

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 Heritage Museum is proud to say that more groups are coming to us for their meetings and a chance to see our exhibits. The first quarter of 2012 has seen the Finnish Society of Delaware hold their annual meeting here and have requested that we reserve the same date for next year. The American Revolutionary Round Table has scheduled a program in April, and the Sons of the American Revolution and the Newark Historical Society have inquired about dates. We welcome all these groups and hope to become a hub for such organizations as we further our goal of educating the public to the history which surrounds us here in Pencader Hundred.

International outreach! We're having more family historians come in to do research. A young lady in England was searching our website looking for her family's history in Pencader, USA. She was in New York on business and we were especially pleased when she made a side trip to our museum for information on her "American granny" from the Ferris/Farris Family. She hopes to return in a few months bringing her mother.

Pencader again honored our military veterans as we took part in the Wreaths Across America project in December. Pencader Museum and the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear are the only locations in Delaware to take part in this huge national project where a wreath is placed on every veteran's grave including Arlington National Cemetery. At Pencader we display a wreath for each branch of the military services. The date and time for next December's ceremony at the Pencader Museum will be Saturday, December 8th at 9:00AM.

A plaque donated by the Delaware Saengerbund, honoring the Hessian soldiers lost at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, has been installed to identify the German overcup oak tree planted last fall on the museum grounds.

A new street light has been installed to better illuminate the entrance gate to our parking lot on Dayett Mill Rd.

Sadly the historic Pencader Presbyterian Church has disbanded due to a diminished congregation. The church vestry donated a number of items to our museum as the church has been a part of the Pencader Hundred community since 1710. Currently the church building is being used by another congregation but no decision has been made as to the future of the building.

The year 2012 marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, American's 2nd war for independence. It was during this war that Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner." Unfortunately, artifacts and information from this war are very scarce, but the museum staff has coordinated a small exhibit about the war.

A sign committee within PHAA is working to produce new educational signs and renew the deteriorated old ones. Quality sign printing is very expensive and our funds are limited, so this is a slow process. We'd love to find a cash grant or donor of services for the project. Do you know of any printers who might like to donate the printing? We would give them full credit for their donation and we are a tax exempt non-profit organization, which would make the donation a write-off for the business.

Pencader Heritage Museum has hit the air waves! We now have an infomercial periodic slot on the Newark and New Castle County local TV stations.

New features are now on www.PencaderHeritage.Org. Check out the site map and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). If you have a question to add, let us know.

Our military display has 2 new highlights: a brigadier general's formal jacket and a sharp looking Marine uniform.

A reminder: As summer approaches remember Pencader's picnic grove is available to rent for your church picnic, family reunions, or other social events. Check with us about size of group, etc. which we can handle.

Have you renewed your PHAA membership? If not, please do so through www.PencaderHeritage.Org right away. Membership dues and contributions constitute our operating funds.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

Museum open 1st and 3rd Saturdays 10:00 - 4:00

Something for everyone!

May 19th, Saturday - Military encampment

Camps depicting uniforms and equipment from several wars will be set up.

June 16th, Saturday - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Boy Scout troop 603 Yard Sale.

Space for your table available for \$15.00.

If you would like to bring your wares and a table, contact us on our website www.PencaderHeritage.Org.

No tables provided.

Rain date June 17, same hours.

September 15th, Saturday 10 AM

Battlefield Memorial Service

December 8th, Saturday 9:00AM

Wreaths Across America program