

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Division to sponsor 16 special events during October 2017

William Penn Day, Halloween programs and 18th century trades among the events to be presented.

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Re-enactment of the Livery of Seizen ritual inside the New Castle Court House Museum. The ceremony will be conducted as part of William Penn Day on Oct. 28, 2017.

Division director Tim Slavin interviewed on museum accreditation

Article published in the American Alliance of Museums newsletter.

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Ceremony marks opening of “New Castle: Three Forts, One Community” exhibit

Exhibit examines the 17th-century struggle for control of New Castle, Del. by the Dutch, Swedes and English.

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Pencader Heritage Museum hosts ceremonial return of British flag

Union Jack once flew over HMS Sheffield, a guided-missile destroyer that was later sunk in the 1982 Falklands War.

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50th anniversary celebration of Johnson Victrola Museum taking place in 2017

Museum highlights the life and achievements of Dover’s native son, Eldridge Reeves Johnson, founder of The Victor Talking Machine Company.

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“Global to Local: International Events and the First State” series at the Zwaanendael Museum through March 24, 2018

Series explores how world events have impacted Delaware’s history.

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Help Save Delaware History

Online map of National Register-listed properties gets a makeover

Upgrades to the Cultural and Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) restore access to historic property information and feature new map layers.

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Millsboro one-room school's restoration shows a different era in education

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Sept. 21, 2017

Historic property open for visitation on Sept. 30, 2017.

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Grants for historic preservation

African American Civil Rights and Partners in Training grants now available.

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Historic flag returned to British Navy during Newark ceremony](#)

Newark Post, Del.—Sept. 7, 2017

Ceremony took place at Pencader Heritage Museum

[3 Questions with the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#)

Alliance Labs, newsletter of the American Alliance of Museums, Arlington, Va.—Aug. 30, 2017

Interview with director Tim Slavin regarding the division's accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums.

Events

Wednesday, Sept. 27

[Lost Off Lewes: Tours of the British Warship DeBraak](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Sept. 30

[Native Ways](#) – The Old State House

[How Do You Know if You're Indian?: Expressing Indian Identity](#) – The Old State House

[A Dead Whale or a Stove Boat: The Early-American Whaling Industry](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[National Estuaries Day Campfire Program](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 9

[50th Anniversary Celebration](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Sunday, Oct. 1

[Native Ways](#) – Killens Pond State Park

Wednesday, Oct. 4

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Oct. 7

[10th-Year Anniversary Extravaganza](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

[Let's Get Ready to Rumble: William Penn vs Lord Baltimore](#) – The Old State House

[A Diva's Tale](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Monday, Oct. 9

[Columbus Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum and Old State House open. John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Friday, Oct. 13

[Concert by Crabmeat Thompson](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Oct. 14

[18th Century Trades Day](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Remember Paoli](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, Oct. 15

[Brandywine Springs Amusement Park: Sam's Letter](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

[Shakespeare, Poe and Fiends](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Wednesday, Oct. 18

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation Annual Business Meeting](#) – Delaware Public Archives

Wednesday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 21

[The Spirit of New Castle Past](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Oct. 21

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

[Who Did In the Delaware Ducks?](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Blackbird Creek Fall Festival](#) – Blackbird Creek Reserve

Friday, Oct. 27

[Lantern Tours of the Plantation](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Oct. 28

[William Penn Day](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Mysteries of History](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[Rose Color to Gold to Glowing Red: Orville and Ethel Peets in Paris 1913-1914](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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