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News

Commemorating the 250th anniversary of John Dickinson's revolutionary "Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania"

Online exhibit and public programs celebrate Dickinson's pivotal role in setting the stage for the American Revolution.

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John Dickinson

Division to sponsor 22 special programs during the 2017 winter-holiday season

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

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Social practices in art

Article explores artist Denis A. Volozan and his portrait of George Washington which hangs in The Old State House.

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Cherie Dodge Biron leaves division employment

Long-time Business Administration supervisor to serve as controller of the new Delaware Department of Human Resources.

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100th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Jacob Jones

Destroyer named for one of Delaware's heroes of the War of 1812.

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Help Save Delaware History

Updates on Congressional actions that could eliminate federal tax credits for historic preservation

Tax credits help preserve historic properties across the nation.

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Certificates presented for Delaware properties listed in the National Register in 2017

Five properties and one historic district were listed in 2017.

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Fire that destroyed historic Townsend house and barn was arson

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Nov. 2, 2017

Vandyke-Heath House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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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:

[The most 'underrated' founder's influence on America's Constitution](#)

The Hill, Washington, D.C.—Nov. 14, 2017

Article on John Dickinson’s role in the creation of the nation’s founding document.

[John Dickinson's "Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania" Turn 250 Years Old](#)

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Nov. 13, 2017

Documents helped set the stage for the American Revolution.

[Prism Sound audio interfaces used for George Blood LP record preservation project](#)

Audio Media International, London, U.K.—Nov. 6, 2017

Recordings from the Johnson Victrola Museum were utilized in the project.

[A journey through time to 18th Century Market Faire](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Nov. 4, 2017

Program explored the era when The Green served as the focal point of life in Dover.

[Trick or Treat at Woodburn](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Oct. 31, 2017

Delaware’s first family welcomed visitors to the governor’s residence on Halloween.

[Historian Jane Calvert Shows the Human Side of Founding Father John Dickinson](#)

UKNow, University of Kentucky, Lexington—Oct. 25, 2017

Article on noted Dickinson scholar.

Articles on federal funding for the John Dickinson Plantation

Museum to receive \$45,000 as part of a \$190,000 federal grant to the museums of the State of Delaware.

[Upgrading a jewel of state history: Improvements set for John Dickinson Plantation](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Nov. 19, 2017

[Carper returns to inspect state's National Historical Park](#)

WMDT TV, Salisbury, Md.—Nov. 17, 2017

Events

Saturdays, Nov. 25; Dec. 2, 16 and 23

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

Thursday, Nov. 30

[Victorian Yule-Tide Celebration](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Friday, Dec. 1

[Concert by the Honey Badgers](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Dec. 2

[Delaware's State Constitution](#) – The Old State House

[Holiday Open House](#) – Woodburn: The Governor's Residence

[Tour Zwaanendael Museum](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

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

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

[Christmas Night 1776: How They Crossed](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesday, Dec. 6

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

Thursday, Dec. 7

[John Dickinson: America's Rights Advocate](#) – University of Delaware Library

Thursday–Saturday, Dec. 7–9

[Fully, Freely and Entirely— Becoming the First State](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Dec. 9

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

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

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

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

[A Dead Whale or a Stove Boat, Part Two](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

Saturday, Dec. 16

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 23

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

Monday, Dec. 25

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

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

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

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Through Dec. 15, 2017

[John Dickinson: Penman of the Revolution](#) – University of Delaware Library

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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