

# The Pencader Press

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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



After taking a deep breath when our spring activities were over, Pencader prepared for summer 2014. In July and August we hosted several special openings and one family enjoyed their reunion on our lawn.

One of the special openings was for a group of Japanese who teach English at home. They are at the U of D for a 6 months immersion course and wanted a taste of the history and culture of the area. Lowell Jacobs, our resident folklorist, woodcarver, banjo maker, enlightened and entertained them. One young man, who plays guitar, tried out Lowell's handmade banjo to the delight of his companions.

Another special opening was for members of the Model T Club of Delaware who brightened our parking lot with their varied collection of colorful, fully restored vintage cars. Pictures are on our website [www.pencaderheritage.org](http://www.pencaderheritage.org).

An invitation has gone out to all private and parochial schools in New Castle County inviting them to bring their students for a lesson in Delaware history. A new volunteer, Ric Alfaro, generously offered to handle this project for us. Thank you, Ric.

The annual Memorial Service honoring the fallen in the Battle of Cooch's Bridge was as patriotic and touching as usual. It is an honor for Pencader to hold this event each September.

Added color to this year's September program was contributed by a visiting Welsh Choir in the costume of earliest Welsh settlers in Pencader. Other displays by the Welsh Society of Delaware were clog dancing, Welsh food, costumed musicians playing Welsh harps, and a demonstration of the Welsh language. New photos of the September event are on [www.pencaderheritage.org](http://www.pencaderheritage.org) and FaceBook.

To commemorate the Welsh settlers in Pencader and their contribution to the area, our newest educational sign in the works is about the Welsh pioneers who came to Pencader

See photos on [www.pencaderheritage.org](http://www.pencaderheritage.org) of Poplar Hall, a restored eighteenth century brick and stone house in Pencader. It is one of the few stone houses still standing from the time period. A new Delaware state historical marker on the property was dedicated in July 2014.

New subjects are now available for TV viewing on-site at the museum; just ask for them when you visit. See an index of available titles on our website.

Tea, anyone? Come to the museum and see our latest display: A collection of lovely china and silver teapots and cups.

Pencader has received a small donation from Home Depot toward needed materials for our educational sign program.

Pencader events are now added to the Historical and Cultural Affairs e-newsletter events calendar.

Visitors for 3rd quarter were 269 and volunteer hours numbered over 700.

Pencader Museum has to be self-supporting and your \$10.00 per year membership will help. You may send it to 203 Hullihen Drive, Newark DE 19711 or better yet, stop by the museum any 1st or 3rd Saturday and drop it off. We'd love to see you and would greatly appreciate any additional donations you could make. We are an approved 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization so donations are deductible.

Follow the growth of Newark from 1868 on Pencader's website *Out of the Past* section. It's updated weekly with excerpts from old Newark City Council minutes. The date may be more than a hundred years ago, but it seems some of the problems are similar to today's. The minutes, in original handwriting, are available for study at the museum.

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## COMING EVENTS

All events FREE

Woodcarving workshop each 3rd Saturday

December 13, Annual Wreaths Across America program - 10:00 AM.