News

Parker's Dairy Palace listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Vintage 1950s-era New Castle ice cream stand still dishing up soft serve.

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Parker's Dairy Palace. Photo courtesy of the University of Delaware Center for Historic Architecture and Design

Division to sponsor 10 special events during November 2019

Bayberry candle-making, grave sites of notable New Castle veterans and early recordings of classical music among topics to be explored.

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“Seams From the Past” series at the Zwaanendael Museum in November 2019

Four-part series explores historical clothing and textiles.

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“Delaware Day Competition Display” at Legislative Hall from Nov. 13–Dec. 12, 2019

Works by Delaware fourth-grade students illustrating the U.S. Constitution and Delaware’s role in its writing and ratification.

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What a year that was—division reviews successes; looks to the future

Agency holds all-staff meeting on Sept. 30, 2019.

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Help Save Delaware History
Dairy Palace now on Register of Historic Places
Delaware Business Now, Newark, Del.—Oct. 21, 2019
New Castle ice cream stand was originally built in 1954 as a Dairy Queen franchise.
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Improvements completed at Delaware’s historic Octagonal Schoolhouse
Dover Post, Del.—Sept. 25, 2019
Built and opened in 1836, the Octagonal Schoolhouse is one of the earliest examples of a one-room school in Delaware.
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PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing the Delaware Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program
The deadline for submission of comments is Oct. 31, 2019.
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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:

"Seams From the Past" to Showcase at Museum in Lewes
WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Oct. 22, 2019
Four-part series on historical clothing and textiles at the Zwaanendael Museum in November.

First State Heritage Park to host 18th Century Market Fair on Dover Green
Dover Post, Del.—Oct. 17, 2019
The Old State House will celebrate the Nov. 2 event with special tours and 18th-century-style demonstrations.

New Castle Court House Museum to celebrate ‘William Penn Day’ Oct. 26
Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—Oct. 15, 2019
Daylong series of activities commemorating the 337th anniversary of Penn’s Oct. 27, 1682 disembarkment at New Castle, his first landing in the New World.

Events
Saturday, Oct. 26
William Penn Day – New Castle Court House Museum
Mysteries of History – Zwaanendael Museum
Governor’s Halloween Family Fun Fest – Woodburn: The Governor’s Residence

Thursday, Oct. 31
Trick-or-Treat at Woodburn – Woodburn: The Governor’s Residence

Saturday, Nov. 2
Some Like Classical – Johnson Victrola Museum
18th Century Market Fair – Dover Green

Pocket to Petticoats – Zwaanendael Museum

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**
Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

**Friday, Nov. 8**
Concert by Lori Citro – The Old State House

**Saturday, Nov. 9**
Veterans Walking Tours – New Castle Court House Museum

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

**Saturday, Nov. 9**
A Stitch in History: Cross Stitch for Beginners – Zwaanendael Museum

**Monday, Nov. 11**
Veterans Day – John Dickinson Plantation, Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House open. New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

**Saturday, Nov. 16**
Bayberry candle workshops – John Dickinson Plantation

Dutch-American Heritage Day – Zwaanendael Museum

Running of the Mill – Abbott’s Mill Nature Center

How the Revolutionary War Changed American Opinions of the French – Hale-Byrnes House

**Sunday, Nov. 17**
White Clay Creek Landing – Hale-Byrnes House

**Saturday, Nov. 23**
History A-Dressed – Zwaanendael Museum

**Thursday, Nov. 28**
Thanksgiving Day – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

**Friday, Nov. 29**
Day After Thanksgiving – All museums of the State of Delaware open

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, go here.

**Exhibits and Displays**

**Nov. 13–Dec. 12, 2019**
Delaware Day Competition Display – Legislative Hall

**Ongoing**
Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport – Zwaanendael Museum

Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I – Online

Five Stories – John Dickinson Plantation
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