The Division Director is responsible under the Delaware Antiquities Act for issues dealing with archaeological sites and the discovery of unmarked human remains. Excavations on state-owned lands require a permit from the Director. As the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Director participates in planning for federally funded or permitted projects, to see that historic properties, including archaeological sites, are protected.

Besides providing staff support for the Director of the DHCA in all the activities mentioned above, staff archaeologists locate and record archaeological sites, help with project planning to avoid archaeological sites, assist consultants in planning archaeological surveys, and review the reports on those surveys. DHCA maintains the central files on archaeological sites and a library of reports on archaeological surveys and excavations within Delaware. DHCA also maintains the primary repository for Delaware’s archaeological site collections – the artifacts, field notes, photographs, and drawings that all professional archaeological excavations produce. In addition, DHCA archaeologists test areas around state-owned museums prior to rehabilitation work or renovations to the buildings; undertake specialized collections and archaeological research; and assist researchers with their projects.

Staff archaeologists are available to give talks on archaeological topics to service organizations and other groups and to provide artifact identifications for the public. DHCA’s museums have programs geared to school groups, either in classrooms or at various museum sites, and have exhibits on archaeology.

DelDOT sponsors many archaeological surveys and excavations in planning their federally funded projects. Private archaeological consulting firms conduct most of these investigations. DelDOT staff can arrange school tours of sites under excavation, public days on excavated sites, and classroom visits. Reports from these excavations are published in the DelDOT Archaeological Series and are available at all Delaware high school and public libraries. Individuals can request copies of available issues.
DNREC archaeologists conduct archaeological surveys and
specialized research on DNREC-owned lands, including State
Parks and State Wildlife Areas. They produce management
plans and interpretive information for archaeological
resources within these areas. They maintain an
archaeological repository for collections from DNREC-owned
sites. They also run a Time Travelers program, which
provides archaeological training and excavation experience
for avocational archaeologists (age 16 and up) at DNREC-
owned sites.

UNIVERSITY-BASED ARCHAEOLOGY

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The UD Center for Archaeological Research conducts research
on prehistoric and historic sites around the state. It provides
opportunities for UD students to get archaeological experience
both in the field and in the laboratory, with sponsorship from
private landowners and organizations, such as the Historical
Society of Delaware. The University maintains an archaeological
repository for those site collections excavated by the Center.
The Center has produced site reports through both the DelDOT
Archaeological Series and the ASD Bulletin. The University’s
archaeologists are available to give talks to service organizations
and to identify artifacts for the public.

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER ARCHAEOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Archaeological Society of Delaware
P. O. Box 12483
Wilmington, DE 19850-2483
Bulletin editor: vacant
Inksherds editor: Jessica Billie
e-mail: asdinksherds@comcast.net

The statewide society publishes the ASD Bulletin annually,
with reports on archaeological testing and excavations around
Delaware, as well as a quarterly newsletter, Inksherds. It is a
member of the Eastern States Archeological Federation. The
ASD as a whole has an annual meeting, where presentations
on recent archaeological work around the state, by both
avocationals and professionals, are given. The meeting is
open to the public. Archives of ASD publications are at the
Historical Society of Delaware and in the UD Morris Library.

ASD, Northern Chapter
Meetings: Every 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. (Except
January, July, and August)
Location: Greenbank Mill
500 Greenbank Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19808
For more information: Joan Parsons, 302-323-0118

The Northern Chapter of the ASD has talks on archeological
projects and training programs for avocational archaeologists,
and provides opportunities to participate in two on-going
projects: the Madison Factory at Greenbank Mill and the
Brandywine Springs Amusement Park and Resort Site at
Brandywine Springs Park.

ASD, People’s Chapter
Meetings: Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Delaware Archaeological Museum
316 S. Governors Ave.
Dover, DE 19904
For more information: Nena Todd, 302-739-3260

The People’s Chapter of the ASD has talks on archaeological
projects and artifact identification, discusses Native American
and other minority issues, does experimental archaeology,
and participates in ASD field school and other volunteer
opportunities.

ASD, Southern Chapter
Meetings: 2nd Thursday of January, March, May,
July, September, and November, 7:00 pm
Location: Zwaanendael Museum
Savannah Rd. and Kings Hwy.
Lewes, DE 19958
For more information: John Bansch, 302-644-9918

The Southern Chapter of the ASD has talks on archaeological
projects and artifact identification, volunteers on the Lewes
Shipwreck project, and participates in ASD field school and
other volunteer opportunities.
ASD, Maritime Chapter
Meetings: with the Southern Chapter (see above)
Location: Zwaanendael Museum
Savannah Rd. and Kings Hwy.
Lewes, DE  19958
For more information:  Bill Taylor, 302-284-8760

ASD, Archaeology Month Planning Committee
Web page: www.delawarearchaeology.org
For more information: Joan Parsons, 302-323-0118

Interested primarily in shipwrecks and underwater archaeology, members volunteer with the Lewes Shipwreck project. They have sponsored and assisted with wreck recordation and identification, and most recently, with the City of New Castle harbor survey.

This group of professional and avocational archaeologists plans and helps run Delaware Archaeology Month, which is celebrated in May. This committee provides speakers and excavation opportunities for avocational archaeologists, and presents exhibits on Delaware’s archaeology at various events. The calendar of events for Archaeology Month is posted on the Archaeology Month web page in the spring.

Friends of Brandywine Springs
Meetings: Every 1st Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Cedars United Methodist Church
Maple and Harrison Ave, The Cedars
Wilmington, DE 19808
For more information: Michael Ciosek, 302-994-0536

The Friends are dedicated to exploring the history and archaeology of one of Delaware’s late 19th and early 20th-century amusement parks, Brandywine Springs Amusement Park and Resort Site at Brandywine Springs Park. Working with archaeologists and volunteers from the ASD, the Friends run weekend excavations, maintain the artifacts and field drawings from the site, and produce reports for publication in the ASD Bulletin.

City of New Castle Community History and Archaeology Program
Meetings: 
Location: 
Web page: http://jlmeek.com/chap/
For more information:  Lu Ann De Cunzo, 302-831-1854; e-mail: decunzo@udel.edu

This community-based program partners with archaeologists from UD Dept. of Anthropology, the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, ASD, and private consulting firms to explore New Castle's rich history and archaeology. Community partners include the New Castle Historical Society, the New Castle Public Library, the Historical Society of Delaware, and residents of the City of New Castle. Among other events, they have sponsored artifact identification workshops and recently conducted an underwater survey of the harbor area.

EXHIBITS, MUSEUMS, AND PROGRAMS IN ARCHAEOLOGY*

Delaware Archaeology Museum
316 S. Governors Ave.
Dover, DE 19904
Web page: http://history.delaware.gov
For more information: State Visitors Center, 302-739-4266

Run by the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the museum houses a permanent exhibit, Discover Archaeology. This exhibit explores the full range of Delaware’s prehistoric archaeology, with artifacts, photographs, and paintings. Admission is free.

Delaware Mineralogical Society
c/o Delaware Museum of Natural History
4840 Kennett Pike
PO Box 3937
Wilmington, DE 19807-0937
For more information:  302-658-9111

Members of the Society can help identify the rock types used for stone tools, and are also knowledgeable about fossils.

Treasures of the Sea Exhibit
Delaware Technical and Community College
Owens Campus
Route 18, PO Box 610
Georgetown, DE 19947
For more information:  302-856-5700

The Owens Campus is home to an exhibit of artifacts from a non-Delaware shipwreck, the Atocha, a sunken Spanish galleon recovered off the coast of Florida. There is an admissions fee.
The Society occasionally runs special workshops on Native American lifeways and prehistory at its Ashland Nature Center.

This privately run museum displays artifacts from shipwreck sites in the Delaware area, collected by amateur archaeologists and sport divers. Admission is free.

The Iron Hill Museum, run by the Delaware Academy of Sciences, has exhibits on archaeology, gives tours of Iron Hill’s archaeological sites, conducts school programs, runs a Junior Archaeology Camp for one week in the summer, and hosts a Lenape lifeways program. There is an admission fee.

Run by Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the Plantation includes an exhibit on the archaeological work done around the site. Special events include an archaeological tour. Admission is free.

Run by the Nanticoke Indian Association, the Museum houses artifacts and artwork of the Nanticoke Indians. There is an admission fee.

Run by Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the Zwaanendael Museum has an exhibit of artifacts from the Severn, an 18th-century commercial vessel that sank in Lewes Harbor in 1774. Admission is free.

*The content and opinions of these exhibits and programs do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

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The journal of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage, focused on industrial processes, sites, and documentation worldwide; available by subscription; some back issues available; recent issues available on-line.

World Archaeological Bulletin
Web page: www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/site/bulletin/bulletin.php

The journal of the World Archaeological Congress includes short site reports, but also focuses on threats to archaeological heritage worldwide and responses to those threats by the Congress, available by subscription; recent issues available on-line.

ON-LINE ARCHAEOLOGY FORUMS AND OTHER RESOURCES

About.com's Archaeology Bulletin Board
Web page: http://archaeology.about.com/mpboards.htm

This moderated forum contains posts with the latest archaeological news from around the world, job opportunities, and exhibit announcements, as well as members' comments and opinions.

Archaeology Portal

Archaeologic.com has collected thousands of links to Web pages about archaeology around the world.

eCultural Resources
Web page: www.eculturalresources.com

The Cultural Resource Network includes news mainly of North American archaeological sites, as well as job and field school opportunities. It also has listings of private consultants in cultural resources.

Siftings
Web page: www.siftings.com

Siftings includes links to mid-Atlantic states' archaeological societies, journals, articles, and related links

The Archaeology Channel
Web page: http://www.archaeologychannel.org/

Produced by the Archaeological Legacy Institute; on-line videos of archaeological work from around the world; includes a message board for posting workshop, exhibit, and job announcements.

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