

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
- 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
Free Admission !



Want more information ?

302-737-5792 or
Visit our web site:
www.
PencaderHeritage.Org



September 27, 2011 marked the 4th anniversary of Pencader Heritage Museum and Research Center's opening. Our collection and resources have grown beyond our wildest hopes and we continue to surprise visitors with the scope of our exhibits, activities and outreach.

We have a wide variety of research materials available on overall local history as well as genealogical material on local families. Our speaker meetings have covered a wide range of topics and are available on DVD to view at the museum. A list is on the website. Our extensive library also includes numerous early University of Delaware year books, including the very first one from 1899.

What are you interested in: The former Chrysler plant? Military uniforms, medals, equipment from the Revolutionary War through Kuwait? Churches and schools in Pencader? Cooch Family history? Very old maps of the area? **Pencader Heritage Museum has it all.**

Come and spend the day, any 1st or 3rd Saturday 10:00AM - 4:00PM, to acquaint yourself with our resources.

In August well-known Delaware photographer Kevin Fleming visited the museum and photographed a few items to be highlighted in *Delaware Tourism Magazine*.

In September we held our annual memorial service honoring the young men who gave their lives at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. We tend to think only of the Americans, but British and Hessian soldiers died here also, for a cause in which they believed. A descendant of British General Howe was an honored guest as was Judge Richard Cooch, a descendant of Thomas Cooch. General Howe was the British commander and Thomas Cooch owned the Cooch property at the time of the battle and whose mill the British burned. Adding a light note to the evening was Judge Cooch's presentation of a bill for damages (mill burned, rum taken) to General Howe's descendant. A video is available for viewing on our website.

Also in September members of the U/D Osher Lifelong Learning Institute visited the museum for a local history lesson.

The Pencader volunteers were pleased to have a lengthy visit from Delaware First Media who took video and interviews to put on their website. It is also on our website, www.pencaderheritage.org.

Our website's ready-made lesson plans are attracting teachers who use them in their classes on Delaware history. We encourage parents to bring these plans and other Pencader resources to the attention of their children's teachers. Enhancing the learning of children is one of the major goals of Pencader and we always encourage schools to bring classes to the museum. Home school families have a marvelous free resource in Pencader. We will have special openings for school field trips as well as other groups or organizations. Contact us on the website for an appointment.

Pencader will again participate in the Wreaths Across America program. Wreaths commemorating all military services will be displayed outside the museum, starting December 10th.

Well over 900 volunteer hours and approximately 250 visitors marked the third quarter of 2011.

COMING EVENTS

December 10th 9:00 AM Wreaths Across America presentation and display

We are open every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - **FREE ADMISSION!**

Special openings by appointment for large or small groups. Contact us on the website or email Info@PencaderHeritage.Org