

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



A spate of activities, some familiar and some new, marked the 2nd quarter at the Pencader Heritage Museum. We were again fortunate to have military re-enactors from several of America's wars camp in our grove in May. The 61st New York Civil War group, the Fretz Family's huge WW II exhibit, a demonstration of uniforms and weaponry by a Colonial American soldier and a native Frenchman wearing the uniform of a French Resistance fighter. Don't miss this fun lesson in history next year, May 21st, 2016.

A pleasurable new experience happened June 11 when we greeted about 40 members of the French Rochambeau Society who were touring American to follow the 1781 path of General Rochambeau's army, which landed in Rhode Island and marched to Virginia to assist Generals Washington and Lafayette in defeating British General Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. Both on the march to Virginia and their return the following year the French army camped on the Cooch property. The French tourists were welcomed by Judge Richard Cooch with brunch at the Cooch House and an American lunch in our picnic grove. Among the visitors was a Rochambeau descendant.



Newark Morning Rotary Club again staged their car rally at the Museum and as always it was a pleasure to greet them. We would be happy to welcome any type of new groups who might like to meet at the Pencader Heritage Museum. Contact the website for an appointment.

Work is progressing on a new educational sign "The Hundreds of Delaware". A question we frequently hear in the Museum "what does the term 'hundred' mean", will be answered as the new sign explains the history and significance of the term.

PHAA has been offered a \$500 gift with the suggestion we match it from new funding sources. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to 203 Hullahen Drive, Newark DE 19711. This would also be a good time to join us or renew your membership. PHAA lives on memberships and donations, so every gift helps. We are a tax-exempt organization.

PHAA and Newark Historical Society have joined forces in planning a joint event May 21st, 2016 at the Pencader Heritage Museum. What we're planning will be history in a fun, family-oriented form with vendors, free games for children, silent auction and other activities announced as plans progress.

Our newest exhibit is about printing and bookmaking including a display of rare books and an expanded show of works by the Press of Kells. Kells, producer of highest quality printing, was established here in Newark in 1916 by Everett Johnson, who also established the Newark Post in 1910.



In the second quarter the Pencader Heritage Museum had 271 visitors and 733 volunteer hours.

Check our website www.PencaderHeritage.Org and on Facebook to see what's new.

Coming Events - Always FREE

- Saturday, Sept. 5, 10:00 - Annual Battlefield Memorial Service at the Museum
- Saturday, Nov., 7, 10:00 - 4:00 - Commemoration of Veterans' Day with display of military vehicles.
- December (date to be announced) - Wreaths Across American program
- Saturday, May 21, 2016 - Military re-enactors' encampment as in the past and a Family Festival in cooperation with Newark Historical Society, both at Pencader Heritage Museum.