

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



Halfway through 2014 Pencader is busier than ever. Two major events took place during the spring. In April over 250 people were present when we dedicated the W3R memorial and 4 new educational signs on the museum grounds. June saw installation of the official lighted flag over the Cooch's Bridge battlefield. Also on the museum grounds, it is accompanied by an educational sign Preserving the Battlefield, memorializing 9 generations of the Cooch family's dedication to doing just that.

Our annual military encampment weekend in May continues to grow. In addition to our usual guests, the Civil War 61st New York, we had WW 2 reenactors representing the 509th US Army Airborne, US 404th AAC, Free French and a WW 1 German unit. Put the 3rd weekend in May on your calendar for next year so you won't miss the show.

Through a grant from the National Daughters of the American Revolution, new signs remind travelers they are passing through the hallowed ground of Cooch's Bridge battlefield, where at least 20 American soldiers died while fighting to establish our American nation.

Through a NCCo grant we are able to replace some faded and out-of-date educational signs. A new one going up is Sean Moir's map showing movement of British and American units starting in August 1777 when the British landed about 17,000 troops just below Elkton, Maryland. It shows the progression of troops through the Cooch's Bridge battle and forward to Chadd's Ford leading to the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777. Laminated copies of this map are for sale at the museum for \$10.00.

We have a new portable PA system thanks to the personal generosity of Councilman Dave Tackett, Representative Earl Jacques and Senator Bethany Hall-Long.

Did you miss the bus? The display of 57 toy school buses that is. They're gone but, in the spirit of this year's November elections, former Delaware senator Steve Amick has loaned us 350 political buttons. Come and see how many you can place in their proper year.

Efforts are underway to have Pencader added to all biking trail maps.

Are you getting the most from your GPS? We continue to hear positive comments from those who visit our 2 geocaching sites using GPS. Another fun trip with GPS would be finding Mason-Dixon markers. Visit the museum to get coordinates for the markers.

Do you love old maps? Pencader is the place to indulge yourself if you do. The latest addition to our collection is a copy of the 1777 "March of British on Philadelphia" by John Montresor. The original is in the Library of Congress.

Every week a new snippet of Newark's history is added to the website in Out of the Past. These are excerpts from the old city council minutes starting in 1866. The original handwritten minutes are available for study at the museum. Also available for research are burial, marriage, slave and land records relating to Pencader's history.

In the 2nd quarter of 2014 we welcomed 514 visitors. PHAA volunteers donated 956 hours toward keeping our displays, activities, and facility interesting and attractive. To illustrate the point, one of our board members painted all the outside door and window trim.

On the building exterior we have placed symbols relating to all the different groups who have called Pencader home. Come and see if you can identify the nationality by its symbol.

Pencader Museum has to be self-supporting and your \$10.00 per year membership will help. You may send it to: 203 Hullihen Drive, Newark 19711 or better yet, stop by the museum any 1st or 3rd Saturday and drop it off. We'd love to see you and would greatly appreciate any additional donation you could make. We are an approved 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization so donations are tax deductible.

COMING EVENTS

Always Free

Woodcarving workshop each 3rd Saturday

September 6th annual battlefield memorial service, 10:00 AM

December: Wreaths Across America program. Date to be announced.

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