

# 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



## **Want more information ?**

302-737-5792 or  
Visit our web site:  
[www.PencaderHeritage.Org](http://www.PencaderHeritage.Org)



Our activities at Pencader Heritage Museum continue to evolve. The spring quarter of 2011 saw several programs as we continue highlighting the history and heritage of Pencader Hundred.

The 61st New York Civil War military unit again camped on our grounds in May. As always, their camp was a learning experience for the public, especially children. As of now they plan to visit us again in May 2012. Watch our website for exact dates.

As part of their weekend activities the 61st New York generously donated several military uniforms to the museum. Visit our museum to see a War of 1812 sergeant's coat with its high collar and gold braid. Civil War uniforms donated include a Union Army officer's hat and wool great coat, an enlisted man's wool jacket and a full 3-piece uniform of wool jacket, linen shirt and canvas trousers as worn by an enlisted man.

In May we honored early Pencader settlers from Sweden and Finland. As part of the program two Rambo apple trees, generously donated by the James Lee family, were planted on the museum grounds. The Rambo is a very old variety of apple which originated in Sweden and was brought to America by early settlers. Delaware is home to many talented writers and in May we held a Delaware Authors Day where several were able to showcase and sell signed copies of their work.

Local legislators are being cooperative in our efforts to have state highway historical site markers erected identifying the location of Pencader Heritage Museum.

A new sign, giving directions and inviting visitors to the museum, has been designed and installed by our sign committee at the Flag Memorial Plaza on Dayett Mill Road. We continue to see a good number of cars stopping at the site and hope more people will come to the museum.

In early May PHAA was honored to have the Friends of Newark Free Library invite us to put a sampling of our collections in one of the library showcases. It is our hope to interest more of the public in local history and bring them to the museum. Stop in and see the display during regular library hours.

In September the Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary-Route (W3R) reenactors will again pass through Pencader as they commemorate the 1781 march of the American army (with French support and led by Gen. Rochambeau) on the way to Yorktown and a final defeat of the British. This group, as did the original march, will originate in Rhode Island. The group will camp at Hale-Byrnes House, which is closely allied with the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and they will visit the Pencader Museum in uniform for a short presentation on September 7th, 7 to 8 p.m. Check our website for an update.

Pencader Heritage Area Association is a registered non-profit organization. Your donations of money or pertinent artifacts are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Visitors this quarter: 181

Volunteer hours this quarter: 970

## **Calendar of Events**

**Museum is open first and third Saturdays 10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Always FREE**

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. - Fifth Annual Battlefield Memorial Ceremony      FREE

Various military re-enactors, W3R marchers, color guards.

A descendant of British General Howe will portray his ancestor's meeting with the French troops at Cooch's Bridge.

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. Wreaths Across America Program. See our website for details.

Always check [www.pencaderheritage.org](http://www.pencaderheritage.org) for upcoming events.