



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

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013

"Mardi Gras and All That Jazz. Explore the sounds of Mardi Gras and New Orleans jazz and the contributions made to those genres by Victor Records, accompanied by early recordings played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. [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.

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"Delaware's USCTs." Utilizing the exhibit, ["The Civil War: Five Delaware Soldiers' Stories,"](#) as a backdrop, guided tours explore the soldiers known as U.S. Colored Troops who enlisted from Delaware. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries](#), 121 Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Guided tours at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

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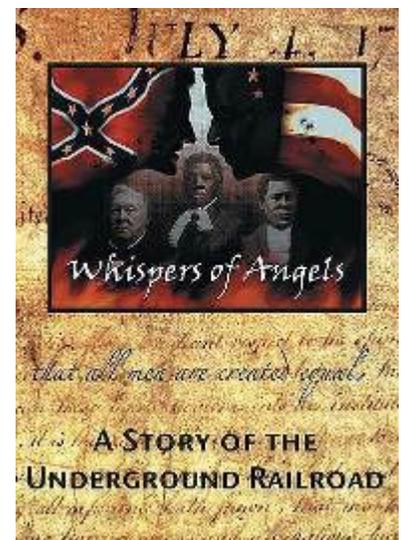
"A World Apart." African-American-history-based tours focus on Dinah Patten and her life on St. Jones Neck. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013

"Jubilee: Letters From the Front." Dondel Productions presents a performance based on the actual radio program created by the U.S. Armed Forces Radio Service to buoy the spirits of African-American service personnel during World War II. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901. Performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013

"History Goes Hollywood." African American History Month screening of "Whispers of Angels: A Story of the Underground Railroad," an award-winning film that examines the firsthand efforts of Thomas Garrett, William Still and Harriet Tubman in helping to free American slaves. Starring Ed Asner and Blair Underwood. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Program at 2 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-323-4453.



Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013

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Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013

"**Weaving Wednesdays.**" Indoor, staff-led program in which visitors will learn how to use a tape loom. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Program 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013

"**Watercolor Wednesdays.**" Visitors are welcome to draw or paint a scene inside the historic court house built in 1732. Visitors provide their own art supplies. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Program 1:30–3:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-323-4453.



Stipple drawing of a miniature toy soldier recovered from Lewes' Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck.

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013

"**Archaeological Illustration Through Stipple Drawing.**" Workshop on illustrating artifacts through the art of stipple drawing. Art supplies provided. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Workshop 2-4 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the workshop are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Jan. 31, 2013.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

"**Unsung Heroes of Victor: Fats Waller and Jellyroll Morton.**" Museum tours focus on African-American jazz musicians Fats Waller and Jellyroll Morton and their contributions to Victor Records and the music industry, accompanied by early recordings of those artists played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover, DE 19901. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

"**A World Apart.**" African-American-history-based tours focus on Violet Brown and her life with the Dickinson family. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 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.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

"**Compensation to Proclamation: Delaware and the Emancipation Proclamation.**" Program traces the lead-up to Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which was issued on January 1, 1863. Lincoln's attempt to get Delaware and other Border States to end slavery was an important prelude to the proclamation. Hear viewpoints from Delaware leaders on both sides of the debate to end slavery in 1862. [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.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

"Savory Sussex." A series of programs on the unique and delectable local flavors of Sussex County, Del., the Feb. 9 event will feature a presentation by [Cake Break](#), a gourmet cupcake company from Rehoboth Beach, Del. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Program at 2 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013

"Vincent Summers." Theatrical presentation explores the true story of a free-black father who bought the freedom of his children. [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. 302-323-4453.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013

"Weaving Wednesdays." Indoor, staff-led program in which visitors will learn how to weave a blanket or rag rug. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Program 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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"Watercolor Wednesdays." Visitors are welcome to draw or paint a scene inside the historic court house built in 1732. Visitors provide their own art supplies. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Program 1:30–3:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-323-4453.



Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013

"John Dickinson's 205th Remembrance Day." Program commemorating the death of John Dickinson explores 18th century mourning practices including a letter written in Dickinson's memory by then President Thomas Jefferson. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Wreath laying ceremony at Samuel Dickinson's gravesite at Noon. Program 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013

"Unsung Heroes of Victor: Paul Robeson and Marian Anderson." Museum tours focus on African-American vocalists Paul Robeson and Marian Anderson and their contributions to Victor Records and the music industry, accompanied by early recordings of those artists played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover, DE 19901. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013

"A World Apart." African-American-history-based tours focus on Cato and Pompey and their service to Samuel and John Dickinson. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013

"Stories of Freedom." African American History Month program in which historical interpreters present "A Black Man's Journey" and "A Judge's Ruling," living-history performances that bring to life the attitudes of Delaware citizens during the 18th and 19th centuries. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901. Programs at 1 and 3 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013

"Follow the Drinking Gourd." Interactive Underground Railroad program for children Pre-K through 4th grade based on the book "Follow the Drinking Gourd." [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Program at 2 p.m. Free admission but registration required. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013

"Unknown Presidents of the United States." Historic-site interpreter Bob Vander Decker will discuss the history of the presidency and executive branch and the changes from the first elected president, Peyton Randolph, through Barack Obama. Local figures William Penn and Thomas McKean will be highlighted. [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. 302-323-4453.



Monday, Feb. 18, 2013

"Lost by One Vote." Theatrical program brings to life the attitudes of Delaware citizens during the 19th century concerning enslavement and the abolition of slavery. [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.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2013

"Happy Birthday ERJ." History comes alive as Bill Sparke portrays Eldridge Reeves Johnson, founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover, DE 19901. Program at 2 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.

Eldridge Reeves Johnson

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013

"Weaving Wednesdays." Indoor, staff-led program in which visitors will learn how to weave a blanket or rag rug. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Program 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013

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Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013

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Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

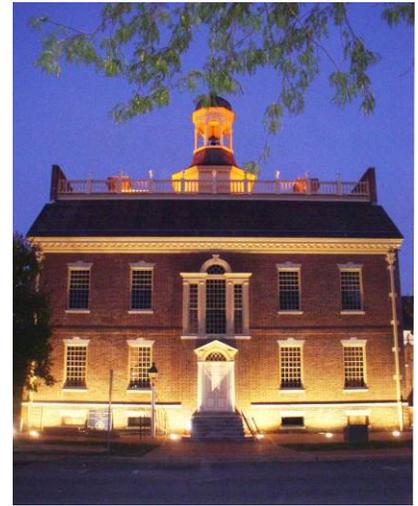
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Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

"Stories of African-American History From St. Jones Neck." Learn about the free and enslaved black people who lived on the John Dickinson Plantation during the 18th century. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Program 10:30 a.m.–Noon. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

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The Old State House

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

"What Would You Take on the Underground Railroad?" An interactive program exploring the hardships endured by freedom-seeking slaves as they escaped through the state of Delaware. [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. 302-323-4453.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013

"Weaving Wednesdays." Indoor, staff-led program in which visitors will learn how to weave a blanket or rag rug. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, DE 19901. Program 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013

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