

# The Pencader Press

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Fall 2012 has been an exciting time for PHAA with several memorable events occurring.

## **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



We are honored to have been chosen to receive a Historic Preservation Recognition Award from the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. The official presentation is scheduled for January.

Again PHAA was honored to have been chosen to participate in the *Wreaths Across America* program remembering the fallen in America's wars. Wreaths memorializing members of each branch of the military were placed on our museum grounds and will be on display for 30 days on the west side of the museum along Route 72. Pencader Museum and the two Veterans' Cemeteries in Delaware, are the only locations in our state to receive the honor of participating in this national event. The tribute also takes place at Arlington and other Veterans' Cemeteries across the country. You can view this event on our website.

On December 19th the Delaware State Archives held a special event to acknowledge receipt of an original letter signed by John Hancock, which Pencader board member and museum curator Bob Barnes presented to them. Bob found the letter in a box of old books and papers bought at an auction years ago. See a poster at Pencader Museum showing the letter before and after conservation and preservation. A photo array of the event is on our website.

Finally, after years of effort designing, co-coordinating with New Castle County, and fund-raising, two sets of our educational signs have been erected in Glasgow Regional Park where they can be seen by an estimated 80,000 visitors a year. There has been a similar set in Iron Hill Park and at our Old Baltimore Pike flag plaza for several years. The Iron Hill Park and plaza sets were recently updated.

PHAA is pleased to have established an Advisory Board made up of community leaders. The list will be available on the website: [www.PencaderHeritage.org](http://www.PencaderHeritage.org).

American Legion Post 13 of Delaware City presented PHAA with a new double-sided POW/MIA flag. This flag accompanies the US and Delaware flags on display each time the museum is open.

Board member Jim Lee again represented PHAA at the Fort DuPont Military Heritage Day in October. Jim loyally does this each year to keep PHAA in the forefront among military historians.

New officers were elected at the December board meeting. The list is on the website. We also have two recent additions to our Executive Board, Sally Miller and Dave Nardone.

Pencader Museum continues to host private groups. Contact us at [info@PencaderHeritage.org](mailto:info@PencaderHeritage.org) or on the website to schedule your event or school tour with us.

Delaware Board of Tourism has published a new book *Landmarks and Legacies*. Pencader Museum is one of the points of interest included.

Contact our website if you would like a speaker for your group at your meeting site.

We have received a generous donation in memory of deceased New Castle County Police Officer Joseph L. Szczerba, killed in the line of duty. The donor stipulated it be used to continue our work honoring the history and heritage of the area.

New Castle County and Councilman Dave Tackett, have honored our request for grants to support our educational sign program.

Have you renewed your 2013 membership? We depend on memberships and donations for operating funds. You can renew on our website.

PHAA is a registered non-profit organization. Your donations are fully tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

For the fourth quarter (+/-): visitors 150, volunteer hours 1000



Pencader Heritage Museum Curator, Robert Barnes (left) presents the "John Hancock" letter to the Delaware Secretary of State, Jeffrey W. Bullock at the Delaware State Archives in Dover

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## COMING EVENTS - ALWAYS FREE

**Museum is open every first and third Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Starting the **3rd Saturday of March**, a wood carving class will be held by folklorist Lowell Jacobs, longtime whittler, carver, banjo maker. The classes will continue each 3rd Saturday. Experienced carvers, beginners and older children are welcome to participate.

Watch future newsletters and our website for our major events during the year.