

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Division releases 2018 annual report

Report illustrates the efforts that the agency has undertaken in 2018 to build a solid infrastructure that will preserve and protect Delaware's irreplaceable cultural legacies for future generations.

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African American History Month programs among 13 special events at division museums during February 2019

Highlights include programs on the Underground Railroad, black recording artists and record labels from the early 20th century and First African Baptist Church cemeteries in Philadelphia.

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"The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware" to open at the New Castle Court House Museum on Feb. 23, 2019

Display explores Delaware's role in the clandestine network that transported American slaves to freedom, the black experience in Delaware after the Civil War and African American trailblazers from Delaware who helped break racial and gender barriers.

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Division seeks maintenance/trades mechanic and historic-site interpreter

Application deadlines are Feb. 1 and Feb. 5, 2019, respectively.

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Help Save Delaware History

Articles on the fire that destroyed Little Union Methodist Episcopal Church

Historic church associated with the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware burned on Dec. 31, 2018

[Enlighten Me: Losing Little Union Church](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Jan. 11, 2019

[Damage estimated at \\$100,000 in New Year's Eve Cheswold Little Union Church fire](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 31, 2018

[Fire destroys historic Cheswold-area church](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Dec. 31, 2018

[Historic Lenape church in Dover burns](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Dec. 31, 2018

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 12–14, 2019

Annual gathering promotes sound federal preservation policy and programs.

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“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

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

[Bunker Hill Elementary wins Delaware Day competition](#)

Middletown Transcript, Del.—Jan. 15, 2019

Competition encourages students to study the Constitution and to discover Delaware’s role in its writing and ratification.

[Presidents’ Day program to highlight Washington’s ‘100 Rules of Civility’](#)

Middletown Transcript, Del.—Jan. 10, 2019

Program to take place at The Old State House on Feb. 17, 2019.

Articles on the division’s African American History Month programs

Activities to take place throughout the month of February 2019.

[Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to host February programs](#)

Smyrna-Clayton Sun-Times, Smyrna Del.—Jan. 24, 2019

[‘I HAVE A DREAM’](#)

UDaily, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.—Jan. 18, 2019

Events

Saturday, Feb. 2

[African American Music and the Victor Talking Machine Company](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[The African American Experience in Delaware](#) – The Old State House

Friday, Feb. 8

[Concert by Steffi & Tim](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Feb. 9

[Stories of Courage and Freedom](#) – The Old State House

[The Evolution of Black Recorded Music: Behind the Music Part I](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Revolutionary Drinks on the Delaware](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Feb. 16

[Community and Identity at First African Baptist Church Cemeteries](#) – The Old State House

[The Evolution of Black Recorded Music: Behind the Music Part II](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Sunday, Feb. 17

[Celebrating George Washington's 110 Rules for Civil Behavior](#) – The Old State House

Monday, Feb. 18

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

Friday, Feb. 22

[Washington's Birthday](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware open

Saturday, Feb. 23

[African American Music and the Victor Talking Machine Company](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Not So Great War: African Americans and World War I](#) – The Old State House

Sunday, Feb. 24

[Whispers of Angels: A Story of the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

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

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

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

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

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

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

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



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Historical and Cultural Affairs is designed to stimulate public interest in the division's museums, programs and services, and to increase awareness of the value that history and historic preservation bring to the lives of Delaware's citizens and visitors. The newsletter is distributed during the last week of each month, via e-mail, to division staff members, Delaware's historical- and preservation-related communities and friends. Please submit relevant articles, news items and suggestions to Jim Yurasek, newsletter editor, at jim.yurasek@delaware.gov.

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