

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



Even with the slower pace of summer things were happening at Pencader Heritage Museum. We took advantage of the time to add new exhibits and freshen up old ones. Come and see what we have done.

Kind people continue to donate interesting artifacts. Sometimes folks just walk in with items to offer to us. We never know what's going to turn up.

Again, we have benefited from the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baldwin. This time we were the recipients of a lovely little 1901 top-wound gramophone, one with the big horn we all associate with the very earliest record players. In the past the Baldwins have given us an 1894 pump organ and a 1913 wall-mounted telephone, one with the bell you rang to get the operator. Displayed with the phone is a 1914 phone book (less than a half-inch thick) that covers all of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. Some visitors have found their own ancestors listed in it.

Our sign committee is replacing the damaged signs at our Flag Memorial Plaza. Other new ones are being designed, although funds to have them printed may be lacking. We are in the process of applying for 2 small grants, but whether we receive anything is questionable.

Our research facilities are growing as we inventory and record our holdings. Our library of over 1000 books is available for researching marriages, wills, deeds, tax records, slave holder and manumission records, etc. for Pencader families.

The Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has submitted PHAA's name for a historic preservation award, bestowed by the national DAR organization.

Be sure to visit the museum on December 15th, 10:00am, as we take part in a national event honoring all veterans by hanging evergreen wreaths. These wreaths are donated by the national organization "Wreaths Across America". Wreaths will also be placed at Arlington National Cemetery and both veterans' cemeteries in Delaware as well as at other cemeteries in the country.

Check our website regularly to see what's new. www.pencaderheritage.org

Are you a "geocacher"? PHAA maintains 2 sites and Pencader Heritage Museum is on the Delaware History Trail, so history and geocaching can be combined for a fun family day.

Private openings of the museum by appointment. Contact our website for information.

In the third quarter of 2012, PHAA volunteers donated over 600 hours and we had 169 visitors.

DATES TO REMEMBER

All activities are FREE

Saturday, October 20th

Delaware Military Living History Weekend on grounds of Fort duPont in Delaware City. PHAA will be represented by Jim Lee.

Saturday, December 15th, 10:00 AM

Wreaths Across American program at the museum, which honors veterans of all wars.

Museum is open every first and third Saturday, 10:00 - 4:00