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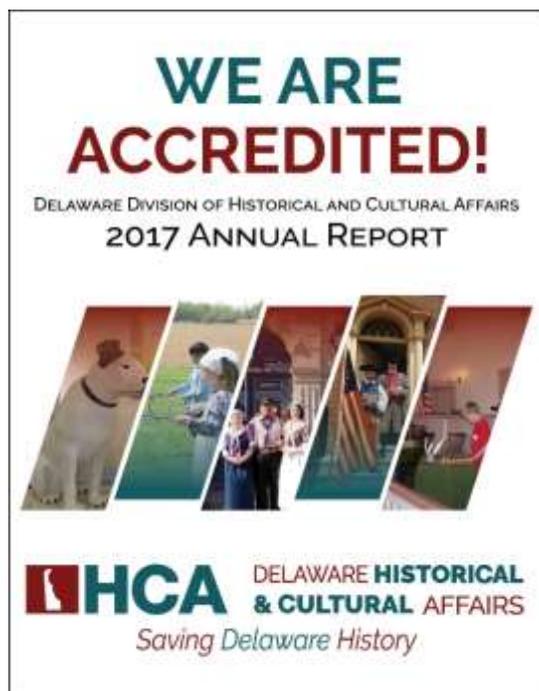
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News

Division releases 2017 annual report

Report illustrates the programs and services that led to the agency's accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums.

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Division museums closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 2017; and Jan. 1, 2018

Museums closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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African American History Month programs among 18 special events at division museums during February 2018

Highlights include programs on African-American life at the John Dickinson Plantation in the 18th century, the evolution of black recorded music and African-American archaeology in Delaware.

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Students honored at 16th annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition ceremony

Program encourages young people to study the U.S. Constitution.

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Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer

Afro-British musician's works were recorded by the Victor Talking Machine Company.

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Help Save Delaware History

Historic tax credits fuel downtown development

Delaware Business Times, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 8, 2018

Program has so far awarded \$63 million in credits leveraging \$277 million in investments.

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Federal credits for historic preservation retained in new tax law

Tax credits help preserve historic properties across the nation.

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Lewes-area church land sale pits preservation against property rights

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 27, 2017

Division served in an advisory role regarding the property.

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Residents hope for historic home rescue on the Brandywine

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 22, 2018

National-Register-listed Walker's Bank House threatened with demolition.

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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:

[A financial boost for Delaware historic sites](#)

First, WHYY TV, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 16, 2018

Article and television segment on the division's \$190,000 grant from the First State National Historical Park.

Events

Saturday, Feb. 3

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

[The Evolution of Black Recorded Music: The Roots \(1900s to 1910s\)](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24

[A World Apart](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Friday, Feb. 9

[Concert by Trini Lima](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Feb. 10

[John Dickinson: Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Delaware Public Archives

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

[The Evolution of Black Recorded Music—Down in the Delta](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[African-American History in 20th-Century Delaware: A Study of the Green Book](#) – The Old State House

Sunday, Feb. 11

[What If: Lincoln Had Failed and the South Became an Independent Nation](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Feb. 17

[John Dickinson Memorial and Wreath-Laying Ceremony](#) – Wilmington Friends Meeting House

[The Dennis Farm: A Free African-American Cultural Legacy](#) – The Old State House

[The Evolution of Black Recorded Music: The Rock-n-Roll Soul](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Seafarers Folk Art](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Sunday, Feb. 18

[George Washington, the Culper Spy Ring and the American Revolution](#) – The Old State House

Monday, Feb. 19

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

Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

Saturday, Feb. 24

[Stories of African-American History From St. Jones Neck](#) – The Old State House

[The Evolution of Black Recorded Music: MTV and the Age of Self-Expression](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[The Archaeology of a Free African-American Household in Central Delaware](#) – 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: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – 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

[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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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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