

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



A busy second half of 2010 found Pencader Heritage Museum with several changes. The most visible change is new 4-foot fencing around 3 sides of the parking lot, replacing the unsightly 6-foot fence that was topped with barbed wire. The Dept. of Historical and Cultural Affairs donated the fencing fabric and we received a small grant from Preservation Delaware for the remaining supplies, including split rail fencing on the lawn side of the parking lot. All labor was donated by several members of our board.

On September 11, 2010 we sponsored a friendship tree planting ceremony, with the Deputy Cultural Affairs Minister from the German Embassy in Washington, DC. The tree is a German overcup oak representing German-American friendship and cooperation. The Delaware Saengerbund cooperated with PHAA in this program.

We at PHAA were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Edward Cooch, Jr. in September. His family graciously suggested donations to PHAA's endowment fund in his memory and his friends were very generous in their gifts.

The Kent County, MD Agricultural Museum has donated some small farm equipment. They would be glad to donate larger items if we had room to display them.

PHAA's logo and sign are included in the large new signs installed by the state at both ends of Dayett Mill Road.

Pencader Museum hosted several private groups this year and looks forward to hosting more in the coming year. Contact us through the website www.pencaderheritage.org to arrange a private tour for your group.

PHAA is working on plans to host a Student Leadership Conference at Glasgow High School in early 2011. A similar conference held in the past was well attended.

An organization called Wreaths Across America included our museum in their largess. We received 7 evergreen wreaths with patriotic and Christmas flags on them. One was put on the monument at the Cooch House and the rest on our historic markers and flags.

Want to be a part of the latest adventurous pastime? Geocaching is a way to discover new places and have fun doing it. This hunting game is for all ages and great for the family to do together. The Pencader Heritage Area Association has a geocache hidden on the Museum grounds and one by our signs on Dayett Mill Road. They are named: "Pencader Heritage 1" and "Pencader Heritage 2". Coordinates are listed on our website.

COMING EVENTS

February 9th, 7:00 - Speaker's Meeting.

Roy Palo will speak on Early Finnish Settlers in Pencader Hundred.

March 9th, 7:00 - Speakers Meeting.

Brendan Mackie will speak on Delaware's Emergency Responders in Hurricane Katrina-Gulfport, MS

April 13th, 7:00 - Speakers Meeting.

Ken Williams, author of "History of Delaware Army National Guard".

May 11th, 7:00 - Speakers Meeting

Herbert Rambo will speak on Early Swedish Settlements in Pencader Hundred and Delaware. To highlight the meeting two Rambo apple trees will be planted on the museum grounds. The Rambo apple is native to Sweden and was imported by early settlers in America.

PHAA volunteers donated 3000+ hours and we hosted 700+ visitors in 2010.

Pencader Museum has multiple sources for researching local families. If your family was in Pencader at any time, we probably have information you could use in your family history.

A possible upcoming event is in the preliminary planning stages. We would like to sponsor an Authors' Day featuring Delaware authors on hand to autograph their books. Also perhaps a flea market where organizations and vendors could rent space in our parking lot to feature their projects and/or wares.