

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
- Pencader Heritage Day
- 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



Want more information ?

302-737-5792 or
Visit our web site:
www.
PencaderHeritage.Org



You've heard of the Mason-Dixon Line? So many people have heard of it, but don't really know what it is. Pencader Heritage Museum is trying to remedy that situation.

Bob Barnes has photographed almost all the markers in New Castle County from White Clay Creek to near Middletown. These photos and additional information are being combined into our latest exhibit. Some of the markers are easily seen from public roads. Visit the museum and we'll tell you which ones. It's an adventure to see and touch something that has stood since the 1760s and is still serving its original purpose.

A display on the Newark Police Department is also new since the last Pencader Press.

Peter Williams, President of the Welsh Society of Delaware, on May 13, at 7:00 PM will round out this season's Speaker's Series. Mr. Williams will speak on the Welsh Influence In Delaware and America. Remember, the Welsh were the first settlers in Pencader Hundred. The Series will resume in the fall.

PHAA is building new affiliations with several other entities. One which has taken some time to establish is now in effect: we have partnered Newark Charter School 3rd graders with their counterparts at the Village Elementary School in Pencader, Wales as penpals. The first batch of letters to Wales is on the way.

President Bill Conley made a presentation to the Gauger Middle School Student Government about Pencader and the museum. He would be happy to speak to other student government groups or make a general presentation to any school.

Our neighbor on the Dayett Complex, Horizon Helicopters, has graciously agreed to add our logo and information to the new roadside signs they will be erecting soon.

The Welsh Society of Delaware has agreed to present Welsh Culture Day annually in September on the museum grounds. Their president is our speaker for the May 13 Speaker's Series event (See calendar at end or our website: www.PencaderHeritage.Org).

Delaware Military Academy has a student Civil War re-enactors organization and they have arranged to participate in our special events. Many thanks are due DMA students who did a major clean-up of the Cooch-Dayett Mills Complex in March.

Also many thanks to you who have answered our Wish List. As requested last issue, we now have a working electric typewriter which children are enjoying, once they understand what it does. They're intrigued by copies from the carbon pack.

PHAA will present a special award to Hodgson senior Chris Kanich for designing and building the memorial to the fallen at our sign plaza. The award will be presented at a Hodgson Vo-Tech School Board meeting.

Events coming up in April and May: Flag Retirement & Pencader Heritage Day. Go to www.PencaderHeritage.Org for details. Check carefully the calendar at the end of the Press and keep an eye on the website calendar so you won't miss anything.

Our membership is growing. Have you joined? See website for a membership form.

Volunteers at PHM have donated 850 hours in the first quarter of 2009 and 215 visitors have signed in.

Dates to Remember

April 25th, Saturday, 1:00 PM Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Museum,
Reception to follow at the museum for our honored guest, SSgt Russell Martin

April 27th, Monday, 7 PM, plaque presentation to Chris Kanich at Hodgson Vo-tech
School Board Meeting

April 29th, Wednesday, 10:00 AM - The C & D Senior Center will tour our museum

May 2nd, Saturday, Ghost Tour at the Museum

May 9th, Saturday, Pencader Heritage Day at the Museum, Rain Date May 16th.

May 13th, Wednesday, 7:00 PM Speakers Meeting Peter Williams,
President of the Welsh Society will speak on the Welsh Influence on Delaware/America.

June 13th, Saturday, Ghost Tour at the Museum

August 15th, Saturday, Ford-Moore Family Reunion

September 2nd, Wednesday, 6:00 PM Battlefield Memorial Service at the flagpoles
Gen Frank Vavala, DNG Adjutant, will be keynote speaker.

September 19th, Saturday, Ghost Tour at the Museum

October 9th, Friday, Ghost Tour at the Museum