

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



Spring 2012 has been busy at Pencader Museum. We had the unveiling in May of a major new map detailing the movement of American and British troops leading up to and following the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. It was designed by Sean Moir and makes clear the activities in those few days in late August and early September, 1777, which were so important in the early battle for our independence from England. PHAA is in the process of donating copies of the map to all the schools in Delaware. The map is placemat size, (so when you set the table for dinner you can also get a quick history lesson) laminated, and available for \$10.00 at the museum.

In conjunction with the map unveiling, the Second Congress of American Revolutionary Roundtables was present for a lecture by Wade Catts about the history encompassed in the map.

Part of the Map Presentation Day was the unveiling of the portrait of a Hessian Soldier donated by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gardner of Dover.

Our friends the 61st New York Civil War re-enactors again camped on our lawn in May. We were also very pleased to have the 1st Delaware Militia re-enactors exhibiting a Revolutionary War camp. A large WW II army base set-up was presented by a local family. The latter two were first time participants and we hope they will return.

Boy Scout Troop 603 held a yard sale in our parking lot in June. The day was a success for the scouts who were raising money for their High Adventure Trip this summer and for Pencader. The day brought in lots of new visitors to the museum and may become an annual event. If you know of a vendor, or if you would like to purchase a spot for your own table at our next yard sale, contact us at www.pencaderheritage.org

Look for new educational signs sponsored by PHAA in Glasgow Regional Park soon. Our Sign Committee at PHAA has spent months researching and designing the educational signs that also appear at our Flag Memorial Plaza and in the Iron Hill Park. So a walk in the park could also be a history lesson.

If you enjoy a history adventure, PHAA has two geocaching sites and we recently heard from a group of travelers from the Czech Republic who visited them. Following is a direct quote from their e-mail:

"Thanks for this cache, we found this one with our friends from Czech Republic and SK during our trip across the United States of America We flew to Seattle, WA, rented some huge vans, in which we particularly lived. Then we continued across the states to New York and pick up as much series as possible. Thanks to all owners of caches we found during this way, thanks for the opportunity find such huge amount of caches as we founded"

Did you know that the Pencader Museum is part of the Delaware History Trail? The following website will give you all the interesting information, <http://www.visitdelaware.com/delaware-history-trail/>

Vandals have been stealing cobblestones from our Memorial Flag Plaza. Jim Lee and Bob Barnes have worked hard to replace them with landscape timbers.

A growing number of schools and private organizations are utilizing the museum. We'd be glad to accommodate more groups. Contact the website to schedule an activity.

Don't forget to check out the website for the latest additions to our CD collection, available for viewing at the museum or to see our FAQ page. Come in to do genealogy research if you have local family roots or just for the fun of learning a little history of the area.

Remember our picnic grove is available for rent. The picnic grove on our museum grounds is a great place to rent for a family celebration. Contact our website for details.

Have you renewed your PHAA membership? If not, please do so through www.pencaderheritage.org right away. Membership dues and contributions constitute our operating funds.

Pencader Heritage Area Association is a registered non-profit organization. Your donations are fully tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Our small group of volunteers donated over 1,150 hours to the museum and our projects during the second quarter of this year. If you enjoy sharing the history of Pencader Hundred why not volunteer to help out at the museum for a few hours each month. We could also use some help with the maintenance of the grounds and flower beds. During April, May and June there were 376 visitors to the museum.

DATES TO REMEMBER

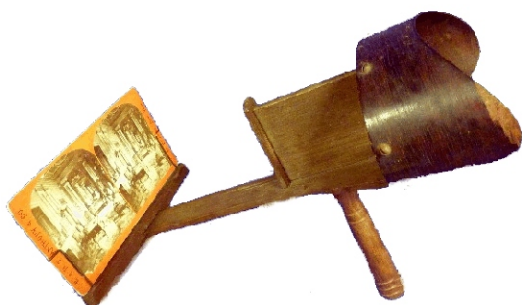
All activities are FREE

Museum open 1st and 3rd Saturdays 10:00 - 4:00

September 15th, Saturday 10:00 AM - Battlefield Memorial Service. We are very proud of this program and hope you will come to help us honor all our veterans.

December 15th, Saturday 10:00 AM - Wreaths Across America presentation. The Pencader Museum is the only site in Delaware (other than the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, Delaware) to be selected to participate in this amazing project. For more information on this inspiring story visit <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Special openings by request for tours or group meetings. Contact www.pencaderheritage.org for an appointment



What is this ???

Come to the Museum to see this and other interesting objects. While you are there we will explain what it is and how it was used.