

# 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



Pencader Heritage Museum has closed out its first 15 months of operation in good shape. We're growing in both new displays and the number of visitors. In the 4th quarter of 2008, 884 volunteer hours were recorded and 213 guests signed in. Our monthly Speaker Series continues to grow, averaging nearly 35 guests per occasion.

We've hosted cub scout meetings and several other groups. Contact the website ([www.PencaderHeritage.Org](http://www.PencaderHeritage.Org)) to schedule an event (due to space we're limited to about 35 people). We ask for a donation to cover utilities.

New displays are Early Lighting, Curtis Paper Company, Civil War, and Natural Fibers, plus an exhibit on the Underground Railroad on loan from the Delaware Historical Society which will be available at least through the end of January, possibly longer.

Remember Pencader if you have any artifacts you think might be usable for the museum. Please bring them in on one of our open dates for an evaluation. We have a special Wish List for a working electric typewriter to add to our children's "Please Touch" table. We are also looking for early lighting artifacts and Civil War items.

Members of PHAA have established a Speakers Bureau. Members are prepared to speak on a number of subjects, some only at the museum and others can be presented at your site. See our website for a complete list. We may ask for a donation to cover utilities at the museum or travel expenses.

We have a new volunteer who has taken on the task of writing small grant applications. We are always on the lookout for grant opportunities, as we volunteers must raise the money to support the museum. We get no monetary support from the state. Any suggestions and help in this area would be welcome.

Don't forget to join or renew your membership for 2009 at only \$10.00. Send check to PHAA, 248 East Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark DE 19713.

Visit our gift shop when you are at the museum. We have unique wood items, both turned and hand carved as well as books relating to Pencader history. Transcriptions of Delaware Slave Laws and Manumissions are for sale also.

## EVENTS

All events are Free and held at the Museum

The Museum is open every 1st and 3rd Saturday 10:00AM to 4:00PM,  
Look for the OPEN flag on the sign. Special or private tours can be arranged.

- Feb. 11 - Speaker Series - 7:00 PM  
Retired Gen. Ken Wiggins will speak on the history of the Delaware Air National Guard.
- Mar. 11 - Speaker Series - 7:00PM  
Subject to be announced
- May 9 - Pencader Heritage Day 10:00AM to 2:00 PM
- May 14 - Flag Retirement Ceremony - 7:00PM
- Sept. 2 - Annual Battlefield Memorial Ceremony - 6:00PM
- October Ghost Tours  
Dates to be announced.
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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?