

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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## News

### “Five Stories” explores the lives of people who lived and worked at the John Dickinson Plantation

Dickinson family members, tenant farmers, tradesmen, free blacks, indentured servants and enslaved individuals are featured.

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“Five Stories” descriptive panels.

### Division to sponsor seven special events during May 2017

Highlights include Dover Days presentations, the Zwaanendael Museum’s Sixth Annual Maritime Festival and A Day in Old New Castle.

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### Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration: “A Sailor’s Life for Me” in Lewes, Del. over the 2017 Memorial Day weekend

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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### Delaware featured at the opening of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

New museum tells the story of the founding of the nation from the late-Colonial period through the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

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### “Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak”

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

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# Help Save Delaware History

## Gathering public input on the 2018-2022 Statewide Historic Preservation Plan: New on-line survey available

Survey seeks feedback on the needs and issues facing historic places in Delaware.

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## Archaeological symposium at the New Castle Court House Museum on April 29, 2017

Program seeks to identify the uniqueness of the Colonial cultures in the Delaware Valley in the 17th and 18th centuries.

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## May is Delaware Archaeology Month!

Program designed to promote the study and conservation of the state's archaeological resources.

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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:

## [History series features "Founding Fathers & Mothers"](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—April 26, 2017

Program presented at Dover's Old State House in April 2017.

## [First Saturday events return to Georgetown in 2017](#)

Sussex County Post, Seaford, Del.—April 25, 2017

Old Sussex County Court House among venues that can be visited.

## [Lending a hand: Volunteers donate their time, efforts for John Dickinson Plantation cleanup](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—April 25, 2017

Event took place as part of National Volunteer Week.

## [Zwaanendael Museum maritime celebration set for May 27-28](#)

Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—April 11, 2017

Event to feature local maritime-history demonstrations and displays.

## [Delaware Day marks unveiling of American Revolution museum](#)

Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg, Va.—March 25, 2017

New museum tells the story of the founding of the nation from the late-Colonial period through the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

## [The Epic Ride That Kick-Started the American Revolution](#)

OZY Media, —March 17, 2017

Article on Caesar Rodney's ride to Philadelphia.

## Articles on Dover's celebration of its 300th anniversary

Activities to kick off as part of the Dover Days Festival beginning on May 5, 2017.

## [Dover ready to celebrate a major milestone](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—April 25, 2017

[Dover to celebrate Tricentennial birthday](#)  
Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—April 25, 2017

[At Dover Days Festival, city celebrates 300 years](#)  
Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—April 23, 2017

### Articles on the “Make a Splash Festival”

April 5, 2017 water-education program was a joint effort of the St. Jones Reserve and the John Dickinson Plantation.

[Delaware fourth graders ‘Make a Splash’](#)  
Dover Post, Del.—April 6, 2017

[‘Make a Splash’ festival turns students onto water](#)  
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—April 5, 2017

## Events

### Saturday, April 29

[Archaeological and Historical Symposium of the Colonial Delaware Valley](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[King’s Day](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

### Sunday, April 30

[SpringFest at Fort Christina](#) – Fort Christina National Historic Landmark

### Wednesday, May 3

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

### Friday–Sunday, May 5–7

[Dover Days Festival](#) – Downtown Dover

### Saturday, May 6

[Some Like Classical](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Dover Days at the John Dickinson Plantation](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[First Saturday Historical Tour](#) – Downtown Georgetown

[William Penn vs Lord Baltimore: Let’s Get Ready to Rumble](#) – The Old State House

### Sunday, May 7

[Iron Hill Archaeology and Heritage Festival](#) – Iron Hill Museum

### Saturday, May 13

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

[Daniel Morgan: Revolutionary War General](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

### Saturday, May 20

[A Day in Old New Castle](#) – Downtown New Castle

[Military Encampment](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

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

**Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28**

[A Sailor's Life for Me](#)—Zwaanendael Museum's 6th Annual Maritime Celebration – Zwaanendael Museum

**Monday, May 29**

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

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

[Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – Online

[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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