trips for the coming year.

A COMMEMORATIVE TRIP

Since 2006 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the first trip in 1976, the committee has discussed a commemorative trip in February or March to the site of the first trip---the historic houses of Germantown. What a wonderful connection to the Farmstead, General Washington, and the Battle of Germantown!

A SPRING DAY TRIP TO THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY

On Tuesday, May 9, members and guests will have an opportunity to experience a spring day in the Brandywine Valley. We will visit the Brandywine River Museum with a guided tour. Then, on to lunch in the Pavilion Restaurant at Longwood Gardens. In the afternoon, we will have a ninety-minute "behind the scenes" guided tour. In the evening we will have dinner in the Greathouse at the Farmhouse at Loch Nair Country Club in Avondale, PA.

THE ANNUAL DINNER AND THEATER TRIP

Once again, during the summer, we will schedule a dinner at the Woodside Inn and a play later at the Dutch Country Players. We are currently awaiting the schedule for the 2006 season.

THE ANNUAL FALL TRIP

Imagine, five days in the Cooperstown and New Paltz areas of New York State! This is a chance to have a walking tour of Cooperstown and to visit the Farmers Museum and Fennimore Art Museum Shops, the Silver Horse American craft gallery, Doubleday Field, and the Baseball Hall of Fame, among other attractions.

While in New Paltz, we will visit Huguenot Street, a National Historic Landmark, the site of a collection of colonial and early National period stone houses owned and operated as historic house museums by the Huguenot Historical Society in the Village of New Paltz, New York. Originally the home of a group of French Protestants who fled northern France because of political and religious persecution, the town was founded in 1677 after the purchase of nearly 40,000 acres along the Wallkill River from the native Esopus Indians.

A HOLIDAY DAY TRIP

After the success of our Lancaster County Trip in November, the committee has been considering a trip to either Bethlehem or to the holiday-decorated Fairmont Park Houses in Philadelphia. All ideas and recommendations will be considered.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the PWFS is "to preserve and interpret an 18th century Pennsylvania German farmstead, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, by stimulating public interest and support of the site's heritage through educational programs and public events focusing on the architecture, crafts, customs and furnishings of the period."

Our group excursions and tours offer itineraries of other historic sites and landmarks.

The Trip Planning Committee is committed to offering all trips as educational trips to learn more about the time period of Peter Wentz, Junior, and at the same time allowing time for the camaraderie and social interaction of our participants, both members of the Society and guests. Through our efforts and your commitment, we hope to aid the Society in its support of the Farmstead.

Our happy early bird travelers!



Reading For The Season By Dianne M. Cram

There is no better time to curl up with a good book than on cold snowy days. Here are three selections that go well with the holiday season. So, make yourself a cup of hot cocoa and stay warm and cozy with some good reading this winter.

Christmas in Pennsylvania By Alfred L. Shoemaker

Originally published in 1959 by Pennsylvania Folklife Society it has been recently reprinted by Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA, 1999.

Alfred Shoemaker is a renowned scholar of Pennsylvania folk culture, particularly that of Pennsylvania Germans. This book is a compilation of his research into the traditions of Christmas throughout Pennsylvania with emphasis on our region. He describes the colorful folk culture background of Christmas practices from the late 18th through the early 20th century. He explores the differences in Christmas celebrations across religious denominations; the advent of the Christmas tree; the antics of rural Belsnickels; the baking of Christmas cookies and other treats and many other traditions that have faded into obscurity. This is a well illustrated and valuable reference for historic traditions.

The Festive Tradition: Table Decoration and Desserts in America, 1650-1900

By Louise Conway Belden. A Winterthur Book, W.W. Norton & Co., New York, 1983.

Anyone who has been to Winterthur Museum during the holiday season has enjoyed the remarkable and lavish displays of table settings and festive food presentation of bygone eras. This book is an account of the people, the means, the artifacts, and history of elegant social entertaining of the past. Readers will learn how a gentlewoman would decorate her dinner, dessert, tea and punch tables with well documented descriptions. The author also presents recipes for delights such as marchpane, queen cake, sugar toys and flummery; the favorite drinks of early America and how they were served and the proper uses of china, glass and silver serving pieces. Another wonderful reference with many illustrations including color plates of Winterthur's exquisite table settings.

Pennsylvania Dutch Night Before Christmas. Written by Chet Williamson, illustrated by James Rice. Published by Pelican Publishing Co., Gretna, LA, 2000.

Now, just for fun, try this delightful parody of Clement C. Moore's classic poem. Santa is replaced with a Pennsylvania German Belsnickel, that cantankerous and sometimes frightening character who punishes the bad children with a bundle of switches, but rewards the good ones with candy treats. A herd of Holsteins take the place of reindeer and havoc ensues in a farmer's house as they climb to the rooftop. The author presents this work in tongue twisting Pennsylvania Dutch dialect. You won't find much historical accuracy, but you will enjoy the laughs.

Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony

The First Continental Regiment of Foot presents "Mourning Firelock" during the memorial tree dedication ceremony for a scarlet oak planted in memory of Edward Dougherty husband of volunteer and foodways historian Karen Dougherty.

Additional hardwoods and fruit trees along with conservation donations were dedicated by friends and families of the honorees on September 18th.



Calendar of Events
WINTER-SPRING 2006

From Fruit Tree to Furniture: Woodworking in the Colonial Period

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

Exhibit will remain set until March.

Lecture/Program

Guest Speaker: To be determined

Thursday, February 16th at 7pm

Enjoy a program on a topic of historical significance to the Farmstead and the region.
Program held at the Worcester Township Historical Society (Rt.363/Valley Forge Rd.).

Please call 610-584-5104 for more information.

Anatomy of an Old House

Guest Speaker: Norman Glass

Thursday, March 16th at 7pm

Restoration carpenter, Norman Glass will provide a program highlighting some of the typical architectural features of historic homes in this region. Program held at the Worcester Township Historical Society (Rt.363/Valley Forge Rd.).

Sheep Shearing Day

Saturday, April 8th 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 19th 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.

Lecture/Program

Guest Speaker: Jim Gibson

Thursday, May 18th at 7pm

Historical Re-enactor, Jim Gibson, portrays General George Washington and will share his knowledge of the General and President. 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.

Colonial Day Camp

Monday-Friday, June 19th-23rd from 9am-2pm

This camp allows students entering 4th-6th grade to learn about life in the late 18th and early 19th centuries by interacting with craftspeople and participating in various activities.

**Pre-registration and fee required

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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