

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



In an on-going effort to keep our educational signs fresh and interesting PHAA has designed a tribute to the Welsh who were the earliest permanent European settlers in Pencader. Welsh Tract, The Origin of Pencader Hundred sign has been installed in Glasgow Regional and Iron Hill Parks. In June we will unveil Delaware Militiaman, The Citizen Soldier. These men were organized to protect Delaware during time of need.

Added to the sign installations is a bar showing location of all other signs and a QR code for more information. All design and installation work of our educational signs is done in-house.

At the behest of Pencader, Senator Bethany Hall-Long has approached the state of Maryland asking them to cooperate in protecting the Mason-Dixon marker on Route 40 at the Maryland state line. It is in very poor condition and in danger of disappearing altogether if not restored and protected. The Mason-Dixon markers installed in the 1760s are a treasured link to the past. They are in their original positions as placed by Charles Mason and Jerimiah Dixon to finally settle the boundary dispute between the Penn Family and Lord Calvert of Maryland. To this day they mark the western border of Delaware.



Come to Pencader Museum to see pictures of all the stones, with their coordinates, in Pencader.

Pencader has welcomed a new board member, Linda Duffy. Linda is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteer who has helped reorganize some of our displays. Among the most involved was freshening and repositioning the 1871 wedding gown which came to us through the estate of Virginia Cooch Hardwick. Our latest exhibit is part of Linda's collection of ladies' accessories from 1860 to early 1970s. It will be on display until July.

Our membership is down for 2015. Please renew, or join, by sending a check for \$10.00 to 203 Hullihen Drive, Newark, DE 19711. An extra donation would be greatly appreciated. Pencader gets no state money, operating on membership fees and donations. We are a 501(c)3 organization so donations are tax deductible.

A trip to Pencader Heritage Museum is a good way to give children a little history lesson during the summer. On the 3rd Saturday of each month folklorist Lowell Jacobs tells stories, teaches woodcarving and will play the banjo he built. We are open 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:00-4:00 and always FREE.

In June we will be hosting French visitors, members of the Rochambeau Society. They will be visiting America to follow the entire route from Rhode Island to Virginia that Gen. Rochambeau and his army trekked aiding America in overcoming the English, forcing Gen. Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown, VA in 1781. On their march, the French army camped at the Cooch farm both going to and returning from Virginia.



Don't forget our shady picnic grove is a wonderful place to have your family reunion or office picnic. Contact the website for more details:

www.PencaderHeritage.Org

During the first quarter of 2015 we had 131 visitors. Over the past seven years Pencader has welcomed over 4000 visitors.

See **What's New** on our website, www.PencaderHeritage.Org and like us on Facebook

COMING EVENTS - ALWAYS FREE

May 16th - Vintage Book Sale

May 16th - Annual military encampment with re-enactors in the uniforms of past wars. Tour the campground of the 61st NY, see demonstrations of camp life, and the group will fire their black powder muskets. The Fretz Family brings their extensive WW 2 equipment collection.



September 6th - Annual Battlefield Memorial Service honoring those who fell in the Revolutionary War Battle of Cooch's Bridge

December (date to be announced) - Annual Wreaths Across America ceremony honoring all veterans