

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Gov. Carney celebrates national accreditation of Delaware's state-museum system

American Alliance of Museums' accreditation is the highest recognition afforded to museums in the United States.

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Presentation of the American Alliance of Museums' accreditation certificate to the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. (From left) Tim Slavin, division director; Courtney Stewart, deputy secretary of state; state Sen. David McBride; Suzanne Savery, division deputy director; Gov. Carney; Linda Ratchford, president, New Castle City Council; and Jimmy Gambacorta, New Castle mayor

Division to sponsor 12 special events during November 2017

18th Century Market Fair, candle making and music of World War I among the events to be presented.

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Music education: A mission of the Victor Talking Machine Company

Beginning in 1911, the company promoted the use of the phonograph for music-appreciation lessons for students in kindergarten through college.

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Blogs celebrate the 250th anniversary of John Dickinson's "Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania"

Written by Robert Natelson for the Volokh Conspiracy and posted on the Washington Post webpage from Oct. 16–20, 2017.

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Division bids farewell to Manny Carrar

Longtime physical-plant maintenance superintendent retired after 28 years of service.

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Division celebrates accomplishments and looks to the future during all-staff meeting

Publicizing the division's American Alliance of Museums' accreditation and social-media best practices among topics discussed.

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Help Save Delaware History

New research shows federal historic tax credit achieved a record increase in use and economic impacts in 2016

Report produced by the National Park Service and Rutgers University.

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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:

[Dover's Tercentennial](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Oct. 25, 2017

Film to explore Dover's 300-year history.

[Five Delaware state museums achieve national accreditation](#)

Newsworks, WHYY TV 12, Wilmington, Del.—Oct. 5, 2017

Video and article on the division's accreditation ceremony on Oct. 5, 2017.

Events

Tuesday, Oct. 31

[Trick-or-Treat at Woodburn](#) – Woodburn: The Governor's Residence

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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

Saturday, Nov. 4

[18th Century Market Fair](#) – Dover Green

[A Classical Tale](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Friday, Nov. 10

[Veterans Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware open

[Concert by Free Range](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Nov. 11

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

[Delaware Band of Brothers: A Salute to Veterans](#) – The Old State House

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

Saturday, Nov. 18

[Bayberry Candle Workshops](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Dutch-American Heritage Day](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

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

[Attempts to Kidnap George Washington](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, Nov. 19

[The Green Book](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, Nov. 23

[Thanksgiving Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Friday, Nov. 24

[Day After Thanksgiving](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware open

[Day After Thanksgiving at The Old State House](#) – The Old State House

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

Saturday, Nov. 25

[Handmade for the Holidays](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Thursday, Nov. 30

[Victorian Yule-Tide Celebration](#) – 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

[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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