

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



Pencader is not only a museum, but a research center: Revolutionary and Civil Wars; census and tax records of Pencader Hundred, files on Pencader families; New Castle-Frenchtown Railroad, Pencader churches and schools, very early maps, etc. We always welcome those who want to do research in our museum.

Pencader Heritage Museum is slowly becoming more widely known. We are now on the Delaware History Trail, marked by a sign at our gate. The Delaware History Trail was established as part of the state tourism emphasis. Information in print and on the state website encourages tourists and residents alike to follow the Trail and learn more about Delaware's long and important history.

In December we were again honored to hold a moving ceremony commemorating the Wreaths Across America program. Thousands of wreaths made of fresh greens are donated to be placed on veterans' graves and other historic locations across the country.

Pencader is very proud to have been chosen as one of the sites and receive wreaths honoring all branches of the American military, plus one for those missing in wars (MIAs).

Among the latest of many "new" items we continue to receive at Pencader is a 1950s jukebox like the one on Happy Days. Bring quarters and come on in, it works and you're free to dance!

An addition to our CD/video library is "Remembering 9-11" by a man who was there. Come and watch it. We also have CDs of our past speakers, covering a wide range of subjects, which are available for watching any time the museum is open.

We are still trying to find some way to install solar panel lights on our Memorial Plaza as the flags fly full time, but our treasury simply will not support a solar installation. We realize the flags should be illuminated at night and are searching for a grant or leads on a possible donor. Any suggestions or help would be greatly appreciated.

Some extra Boy Scout supplies that were stored at Pencader have been donated to Troop 60, which had a trailer loaded with their supplies stolen last fall.

Some time ago PHAA sent a Delaware flag to Maj. Kevin Conley (son of PHAA president, Bill Conley) who was stationed at a remote outpost in Afghanistan as part of a UN unit. During Maj. Conley's tour there the only casualty was a soldier from New Zealand, Lt. Tim O'Donnell. The New Zealand Embassy in Washington, DC has accepted our invitation to attend a ceremony at the museum, at which time a representative will accept the flag on behalf of Lt. O'Donnell's family. Watch the website for a date.

Sean Moir is working on an interpretative map of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and events following. This digital map will be donated to Pencader at a ceremony on May 6, at 1:00, and the public is welcome as at all our events.

Pencader Museum has placed 2 geocaching sites. Check the website for coordinates.

To clear up some misconceptions on our income situation: Although we have received some state and county money in the past, the recent economic situation has put a stop to that. We survive by the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, donations, memberships and sales from our small gift shop.

Visit our website www.pencaderheritage.org to see how you can support our efforts by becoming a member or donating. We have legal, full, non-profit status and all gifts are deductible.

For the last quarter of 2011 we had 910 volunteer hours and approximately 110 visitors.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

March 25th, Sunday

Meeting of the Finnish Society at the museum.

April 22nd, Sunday

The American Revolutionary War Council will tour the museum. Time to be announced.

May 6th Sunday, 1 PM

Digital Map Project Event at the museum

May 18-19, Friday evening, Saturday

61st NY Civil War Encampment at Museum

May 23, Wednesday

Bill Conley & Wade Catts will do a presentation about PHAA at Delaware Saengerbund.

September 15th, 10 AM Saturday

Battlefield Memorial Service

October 20, Saturday

Delaware Military Living History Weekend on the grounds of Fort DuPont in Delaware City.