

The Pencader Press

Newsletter of the Pencader Heritage Area Association

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Who are we?

Volunteers interested in promoting the Pencader Heritage through active participation.

How do we do that?

- Outreach Programs
- Pencader Family Fun Day
- Educational Sign Program
- Video Library
- Local Oral Histories
- Preservation of Pencader History



PHAA Museum
2029 Sunset Lake Rd.
Newark, DE
Open: 1st & 3rd Sat.
10:00am to 4:00pm



Want more information ?

302-737-5792 or
Visit our web site:
www.
PencaderHeritage.Org



PHAA has entered the new year with an expanded Pencader Heritage Museum. Our collections continue to grow, thanks to the generosity of numerous people. A major new display honors all military service members. We have artifacts from WW I forward and are receiving new things almost every month. Some ephemera from the Civil War has just become available and will be incorporated into the display shortly. A colorful poster and other information will help identify any unknown medals which you may have inherited. Donations or loans of military material from any war period would be greatly appreciated. Our next issue of this newsletter will carry the names of all donors so far.

Royal Farms has tentative permits from New Castle County to build a convenience store on the northeast corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Rt. 72. PHAA is working to see that the company meets all requirements necessary to blend as well as possible into this historic site.

Plans are underway to put a granite memorial stone with bronze plaque, honoring those Americans who died at Cooch's Bridge, with our flagpoles and signs on Dayett Mill Rd and Old Baltimore Pike. This is planned to be finished by September 5, 2008 for our annual memorial service on the battlefield. If you haven't stopped to read the informative signs, be sure to do so soon.

Local newspapers and magazines have been very generous with articles about us and our people. We're proud of ourselves and have a display of the articles. Be sure to see them when you visit the museum.

Our monthly Speaker Series has been a great hit and a worthy effort. Between 30-40 people have attended each one, some of whom each time are visiting the museum for the first time. There will be a hiatus during June, July and August, but the series will continue starting in September.

An Eagle Scout candidate has taken on the building of 3 picnic tables for us as his Eagle project. They will be handy for any of our outdoor events, especially when we have student activities as we plan to do.

Pencader had a large presence in the Newark 250th Anniversary parade. The National Guard supplied us with 2 Humvees and drivers, both of whom are Iraq veterans. At the invitation of Pencader, Korean War and WW 2 vets rode in the Humvees. Boy Scouts marched in front carrying our new banner. At the anniversary dinner in Clayton Hall, PHAA had a photo display of old roads in Pencader and sold a number of our books.

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Don't forget to join or renew your membership in PHAA. Payment now will carry through the 2008 calendar year. Dues are \$10.00 per person and can be mailed to PHAA, 248 East Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark 19713. Check the www.pencaderheritage.org or call 302-737-5792 if you have questions.

The PHAA Board of Directors has decided to keep track of the volunteer hours we contributethe first quarter of 2008 shows 746 hours devoted to the operation of Pencader Heritage Museum.

The ghost tours we held last fall were so successful, we have planned a new series, two each in June, July and October. See "Dates to Remember" for schedule. Call 302-737-5792 to reserve your ticket. Cost: \$20.00 per person.

Dates to Remember

The Pencader Heritage Museum is open every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10:00 - 4:00.
Look for the OPEN flag on the sign! Free Admission

May 14th, Wednesday, 7:00. Speaker Series. Sen. Steven Amick will talk about a cross-country auto trip in the 19-teens era as recorded in a journal kept by someone in his family. Free. The museum will be open at 6:00. Come early and browse.

May 15th, Thursday, 7:00 PM Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Museum.

May 16th-18th, Civil War Encampment at the Museum Grounds.

May 18th, Sunday, 1- 4 PM, Delaware Nature Society Tour of the Cooch-Dayett Mill site

June 7th, Saturday, Newark Night. Rain date Sunday, June 8th.

June 13, Friday, Ghost Tour

June 27, Friday, Ghost Tour

July 11, Friday, Ghost Tour

July 25, Friday, Ghost Tour

September 5th, Friday 6:00 PM Battlefield Memorial Service

September 27th, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pencader Family Fun Day.
Antique cars on display.

October 10, Friday, Ghost Tour

October 24, Friday, Ghost Tour

Future Speakers Meetings will include a presentation by the author of "From Wilmington to Everywhere"; Littleton Mitchell of the Tuskegee Airmen and perhaps a presentation on the Irish in Delaware.

To continue the vigorous program we envision for PHAA, major fundraising is of prime importance. We are looking for increased private memberships, corporate donations, grants, and public funding. Contact us: www.pencaderheritage.org or (302) 737-5792

PHAA is a non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

To contribute: PHAA, 248 East Chestnut Hill Rd. Newark, DE 19713

Can we interest you in volunteering with PHAA to help during some of our activities?