

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

The historic preservation and museums newsletter of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Sept. 30, 2019 \* Volume 12, Issue 9

## News

### **“William Penn Day” at the New Castle Court House Museum on Oct. 26, 2019**

Event commemorates the 337th anniversary of Penn’s disembarkment at New Castle, his first landing in the New World.

[Read more ...](#)

A promotional poster for "William Penn Day in New Castle". The poster features a portrait of William Penn on the right side, wearing a dark hat and a white cravat. The text on the left side reads: "William Penn Day in New Castle", "Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.", "Historical theatre, film, Baroque concert, tours and more", "Free Admission!", "New Castle Court House Museum", "211 Delaware St., New Castle, DE", "302-323-4453", and "Click to learn more!". At the bottom left, there are logos for "HCA DELAWARE HISTORICAL & CULTURAL AFFAIRS" and a small crest.

### **“18th Century Trades Day” at the John Dickinson Plantation on Oct. 12, 2019**

Day-long series of activities explores occupations of the 1700s including preserving food in the smokehouse, dyeing cloth, carpentry, blacksmithing and making bricks out of clay.

[Read more ...](#)

### **Division sponsoring 16 special events during October 2019**

Programs on America's maritime heritage; Enrico Caruso; and Shakespeare, Poe and Fiends to be featured.

[Read more ...](#)

### **We miss Jim days**

Johnson Victrola Museum volunteer Jim Schilling leaves after nine years of service.

[Read more ...](#)

### **Improvements completed at Delaware’s historic Octagonal Schoolhouse**

Built and opened in 1836, the Octagonal Schoolhouse is one of the earliest examples of a one-room school in Delaware.

[Read more ...](#)

### **Chris Rockey joins division as physical plant maintenance/trades mechanic**

New employee will help maintain, repair and preserve the nearly 90 structures administered by the division.

[Read more ...](#)

**Division seeks executive housekeeper and physical-plant maintenance mechanic**

Application deadlines are Oct. 3 and Oct. 8, 2019, respectively.

[Read more ...](#)

[Go here for more news items ...](#)

## Help Save Delaware History

**PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing the Delaware Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program**

The deadline for submission of comments is **Oct. 31, 2019**.

[Read more ...](#)

**Congressional Research Service publishes “National Park Service Appropriations: Ten-Year Trends”**

Report notes that grant funding for state historic preservation offices has declined by 9% in inflation-adjusted terms over the decade.

[Read more ...](#)

**Articles on placement of Richard Allen School on the National Register of Historic Places**

Site was one of 80 schools built for African American children in Delaware by philanthropist Pierre S. du Pont.

[Thanks for making Richard Allen School celebration a success](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Aug. 26, 2019

['What we knew in our hearts'](#)

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—Aug. 22, 2019

[Richard Allen School recognized on national register](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Aug. 18, 2019

[Former Delaware African American School on Historic Places List](#)

WSCL Radio, Salisbury, Md.—Aug. 8, 2019

[Georgetown School Joins National Register of Historic Places](#)

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Aug. 7—2019

**“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.

[Read more ...](#)

## Media Roundup

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

[Archaeological field project digs into New Castle's past](#)

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Sept. 27, 2019

Article on the search for Fort Casimir.

[MHS alum Trish Gerken named as new director for Downtown Milford, Inc.](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Sept. 12, 2019

Gerken previously served as a site supervisor at Buena Vista.

[Hurricane Dorian unearths Civil War cannonballs on South Carolina beach](#)

Fox News, New York, N.Y.—Sept. 11, 2019

Article notes discovery of a historical African-American cemetery in Frankford, Del. that contains the remains of a soldier from the United State Colored Troops who served in the American Civil War.

## [Guiding Light](#)

Pest Control Technology, Valley View, Ohio—Sept. 5, 2019

Article explores Brasure's Pest Control's treatment of the Fenwick Island Lighthouse keeper's house for termites.

# Events

## **Wednesday, Oct. 2**

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

## **Saturday, Oct. 5**

[Enrico Caruso](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[The Trial of Captain La Mort](#) – The Old State House

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

[Delaware's Naval Heroes and Their Battles](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

## **Thursday, Oct. 10**

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

## **Fridays, Oct. 11 and 18**

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

## **Saturday, Oct. 12**

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

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

[Ships Named Delaware](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

## **Sunday, Oct. 13**

[Delaware Natural History Museum](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

## **Monday, Oct. 14**

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

## **Wednesday, Oct. 16**

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation Annual Meeting](#) – Delaware Public Archives

## **Saturday, Oct. 19**

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

[The Navy at Lewes and at the Cape](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Poetry Reading by Jane Miller](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

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

## **Sunday, Oct. 20**

[Open House](#) – Prince George's Chapel

[Gospel Music by Charles Paparella and the Band](#) – Prince George's Chapel

**Friday, Oct. 25**

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

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

[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

[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



**DELAWARE HISTORICAL  
& CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

The historic-preservation and museums newsletter of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Historical and Cultural Affairs is designed to stimulate public interest in the division's museums, programs and services, and to increase awareness of the value that history and historic preservation bring to the lives of Delaware's citizens and visitors. The newsletter is distributed during the last week of each month, via e-mail, to division staff members, Delaware's historical- and preservation-related communities and friends. Please submit relevant articles, news items and suggestions to Jim Yurasek, newsletter editor, at [jim.yurasek@delaware.gov](mailto:jim.yurasek@delaware.gov).

## [Non-Discrimination Statement and Acknowledgement of Support](#)

If you would like to be added to, or removed from, the e-newsletter mailing list, please e-mail the editor.

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

21 The Green

Dover, DE 19901

Telephone: 302-736-7400

Fax: (302) 739-5660

Web: <http://history.delaware.gov>