

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



Although stormy weather interfered with our programming in January and February, PHAA is off to a good start for 2011.

We hosted the Delaware Finnish Society in March for their annual board meeting. People from Finland were very early settlers in Pencader along with the Welsh and Swedes. A large map donated by the Society, and on display in the museum, gives much information about the early Finns in Pencader.

Also in March out-of-state visitors took advantage of our resources to research one of the very earliest Welsh settlers who was an ancestor of their family. We have a growing and diverse genealogy research library on early Pencader settlers and encourage its free use by the public on regular open days. Special access can be arranged by contacting the website.

Our ever-growing research capability was enhanced this spring by the donation of a large number of books on military history from the American Revolution to WWII.

Bringing attention to Pencader Museum is an on-going project, with work constantly underway to update and expand our signage. Two damaged educational signs at the Flag Memorial Pavilion have been replaced. The Dept. of Historical and Cultural Affairs has erected a comprehensive sign including all organizations on the Cooch-Dayett Complex, of which our museum is one. The sign we erected a few years ago will be moved inside the fence. We hope to be a driving force behind erecting a commemorative sign on the Cooch property in the near future.

A continuing search is underway for help in installing solar lighting for our Flag Pavilion. The cost is above the ability of PHAA to handle alone. We would be happy to give full credit to any organization which can step forward to help. Please contact the website with suggestions.

A major acquisition has come into the hands of PHAA, in the form of an authentic letter from (and signed by) John Hancock to the Delaware Committee of Safety in December 1776. Since it technically is state property, we have turned it over to the Delaware State Archives for preservation and safekeeping. More details on a formal presentation and exhibit are being worked out and will be forthcoming. Check the website frequently for updates.

Calendar of Events

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

May 7 - Saturday

Regular open hours 10:00AM to 4:00PM

May 11 - Wednesday, 7:00 PM. Speaker Meeting

Jim Lee will speak about the early Swedes and Roy Palo about early Finns, and their contributions to America and Pencader.

Two Swedish Rambo apple trees will be planted on our lawn as part of the program. The Swedes brought the first Rambo apple trees to America.

May 13-15, Friday evening to Sunday morning

Civil War re-enactors will again camp in our picnic grove. Hopefully, we will also have WW II re-enactors with German POWs.

The public is invited to visit at any time during the weekend.

May 21 - Saturday.

Regular open hours 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Special attraction 10:00AM to 2:00PM

Ten Delaware authors will be present to talk about, sell, and sign copies of their books.