NEW EXHIBIT: ALL ABOARD THE PERKIOMEN RAILROAD

May 1, 2024 - Jan 12, 2025

Our new exhibit will present the history of the Perkiomen Railroad, one of the most scenic railroads that connected Valley Forge to Emmaus and onto Allentown. Artifacts and photographs of the Perkiomen Railroad will be on display from the Perkiomen Railroad Historical Society. Included on all guided tours. All ages: FREE

MUSEUM HOURS
Tuesday - Saturday, 10am to 4pm
Sunday, 1pm to 4pm
Last tour of the day beginning at 3:00pm
Closed all Mondays and the following holidays:
Easter: March 31st
Juneteenth: June 19th
Independence Day: July 4th
Election Day: November 5th
Thanksgiving: November 28th
Christmas Eve: December 24th
Christmas: December 25th
New Year’s Eve: December 31st
New Year’s Day: January 1st, 2025

GUIDED TOURS
Tours are offered year-round and take approximately one hour. The last tour of each day starts at 3:00pm. Groups of 10 or more should contact the site in advance to arrange a tour. Tours are FREE; suggested donation of $2 per person.

ACCESSIBILITY
The first floor of the mansion is handicapped accessible. The site is equipped with modern, wheelchair-friendly restroom facilities. Please contact the site for more information about specific accommodations.

MUSEUM SHOP
The Pennypacker Mills Museum Shop sells a variety of books, home décor, and historic treats and toys tied to our rich history.

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Montco StoryWalk®
Starting at the main gate, walk along the driveway and read panels of beginner friendly books. This activity is great for families with young readers!

April-May: A More Perfect Union
The unforgettable story of 55 Americans and the Constitution they created in 1787.

June-July: My First Book of Trains
All aboard an amazing railroad adventure! Explore this colorful introduction to trains.

August-September: Brave Clara Barton
A biography of the Civil War nurse and Founder of the American Red Cross.

October: Halloween is Coming!
A fun, rhyming Halloween picture book to celebrate the spookiest season of the year.

Historic Pennypacker Mills

Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the County of Montgomery
Department of Assets and Infrastructure
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Calendar of Events 2024

Pennypacker’s Mill and Mansion
Washington’s headquarters, September - October, 1777
Birthplace of Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor of Pennsylvania, 1905-1907
He died here, September 2, 1916
Cooking Demonstration
Sat., January 27th from 10am-3pm
Stop by the Classroom Building for the sights and smells of food that could be found in kitchens of the early 1900s.

Music of the Underground Railroad
Sat., June 8th at 4pm
Celebrate Juneteenth with musician and historian Joe Becton. He will present stories and songs of the Underground Railroad. All ages welcome. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Pollinator Party
Sat., June 15th from 10am-3pm
Celebrate World Pollinator Week with the Friends of Pennypacker Mills. There will be speakers, kids’ crafts, games, and craft vendors. All ages welcome!

The Art of Botanical Illustration
Sat., April 6th at 1pm
Master Gardener Sharon Gross will present the history of botanical illustration, discuss contemporary techniques, and lead drawing exercises. Pre-registration preferred.

ALL ABOARD!
Sat., June 22nd from 10am-3pm
Spend the day learning all about the Perkiomen Railroad! There will be speakers, live music, and activities for the whole family. Check out our new exhibit in partnership with the Perkiomen Railroad Historical Society.

Victorian Game Day
Sat., July 27th from 12-4pm
Spend a summer afternoon playing games at the Mills! Visitors are invited to play croquet, graces, ring toss, and many more old fashioned lawn and tabletop games. The Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia will play an interactive game of “Town Ball,” followed by a full game using 1860s rules, uniforms, and equipment. Fun for the whole family!

13th Annual Craft Marketplace
Sat., Sept. 14th from 9:30am-3pm
Buy one-of-a-kind crafts, food, gifts, and much more at this award-winning craft fair presented by the Friends of Pennypacker Mills.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN!
Ghost Stories by the Fire
Sat., October 5th at 6:30pm
Gather around the campfire and kick off the spooky season with ghost stories dramatically retold by author Charles Adams III. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Recommended for ages 13 and above.

All Hallows Eve Fall Festival
Sat., October 19th from 12-4pm
Enjoy a FREE afternoon of old-fashioned fall fun as kids make crafts, paint pumpkins, shock corn, and press apples into cider. The whole family is welcome to play games, complete a scavenger hunt, and take a hayride around the meadow.

Halloween Silent Movies
Sat., November 2nd at 1pm
Join us in the Classroom Building to view four short Halloween-themed silent movies. Pre-registration is required.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Holiday Tours
November 26th- Jan 5th, 2025
Tour the spectacularly decorated Pennypacker mansion and learn more about Christmas in the early 1900s. The Museum Shop will be stocked with unique gifts and decorations.

Prelude to a Carol
Sat., November 30th at 4pm
See the tale of Charles Dickens’s inspiration to create A Christmas Carol, and his unintended influence on the celebration of Christmas itself. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Holiday Craft Workshop
Sat., December 7th at 10am-1pm
Stop by the Classroom Building to create seasonal crafts. All materials provided. All ages welcome! Pre-registration preferred.

Victorian Christmas Open House
Sat., December 14th from 2-8pm
Celebrate the holiday season with a night of festivities at the Mills! From musicians on the porch to candy making demonstrations in the kitchen, take in the sights and sounds of Christmas past.

All events are FREE with a suggested donation of $2 per person. Check our website for event updates and details.