

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



PHAA stayed as busy as ever during the 2nd quarter of 2010. The big event was our greatly expanded flag retirement ceremony on June 12th. We held a remembrance of those Delaware military personnel who lost their lives defending American ideals since 1960. They number almost 200 and each name was read, followed by the sounding of a bell. Taps played by Jerry Goldman closed the ceremony. A Marine Corp color guard added to the solemnity of the occasion. Veterans of several wars were our guests. As part of the ceremony, Sen. Bethany Hall-Long presented a Tribute from the Delaware State Senate honoring Delaware's fallen heroes and commending PHAA for their efforts to immortalize those who sacrificed their lives.

Our annual memorial ceremony honoring those who fell at Cooch's Bridge in 1777 is planned for Sept. 11. We will be planting a tree honoring American-German friendship and cooperation and hope to have a representative of the German Embassy in Washington, DC as our guest.

A new exhibit in Pencader Heritage Museum honors the WASPs, the Women's Army Service Pilots, from WW II. These women flew all types of military planes from the factories to bases all over the country, at which point the planes were ferried overseas by men, as the women were not permitted to fly beyond the US borders. The flying these women did released men for combat duty, yet they received no government benefits or insurance and were not recognized for their significant contribution to the war effort until many years after the war ended.

All of PHAA's volunteers put in large numbers of hours and tremendous effort, none more so than our curator Bob Barnes. In recognition of his interest in and dedication to preserving the history and heritage of Pencader Hundred and the surrounding area, Bob was selected by the Newark Morning Rotary Club as their 2010 recipient of the Ray Civatte Community Service Award. In the past other PHAA folks have also been recognized for their service to others. Frank and Roni Romanelli were finalists for a State Jefferson Award in 2008. Ed Wirth was earlier honored by a nomination for a Newark Jefferson Award.

Guardian Construction Co. of Bear has stepped forward to help maintain our flag plaza and memorial site at Old Baltimore Pike and Dayett Mill Rd. The company will donate seasonal flowers, as well as aid in keeping the site attractive. A strictly volunteer organization like PHAA needs help from civic-minded companies and individuals to continue protecting the history and heritage of Pencader Hundred and the Cooch's Bridge battlefield. Do you have a skill or talent to donate?

The volunteers of PHAA donated at least 350 hours in the second quarter and welcomed over 250 guests to the museum and events.

Our picnic grove is available for rent for reunions, etc. Call 302-737-5792 or go to the website: pencaderheritage.org.

Calendar of Events

Museum is open first and third Saturdays 10:00AM to 4:00PM

August 21st, Saturday,

Lowell Jacobs will hold a Whittler's Jam at 10 AM and a Banjo Jam at 1:00 PM.

September 11th, Saturday

Annual memorial service remembering the fallen at Battle of Cooch's Bridge

September 18th, Saturday,

Lowell Jacobs will hold a Whittler's Jam at 10 AM and a Banjo Jam at 1:00 PM.

September 25th, Saturday, 7:00 PM

Ghost Tour at the Museum.

(Tickets \$15.00, reservations for all ghost tours at: delawareghosttours@comcast.net)

October 9th, Saturday, 7:00 PM

Ghost Tour at the Museum

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October 13th, Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Speaker Meeting at the museum. Tom Summers of Delaware Archives.
Delaware's Hidden Treasures

October 23rd, Saturday, 7:00 PM

Ghost Tour at the Museum

(Tickets \$15.00, reservations for all ghost tours at: delawareghosttours@comcast.net)

November 10th, Wednesday, 7 PM

Speakers Meeting at the museum. Sylvester Woolford, Jr. genealogist and researcher on Newark's Iron Hill Early African-American Community

December 8th, Wednesday, 7 PM

Speakers Meeting at the museum. Wade Catts,
Recent Developments in Archeology Research in Pencader Area.

2011 PROGRAMS

January 12th, Wednesday 7 PM

Speakers Meeting at the museum. David Price. Delaware's Role in the Civil War

February 9th, Wednesday 7 PM

Speakers Meeting at the museum. Early Finnish Settlements in Pencader Hundred

March 9th, Wednesday 7 PM,

Brendan Mackie, Delaware's Emergency Responders in Hurricane Katrina-Gulfport, MS.

April 13, Wednesday 7 PM

Speakers Meeting at the museum. Ken Williams, History of the Delaware Army National Guard

May 11th, Wednesday 7 PM

Speakers Meeting at the museum. Herbert Rambo, Early Swedish Settlements in Pencader Hundred and Delaware.

We will also be planting 2 Rambo apple trees commemorating the importation of the Rambo apple culture from Sweden by the early settlers.