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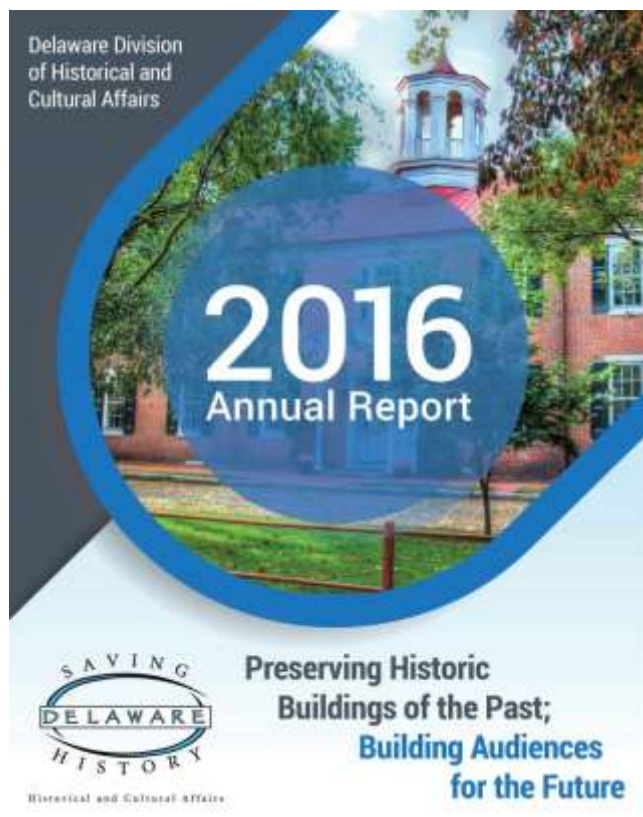
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News

Division releases 2016 annual report

Report demonstrates how the agency is helping to preserve Delaware history and how it is sharing that history with the public.

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African American History Month programs among 17 special events at division museums in February 2017

Highlights include spoken-word poetry, African-American life at the John Dickinson Plantation in the 18th century and a program on jazz pianist "Fats" Waller.

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Dan Davis promoted to Conservation Technician IV

Thirty-one year veteran works in the division's Horticulture Team.

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Help Save Delaware History

"Cultural Resources Climate Change Strategy"

New report from the National Park Service.

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Historic Jehu Reed House in Delaware Suffers Apparent Damage During Recent Storm

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Jan. 25, 2017

Property is in a state of collapse.

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State may repurchase historic Weldin House in Brandywine Hundred

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 22, 2017

Repairs needed at the site.

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On 250th anniversary, future care for Mason-Dixon markers in question

Herald-Mail, Hagerstown, Md.—Jan. 21, 2017

Markers indicated the Colonial boundaries of Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

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Gibraltar and Marion Coffin Gardens reflect classic American style

Hockessin Community News, Del.—Jan. 19, 2017

Historic property is in deteriorating condition.

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Brandywine Hundred historic home to become art space

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan 15, 2017

Site is owned by New Castle County.

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Articles on the designation of the George Read II House as a National Historic Landmark

House built for the son of George Read Sr., a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

[New Castle's George Read II House Designated National Historic Landmark](#)

TownSquareDelaware.com—Jan. 18, 2017

[George Read II House Designated a National Historic Landmark](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Jan. 11, 2017

Articles on the proposed Gills Neck Village shopping center near Lewes

Concerns raised regarding the project's proximity to a Native-American burial ground. State law protects [unmarked burials](#).

[Battle Over Shopping Center at Delaware Burial Ground](#)

WCAU-TV, Philadelphia, Pa.—Dec. 30, 2016

[Protesters: Shopping center would be on burial ground](#)

Delmarva Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Dec. 29, 2016

[Locals fight for ancient burial ground preservation and clean water](#)

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.—Dec. 27, 2016

“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:

[Dover Public Library partners with area museums](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Jan. 21, 2017

Division's Dover museums participated in the program.

[The stories behind Delaware's ruins and remnants](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 21, 2017

Article includes information on ruins that can be seen on the New Castle Green.

[Olde Christmas tradition continues at Prince George's Chapel](#)

Sussex County Post, Seaford, Del.—Jan. 19, 2017

Historic division-owned property was built in 1755.

[Milford Museum Plans Expansion](#)

Milford LIVE, Del.—Jan. 18, 2017

Former Milford Post Office building is owned by the division.

[Winners Chosen in 4th Grade "Delaware Day" Competition](#)

TownSquareDelaware.com—Jan. 6, 2017

Delaware Department of State program encourages students to study the U.S. Constitution.

[Master and Curator](#)

Archaeologia Cantiana, Kent County, Del.—Jan. 7, 2017

Blog on the division's Curator of Archaeology Paul Nasca and the archaeological collections of the State of Delaware.

[Work underway to showcase DeVries Monument in Lewes](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 6, 2017

Site marks the approximate location of the first European settlement in Delaware.

[Thanks, Obama, for all those new national monuments](#)

Daily Kos, Oakland, Ca.—Dec. 26, 2016

Article includes information on the First State National Historical Park.

Articles featuring Lewes' Zwaanendael Museum

Museum commemorates Delaware's first European colony, Swanendael, established by the Dutch in 1631.

[Wondering What To Do This Winter in Southern Delaware? Here are 10 Great Options](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 17, 2017

[10 Southern Delaware Towns; 10 Iconic Symbols](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 5, 2017

Events

Saturday, Feb. 4

[Marian Anderson: Her Achievements and Contributions](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[The Old State House: A Network to Freedom](#) – The Old State House

[Listen Up! African American History](#) – The Old State House

Saturdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25

[A World Apart](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Friday, Feb. 10

[Concert by Me & My Friend Phyllis](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Feb. 11

[Songs of Love](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

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

[African-American History: State Historic Preservation in Delaware](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Feb. 18

[Fats Waller: A Man of Many Talents](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Laying of Wreath on John Dickinson's Grave](#) – Wilmington Friends Meeting House

[Baseball, Churches, and Schools: Delaware's African American History](#) – The Old State House

[Buccaneers, Bluebloods and Bonapartes](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Sunday Feb. 19

[Washington vs. Lincoln](#) – The Old State House

Monday, Feb. 20

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

Wednesday, Feb. 22

[Washington's Birthday](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware open

Saturday, Feb. 25

[Paul Robeson](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Preserving African-American History in Delaware: The Green Book](#) – The Old State House

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

Exhibits and Displays

Thru August 2017

[World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis](#) – Middletown Historical Society

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[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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