

Wentz Post

A periodic publication of The Peter Wentz Farmstead Society in conjunction with The Farmstead Staff featuring news, views and activities.....

SPRING IS COMING – AND SO IS OUR SHEEP SHEARING EVENT

Everyone looks forward to the coming of spring including the sheep at the Farmstead! They always seem happy to loose their heavy winter coats that by this time are full of dirt and twigs and a good coating of lanolin.

This spring, on **Saturday April 24th from 10:00-3:00** the Farmstead will celebrate **SHEEP SHEARING** with a much expanded program from previous years. We have invited all our volunteer craftspeople to join us for this day which has quickly become one of the most popular and well attended events. There will also be some new faces among the craft demonstrators selling their early American wares. Tucker's Tales will delight young and old with a puppet show and period music will be performed in the house by students of Bakshi Studio Baroque Players.

Pray for fair weather and plan to come to the Farmstead to celebrate Spring.



GOODBYE SHOP LADIES

Phyllis Yergey and Charlotte Herman have retired from their duties in the Museum Shop after fifteen years of outstanding service. The Museum Shop began as a single glass showcase on the ground floor of the present educational center. The current location was completed by the Restoration Shop thirteen years ago and has been operated to the present time by Phyllis and Charlotte. They shared many of the tasks but Charlotte's expertise was the book section and financial records while Phyllis did much of the organizing and purchasing. A wooden money box, handwritten receipts and cash-only purchases were updated with the addition of a computerized inventory system, a cash register and the introduction of a credit card machine. Items made in America and relevant to the Farmstead have been the main focus for purchases. There are currently ninety different books and approximately three hundred other items included in the Shop inventory.

The countless hours of hard work and dedication by these gracious ladies has produced an ongoing source of income to the Society while adding an extra dimension to the Farmstead visitors' experience. Phyllis and Charlotte have persevered through illnesses and difficult economic times and to them the Society is ever grateful. Thank you for a job well done and we hope to continue seeing you around the Farmstead and helping out in the Shop at special Farmstead events.

