

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 Heritage 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



The love of history is alive and well at Pencader Heritage Museum and the Association members continue to improve and upgrade our displays and program. New maps, photos, Cooch Family memorabilia, military items, tools, toys, farm equipment, books and research material have been added to our collections. A few patrons who are researching the genealogy of their families have been pleased with our resources; others visitors spend a great deal of time studying maps and artifacts.

As part of Newark's 250th Anniversary Celebration a time capsule was buried in front of the Academy building. PHAA's contribution to its contents was Bob Barnes & Judy Pfeiffer's book, *The History and Heritage of Pencader Hundred*.

PHAA is greatly appreciative of the contributions which continue to be donated or loaned for display. As a small gesture to recognize these generous citizens, PHAA held a reception and awarded certificates of appreciation to all donors of record by May 15. Others will be recognized in 2009.

On the same night as the donors' reception our annual flag retirement ceremony was beautifully conducted by Scout Troop and Pack 1777. The boys did a marvelous job and the audience was greater than last year's. This will be an annual event at PHAA.

An unexpected pleasure for PHAA was to host a Civil War re-enactors encampment on our lawn for 2 nights in May. The re-enactors represented the 61st New York Infantry and took part in the Newark Memorial Day Parade May 18th. We have invited them back for next year and they hope to bring a group representing Maryland. This is again planned for the week-end of Newark's annual parade.

PHAA sponsors regular speakers at the Museum and plans are underway to expand this outreach by having some PHAA members speak to other groups on their subject of expertise. Watch the website for details as this offering is refined and schedule one of us to speak to your group. Some speakers can travel, others will host your group at the Museum.

The 2 speakers who rounded out our 2007-08 series, Jan Churchill and Sen. Steve Amick were engaging and entertaining, as have been all our speakers. See Calendar of Events at end of the Press for dates and information on the upcoming 2008-09 Speakers Series.

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A new exhibit has opened in the partially finished Dayett Room. At the present time military memorabilia is on display. This will be a rotating exhibit with other items and subjects as they become available. Do you have, or know of, anything which would be of interest to our visitors. Contact us on the website if you do.

We have set up a DVD slide show in our reception area to exhibit pictures of our activities. Be sure to watch for a few moments on your next visit.

The Eagle Scout working on our picnic tables has completed his project so we now have 6 tables for use on our lawn. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy under the huge old trees when you visit PHAA.

September 27th will mark Pencader Heritage Museum's one year anniversary and will be marked with a bigger and better than ever Pencader Heritage Day on the grounds of the museum and the Dayett Mill Complex. Be part of this big event, visit us from 10:00 - 2:00 that day. Check the website for details of activities.

In the second quarter of 2008 we had 150 or so visitors and our volunteers donated 1002 hours to the museum. These hours include those spent hosting and working at the museum, in research, in public relations, finding speakers, appearing before other groups and the work a lot of us do at home.

Don't forget to join or renew your membership in PHAA. Payment now carries through the calendar year 2008. Dues are \$10.00 per person and can be mailed to PHAA, 248 E. Chestnut Hill Rd, Newark 19713. Check the website pencaderheritage.org or call 302-737-5792 if you have questions. Dues are one of our few sources of income. We do not receive operating funds from New Castle County or the State of Delaware.

Events of Interest

Pencader Heritage Museum is open each 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:00 - 4:00.

September 5th, Friday 6:00 PM Cooch's Bridge Battlefield Memorial Service
Dedication of monument to the American patriots who fell at Cooch's Bridge.

September 10th, Wednesday, 7:00 PM Speakers Meeting
Littleton Marshall, a former Tuskegee Airman.

September 13th, Saturday, 7:00 PM Iron Hill Heritage Theater
American Revolutionary Camp Re-enactment at the Iron Hill Museum

September 14th, Sunday, Newark Community Day

September 27th, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pencader Heritage Day.

October 8th, Wednesday, 7:00 PM Speakers Meeting
Dr. Terry Bryan Topic: Colonial Delaware

October 10th, Friday, 7:00 PM Ghost Tour at the Museum

October 24th, Friday, 7:00 PM Ghost Tour at the Museum

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?