

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



The Girl Scouts are coming to the museum. We're excited to be working with them and to be included in the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council activities calendar for 2014. We will be hosting groups of girls in October 2014 as they study women's and girls' lives in the colonial period.

In November of the current year we will host groups of Boy Scouts as they work on their woodworking skills badges, under the tutelage of E. Lowell Jacobs, PHAA board member and folklorist.

In the technology area, board members are building a video presentation of past PHAA activities which will run continuously when we are open, so visitors can see the wide range of PHAA activities. To achieve this we have purchased a large screen TV to be placed in the Cooch Room. The TV will also be available for use in speaker presentations.

We were pleased to be asked by Col. Wimberley, Military History instructor for the University of Delaware ROTC, to host a new 5K run they would like to hold in September. He wants to hold the race in the historic Battle of Cooch's Bridge area partly as a teaching tool as well as a fund-raiser for ROTC activities. Our information would be included in the packet distributed to participants. The race is open to all runners.

Pencader is aware that the flags at our Memorial Plaza should be lighted at night, but our treasury can not support the expense. Other avenues are being explored for donations and/or grants. Any leads would be greatly appreciated.

Our membership committee, Sally Miller and Dave Nardone, are building a more comprehensive database and working on plans to recruit new members. We need to enlarge our membership since our treasury depends mainly on memberships and donations.

Curator Bob Barnes has been honored with an award from the Newark Historical Society for his long-time work in historic preservation. It was presented at the Society's annual dinner in May. Pencader is pleased that other groups are recognizing the work Bob does in preserving local history and creating an appealing learning experience for others.

A number of our displays have been reworked and expanded to compliment some, recently received items. Two recent donations from the same family add greatly to our displays: come and see the 1880s era highchair that converts to a rocker or a walker. The same family also donated a child's little folding chair with tapestry seat and back from the same era. A different donor gave us a child's trundle bed c.early 1800s, owned by the family of Miss Etta Wilson, for whom the Etta Wilson School was named.

We are still trying to get the public schools to include us in their curriculum. To that end, a representative from the Dept. of Historical & Cultural affairs came to the museum and gave us extensive hints on how to accomplish this. It is an involved process to work up a program and have it approved by the Dept. of Education for inclusion in the curriculum. We will keep trying, but we volunteers are so few, it's difficult to find the time. We really need help in this area, if anyone has any suggestions.

Since our last Pencader Press report we have had approx 260 visitors to the museum and contributed 982 volunteer hours.

Check our website regularly, www.pencaderheritage.org for new items of interest. Also "Like" us on Facebook.

Have you seen our educational signs displayed in Glasgow Regional Park (2 sites), Iron Hill Park and at our Memorial Plaza on Dayett Mill Road at Old Baltimore Pike? And don't forget we maintain 2 geo-cache sites. How about a family history day out to enjoy Pencader Hundred and what it has to offer?

PHAA is a registered non-profit organization. Your donations are fully tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

COMING EVENTS

Open every 1st & 3rd Saturday
All activities FREE

September 7, ROTC 5K Run, early morning

September 7, 10:00 AM annual Battlefield Memorial Service

December 14, Wreaths Across America program