



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

Thru 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.

Friday–Sunday, May 3–5, 2013

[80th Annual Dover Days Festival](#). Celebration of Delaware history featuring historical re-enactments, parade, maypole dancing, walking tours, pet parade, arts and crafts, music and more. Events are primarily based in downtown Dover locations including the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), [The Old State House](#) and the [First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries](#). Free admission. 302-734-4888.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

"Nipper and Other Famous Dogs." Learn about the inquisitive little dog who adorns the Victor trademark, "His Master's Voice," and hear how this popular pooch paved the way for other famous dogs of the 20th century. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover, DE 19901. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-744-5055.



Nipper the dog will be featured at the Johnson Victrola Museum on May 4.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Sixth annual symposium on the early colonial archaeology of the Delaware Valley region. Featuring informal presentations, the program is designed to build a regional-level dialog that can identify the uniqueness of the early colonial cultures of the Delaware Valley. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-323-4453. To reserve a place, send an e-mail to craig.lukezic@de.state.us.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Dover Days at the John Dickinson Plantation. Step back into the 18th century by touring the mansion, playing colonial games and exploring hearth cooking using traditional recipes. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover DE 19901. 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

"Meet Harriet Tubman." Theatrical presentation honoring the noted Underground Railroad conductor during the 100-year anniversary of her death. [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.

Sunday, May 5, 2013

"Sven Skute, the Scapegoat of New Sweden." Historic-site interpreter David Price recounts the ordeal of Capt. Sven Skute, the Swedish officer who was blamed for the loss of Fort Trinity (Fort 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. 302-323-4453.

Saturday, May 11, 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, May 18, 2013

A Day in Old New Castle. The oldest house and garden tour in the nation includes programs at the [New Castle Court House Museum](#) and the New Castle Green. Sponsored by [Immanuel Episcopal Church](#). Downtown New Castle, DE 19720. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission charge. 1-877-496-9498.

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Herb Day at the John Dickinson Plantation. Visitors will learn about 18th century uses for herbs and create a sachet to take home. [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.



John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, May 25, 2013

DeBraak commemoration and maritime event. Featuring local maritime organizations, presentations and hull tours of the British warship DeBraak that sank off Cape Henlopen in 1798. [Delaware Archaeology Month](#) program. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-645-1148.

Saturday, May 25, 2013

Lecture/tour commemorating the 215th anniversary of the sinking of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak. Explore the history of the DeBraak which was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798. Program includes a trip to the hull facility in nearby Cape Henlopen State Park for a curator-led tour of the ship's remains. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. 1 p.m. Limited seating. Admission \$10 in advance by reservation only at <http://shop.delaware.gov/>. For additional information, call 302-645-1148.