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News

Division's museums and collections awarded national accreditation

Accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums is the highest recognition afforded to museums in the United States.
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Division to sponsor 11 special events during August 2017
Highlights include programs on inventors in the sound-recording industry, a historic murder mystery and Dr. Who
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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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Division to replace New Castle Academy roof
Improvements slated to take place in late summer/early fall 2017
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Division notes passing of Gloria Messina, former historic-site interpreter
Messina worked at the John Dickinson Plantation in the 1980s and 90s
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"Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak"
Tours explore the surviving hull section of this 18th-century shipwreck
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Help Save Delaware History

Bethany Beach's Dinker-Irvin Cottage added to the National Register of Historic Places
Property is one of six remaining cottages constructed in the resort community between 1902 and 1905.
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Call for proposals: Historic Preservation Education Foundation's Partners in Training initiative
Initiative provides training opportunities on topics associated with preservation technology. **Deadline: Oct. 3, 2017**
Read more …

Articles on the demolition of the Jehu Reed House in Little Heaven
Original section of the house was built in 1771.

Time claims historic Little Heaven mansion
Dover Post, Del.—July 28, 2017

Historic Jehu M. Reed House demolished: Kent County loses two historic homes in span of days
Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—July 22, 2017

"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.
Read more …

Media Roundup

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

State plans for Fenwick lighthouse and keeper's home
Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—July 28, 2017
Plans call for converting the keeper's house into a community site and interpretive center.

America's Forgotten Swedish Colony
The History Channel, New York, N.Y.—July 25, 2017
Colony was centered in what is now Wilmington, Del.

Articles on the accreditation of the division's museums by the American Alliance of Museums
Recognition was announced on July 5, 2017.

> Delaware's state museums awarded national accreditation
> Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 21, 2017
>
> Accrediting body recognizes 5 Delaware museums
> WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—July 13, 2017

Articles about the Johnson Victrola Museum's 50th anniversary celebrations
Museum highlights the life and achievements of Delaware's native son, Eldridge Reeves Johnson, founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company.

> Johnson Victrola Museum gears up for special anniversary
> Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—July 15, 2017
>
> A journey through jazz: Celebration of musical art form set
> Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—July 12, 2017

Articles on cultural tourism offerings in Delaware
Division museums among the attractions cited

Walking and historical tours all the rage in coastal beach towns
Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—July 13, 2017

Delaware, The Forgotten Beach State
The Jewish Week, New York, N.Y.—July 11, 2017

Delaware's Quaint Villages an easy D.C. getaway
The Washington Blade, D.C.—June 30, 2017

Events

Tuesday, Aug. 1
158th Anniversary – Fenwick Island Lighthouse

National Night Out in Historic New Castle – Downtown New Castle

Wednesday, Aug. 2
Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesdays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
Lost Off Lewes: Tours of the British Warship DeBraak – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Aug. 5
First Saturday Historical Tour – Downtown Georgetown

Who Done It: A Historic Murder Mystery – The Old State House

Saturdays, Aug. 5 and 19
An Inventor's Tale – Johnson Victrola Museum

Monday, Aug. 7
National Lighthouse Day – Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Saturday, Aug. 12
Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

John Jay: Can a Chief Justice Love God? – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Aug. 19
Doctor Who and William Penn – The Old State House

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

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

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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