

# Peter Wentz Farmstead

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## January—July 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 26th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Wentz's United Church of Christ**  
**Clara in a Time of War – Book Talk with Author C.J. McGroarty**

It's 1777, and Clara is struggling to keep her family together while her husband is off fighting in the American Revolution. Her life is thrown for a loop when a wounded and mysterious man shows up at her Chester County home. Join us at Wentz's United Church of Christ to meet local author C.J. McGroarty and hear the story behind her new novel, *Clara in a Time of War*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase to be signed by the author.

This event will be held at Wentz's United Church of Christ (3246 Skippack Pike, Lansdale, PA).

Adults only; free. Registration required. Email [carly.schmidt@montgomerycountypa.gov](mailto:carly.schmidt@montgomerycountypa.gov)

**Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Sheep Shearing Day**

Experience springtime on a colonial farm! Watch our farmers shear our sheep to get them ready for the warm weather. Then, watch living historians demonstrate their crafts to follow the process of turning that wool into clothing. Learn about all the various activities that went into running a farm in the 18th century. Highlights include open-hearth cooking, farm tours, spinning, weaving, and many other historical crafts.

All ages; free

**Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, May 7th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**The British Are Coming!**

Hear ye, hear ye! By order of His Majesty King George III you are hereby invited to visit the Peter Wentz Farmstead! During the winter of 1777 and into the spring of 1778, the Continental army was encamped at Valley Forge while British troops occupied Philadelphia. Both sides sent out patrols to gather intelligence and supplies. Sometimes British patrols extended fairly far into what is now Bucks and Montgomery County. Visit the Farmstead on May 6th and 7th to meet members of the Queens Rangers and British Light Infantry men to learn about those trying times for citizens and soldiers alike.

All ages; free

**Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, June 18, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Juneteenth Tours**

Join the Peter Wentz Farmstead in observation of Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the emancipation of Black enslaved people in America. We will be offering special tours throughout the weekend focusing on the lives of the enslaved people owned by the Wentz family and how their stories connect to the larger history of slavery in early Pennsylvania. Learn about Jack, a freedom seeker owned by Peter Wentz who escaped twice from the Farmstead. Hear the stories of Hannah Till and William Lee, enslaved people who were brought here with General George Washington during the Philadelphia Campaign. Immerse yourself in the 18th century as you discover the complicated and rarely told history of slavery in Pennsylvania. The Peter Wentz Farmstead is a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site.

Tours will run every half hour throughout the weekend. Space is limited.

Visit [pwwjuneteenthtours2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.peterwentzfarmstead.com/juneteenth-tours-2023) to reserve your timed ticket.

All ages; Free.

**Monday, July 10th through Friday, July 14th**  
**Colonial Camp**

Have you ever dreamed of traveling into the past? Well, we may not have a time machine, but we've got the next best thing. Join us this summer for the Peter Wentz Farmstead's Colonial Camp, where you can step back into the eighteenth century and live like a colonial farmer for a week!

This year's Colonial Camp will run from July 10th to July 14th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Each day, our living historians will lead campers through hands-on demonstrations of historical crafts, like quill-and-ink calligraphy, ceramics, woodworking, and more. You don't have to be a history buff to have a good time! We'll be covering a wide range of topics like art, nature, agriculture, and technology. Colonial Camp is for kids going into 4th-6th grade. The cost for the week is \$150 per child.

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Visit [pwwcolonialcamp2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.peterwentzfarmstead.com/colonial-camp-2023) to register.



All on site programming will fully comply with the current guidance on mitigation efforts, including, but not limited to social distancing, appropriate wearing of face masks, and limitation of group size dependent upon venue.

Important information about our programs:

All guided tours must be scheduled in advance. Call 610-584-5104.

All programs are a suggested \$2.00 donation per person unless noted.

Any program can be cancelled at anytime. If registration cost was paid, a full refund will be given.