



Museums of the State of Delaware Special-Events Calendar April 2013

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2013

Delaware Dutch heritage program

"Dutch Tile Tuesdays." Program provides visitors of all ages with an opportunity to decorate their own Dutch-style ceramic tiles. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901. Program at 1 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.



"Landing of the DeVries Colony at Swaanendael, Lewes, Delaware 1631" by Stanley M. Arthurs. Courtesy of the permanent collection of the University of Delaware. Delaware's Dutch heritage will be explored in 12 programs during the month of April.

Saturday, April 6, 2013

"Delaware Styles: The 18th Century." Fashion extravaganza in three parts—"Dyeing to Dress," a program exploring how to dye fabrics; "From Pockets to Petticoats," a program on 18th-century women's clothing; and "Who's Wearing the Pants: Breeches to Trousers," an exploration of men's fashion between 1770 and 1810. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901. Programs 1–3 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

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"1904 Fire at the Camden Plant." Tours explore the fire that devastated the Victor Talking Machine Company's New Jersey plant and the changes in safety and manufacturing that resulted from the tragedy. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover, DE 19901. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

Saturday, April 6, 2013

"The Doctor is In." In commemoration of the anniversary of the British bombardment of Lewes during the War of 1812, historic-site interpreter Curt Stickel will portray Dr. James Tilton, a Kent County, Del. doctor who lived during the time of the conflict. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Program at 11 a.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-645-1148.

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Delaware Dutch heritage program

"Trial of Capt. Sven Skute." Historical re-enactment exploring the trial of the Swedish officer who was blamed for the loss of Ft. Trinity (Ft. Casimir) and the subsequent surrender of New Sweden to Peter Stuyvesant and the Dutch. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Program at 2 p.m. Museum open 1:30–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-323-4453.

Thursday–Saturday, April 11–13, 2013

Delaware Dutch heritage program

Lewes Tulip Festival. City-wide series of activities celebrating Lewes' Dutch heritage including Dutch games, crafts and a display of Delftware ceramics at the [Zwaanendael Museum](#). Sponsored by the [Lewes Chamber of Commerce](#). Downtown Lewes, DE 19958. 302-645-8073.

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild. Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Program 1–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Friday, April 19, 2013

Talk by Denise Jackson of the Sussex County Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Program explores how the ReStore supports Sussex County Habitat for Humanity's mission by recycling and repurposing household items for resale. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Program at 2 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-645-1148.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Earth Day at the John Dickinson Plantation. Explore the natural beauty at the home of the "Penman of the Revolution" and enjoy touring the gardens and making scented sachets. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Activities 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

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Dutch-American Friendship Day. Discover Delaware's Dutch roots and learn how that connection is alive today. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-645-1148.

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Saturday, April 27, 2013

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Queen's Day. Help celebrate the birthday of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and learn about her planned [April 30 abdication](#). The program will explore abdication, investiture and royal titles as well as Delaware's Dutch connection. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-645-1148.



Modeled after the town hall in Hoorn, the Netherlands, the Zwaanendael Museum commemorates the founding of Delaware's first European settlement by the Dutch in 1631.

April 30–May 31, 2013

80th Anniversary of Old Dover Days. Display of costumes and memorabilia illustrating the history of Old Dover Days from its origins in 1930 as the Dover Flower Show and Garden Days to the present. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901. Mon.–Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.