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News

“18th Century Trades Day” at the John Dickinson Plantation on Oct. 13, 2018

Event explores Colonial-era job opportunities at the home of the “Penman of the Revolution.”

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As part of “18th Century Trades Day,” the division’s Dan Davis will be demonstrating how wooden shingles and pegs were made in the 1700s.

“William Penn Day” at the New Castle Court House Museum on Oct. 27, 2018

Event commemorates the 336th anniversary of Penn’s disembarkment at New Castle, his first landing in the New World.

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Division to sponsor 14 special events during October 2018

Early 1900s music education, the life of Delaware patriot Caesar Rodney and walking tours of St. Peter’s cemetery in Lewes among topics to be explored.

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Division notes passing of Curt Stickel, former historic-site interpreter

Stickel served at The Old State House and the Delaware Archaeology Museum in Dover between 2002 and 2013.

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Help Save Delaware History

Historic preservation plan released for 2018-2022

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Aug. 28, 2018
Plan outlines six broad goals for the next five years.

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New law raises historic preservation tax credit by fifty percent

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Aug. 29, 2018
Program assists in preserving and rehabilitating historic buildings throughout Delaware.

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One-room schoolhouse near Townsend aims for national historic register

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Aug. 21, 2018
School was built in 1925 with funding from Pierre S. Du Pont and the Service Citizens of Delaware.

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Grants for historic preservation

African American Civil Rights and Partners in Training grants now available.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Artifacts from hidden 1700s shipwreck off Delaware coast getting a new home](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Sept. 20, 2018
Roosevelt Inlet shipwreck artifacts moving to the division's collections facility in Dover.

Articles on the status of moon dust stolen from the Delaware State Museum in 1977

A sample of lunar soil collected during the Apollo 11 mission had been given to the state by President Nixon in 1969.

[Retired NASA Agent Aims To Account For All 50 Moon Rocks](#)

National Public Radio, Washington, D.C.—Sept. 22, 2018

[Delaware's stolen moon dust and the man trying to track it down](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Sept. 13, 2018

[Moon rock hunter closes in on missing stones after finding one in Utah](#)

KSL Broadcasting, Salt Lake City, Utah—Sept. 13, 2018T

[Recent Finds Spur Interest in Missing Delaware Moon Dust](#)

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Sept. 12, 2018

Articles on the "First People of the First State" programs in September 2018

Programs spotlighted the Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware.

["The First People of the First State" - Lenape Tribe of Delaware Celebrations](#)

Indian Country Today, Washington, D.C.—Sept. 13, 2018

[Lenape Chief talks state recognition struggle, sovereignty](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Sept. 4, 2018

Articles on the future home for the collections of the State of Delaware
New site being built west of Dover.

[Delaware History Museum System Expands](#)
WSCL Radio, Salisbury, Md.—Sept. 6, 2018

[Delaware Cultural Artifacts to Get New Home Within Year](#)
WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Sept. 5, 2018

[Historical and Cultural Affairs' new home to be bigger, better](#)
Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Sept. 5, 2018

Events

Tuesday, Sept. 25

[Bloomsbury and the Survival of the Lenapé People](#) – Dover Public Library

Wednesday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 29

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

Thursday, Sept. 27

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

Saturday, Sept. 29

[Growing Up Lenapé in Delaware: Lenapé Women Speak](#) – The Old State House

Wednesday, Oct. 3

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

Saturday, Oct. 6

[Early 1900s Music Education](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Independence or the Bayonet: The Life and Times of Caesar Rodney](#) – The Old State House

[River Towns Ride and Festival](#) – New Castle and Delaware City

[Of Skulls, Severed Heads and Skeletons](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, Oct. 7

[Before There Was Blue Ball Barn](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Monday, Oct. 8

[Columbus Day](#) – Old State House open. John Dickinson Plantation, Johnson Victrola Museum, New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Thursday, Oct. 11

[Shakespeare, Poe and Fiends](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Oct. 13

[Queenstown and the Early Colonial Delmarva: An Archaeological and Historical Symposium](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[18th Century Trades Day](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[The Battle of the Chesapeake](#) – The Old State House

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

Sunday, Oct. 14

[Shakespeare, Poe and Fiends](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Oct. 20

[Lecture on the Lenapé Indian Tribe of Delaware](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Blackbird Creek Fall Festival](#) – Blackbird Creek Reserve

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

Sunday, Oct. 21

[Germans in the American Revolution](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

Wednesday, Oct. 24

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation business meeting](#) – Delaware Public Archives

Friday, Oct. 26

[Lantern Tours of the Plantation](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Oct. 27

[William Penn Day](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Mysteries of History](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

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

[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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