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News

Jason Bakke receives a 2018 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award

Division volunteer honored for his work in developing programming at the Zwaanendael Museum and expanding its outreach beyond Lewes into Sussex County.

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Jason Bakke receiving his award from Gov. John Carney. (From left) Carney, Bakke and state Rep. Dave Wilson

Division to sponsor 16 special programs during the 2018 winter-holiday season

Eleven holiday-themed activities among the programs to be offered.

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Beverly Laing to retire from the division

Historian worked for the agency for 28 years.

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"When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve" display at Legislative Hall

Display explores the participation of women in America's armed conflicts and their struggle to be allowed to serve in the nation's military forces.

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“The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware” display at the New Castle Court House Museum

Display explores Delaware’s role in the clandestine network that transported American slaves to freedom including the true journey of the Hawkins family from bondage in Maryland, through Delaware, to freedom in Pennsylvania.

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Help Save Delaware History

Developer set to build townhouses on possible slave burial site in Frankford

WXDE Radio, Milford, Del.—Nov. 15, 2018

State’s [Unmarked Human Remains law](#) may be triggered if burials are uncovered.

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Company wants to inject \$5 million into Wilmington, can't find project

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Nov. 5, 2018

Delaware [historic preservation tax credits](#) may be used for such projects.

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Small grants available from Delaware Preservation Fund

Program supports preservation activities at historic properties. **Deadline: Dec. 14, 2018**

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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:

[America's History Lives in Old New Castle](#)

Creators Syndicate, Hermosa Beach, Calif.—Nov. 24, 2018

Town has almost as many buildings from the late 17th to mid-19th century as Colonial Williamsburg.

[Armistice 100: Remembering Those Who Served](#)

U.S. Black Engineer Information Technology Magazine, online—Nov. 12, 2018

Article references the division’s online exhibit, “Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I.”

[Recent capital improvement projects at Buena Vista conference center](#)

Hockessin Community News, Del.—Oct. 30, 2018

Part of a master planning process designed to safeguard the property’s historical integrity and improve visitors’ experiences.

Events

Thursday, Nov. 29

[Hospitality Night](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Dec. 1

[Tour Zwaanendael Museum](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

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

[Holiday Celebrations in the Early 20th Century](#) – The Old State House

[White Christmas: A Tribute to Bing Crosby](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[John Dickinson: America's Rights Advocate](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, Dec. 2

[100th Anniversary of Union Park Gardens](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesday, Dec. 5

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

Saturday, Dec. 8

[Delaware Day Awards Ceremony](#) – Delaware Public Archives

[Spirit of Christmas in New Castle](#) – Downtown New Castle

[Christmas at Belmont Hall](#) – Belmont Hall

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

[Lecture on the Lightship Overfalls](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Sunday, Dec. 9

[Belmont Hall Christmas Open House](#) – Belmont Hall

Friday, Dec. 14

[Concert by Kyle Offandani](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Dec. 15

[Buena Vista Holiday Open House](#) – Buena Vista: A Delaware Country Estate

[Wreaths Across America](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

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

Saturday, Dec. 22

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

Monday, Dec. 24

[Christmas Eve](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Tuesday, Dec. 25

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

Monday, Dec. 31

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

[New Year's Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Saturday, Jan. 5

[Ring in the New Year With Jazz](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Divided Delaware](#) – The Old State House

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: 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

[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

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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