

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

"Change of Command" among 11 division-sponsored events in June 2018

Programs on Delaware heroes of the War of 1812, dyeing fabrics 18th-century style, and Separation Day in New Castle to be featured.

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Thomas Sully's portraits of commodores Jacob Jones (left) and Thomas McDonough, two Delaware heroes of the War of 1812, on display in The Old State House. On June 2, 2018, the museum will present "Change of Command," a historical-theater production exploring the true story of the transfer of command of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides) from Jones to McDonough. On June 9, Sully's paintings, as well as the museum's portrait of George Washington by Denis A. Volozan, will be explored in the program, "Artists at The Old State House."

Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration: "A Sailor's Life for Me" over the 2018 Memorial Day weekend

Lewes event provides visitors with an opportunity to experience seafaring lives of adventure, romance, excitement and hardships, and to honor mariners who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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Division seeks physical plant maintenance/trades mechanic

Closing date: June 1, 2018.

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Division welcomes three new staff members

New employees in the Business Services Team and at the Buena Vista conference/event center

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"Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak"

Tours explore the surviving hull section of an 18th-century shipwreck.

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Delaware's Chautauqua tent shows move to September during 2018

"All Aboard: Delaware and the Railroad" to take place from Sept. 13 to 15, 2018 in Lewes.

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Help Save Delaware History

In Delaware, historic preservation matters

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—May 5, 2018

Op-ed by Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs Director Tim Slavin

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Division employee makes National Trust for Historic Preservation's 40-Under-40 list

Carlton Hall, a cultural preservation specialist and historian in the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office honored for his research into the state's African-American history.

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Jeremy Rothwell appointed to the Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation

Harrington city planner brings extensive preservation-experience to the board.

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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:

[Kent County museums offer fun and education year-round](#)

Middletown, Transcript, Del.—May 23, 2018

Article notes Johnson Victrola Museum.

['Lost off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak' tours begin June 14](#)

Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—May 21, 2018

Tours begin at the Zwaanendael Museum.

[To attract more visitors, Delaware tries out virtual reality](#)

WHYY TV 12, Wilmington, Del.—May 7, 2018

Video offers a 360-degree view of some of the top tourist destinations in the First State.

[History comes alive at Pencader Heritage Museum](#)

Newark Post, Del.—May 6, 2018

Museum building leased from the division.

Articles on rehabilitation of keeper's house at Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Work will begin this spring and continue into the summer of 2018.

[Rehab of keeper's home set to begin at Fenwick Island Lighthouse](#)

Delaware Business Now, Newark, Del.—May 22, 2018

[Rehabilitation of keeper's house to begin at Fenwick Island Lighthouse](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—May 5, 2018

Events

Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27

[A Sailor's Life for Me](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturdays, May 26, and June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; Mondays, May 28, and June 4, 11, 18 and 25; Wednesdays, May 30, and June 6, 13, 20 and 27; and Saturday, June 30

[East End Lighthouse Tour](#) – Delaware Breakwater-East End Lighthouse

Monday, May 28

[Memorial Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware will be open

Saturday, June 2

[Change of Command](#) – The Old State House

[Turn of the Century Inventors](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Wednesday, June 6

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

Thursday, June 7

[Abbott's Birthday Celebration](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9

[Separation Day](#) – Downtown New Castle

Saturday, June 9

[Artists at the Old State House](#) – The Old State House

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

Thursdays, June 14, 21 and 28; and Friday, June 30

[Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, June 16

[Dickinson Dyes](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

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

[Buffalo Soldiers](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, June 17

[Talk by Syl Woolford](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

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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