

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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

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## News

### Division to sponsor 14 special programs during the 2016 winter-holiday season

Eight holiday-themed activities among the programs to be offered.

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The Johnson Victrola Museum will present "A Victrola for Christmas" on Dec. 3, 2016.

**Delaware Department of State receives Tourism Champion Award from Kent County Tourism Agency** honored for its contributions to the tourism and hospitality industries in Kent County.

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## Help Save Delaware History

**Small grants available from Delaware Preservation Fund**

Program supports preservation activities at historic properties and districts. Deadline: Dec. 16, 2016.

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**Restoration work completed at Old Sussex County Court House**

\$307,000 project included both exterior restoration, and interior refurbishment of the building's first and second floors.

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### **Hale-Byrnes House to receive \$47,610 grant from the Longwood Foundation**

Funding will be used for repair of deteriorating mortar joints at the building's gables and chimneys.

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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:

### [‘First Saturday’ celebrates holiday traditions](#)

The News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Nov. 28, 2016

Article on Dec. 3, 2016 events in downtown Dover.

### [Return Day: A time to make peace ... and move on](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Nov. 11, 2016

Article noted ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the rededication of the Old Sussex County Court House.

### [Kent County Tourism unveils new branding](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Nov. 10, 2016

Article notes Tourism Champion Award won by Delaware Department of State.

### **Articles on the opening of the Museum at Tweeds Park**

Hockessin Historical Society oversees the site.

#### [Hockessin's first museum opens with possibility of becoming tourist center](#)

Hockessin Community News, Middletown, Del.—Nov. 3, 2016

#### [A new home for Hockessin's rich history](#)

The News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Oct. 27, 2016

## **Events**

### **Wednesday, Nov. 30**

[Rollin’ on the River](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

### **Thursday, Dec. 1**

[Hospitality Night: The Holiday Pickle](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

### **Saturday, Dec. 3**

[A Victrola for Christmas](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Tour Zwaanendael Museum](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Handmade for the Holidays](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

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

[Historic Holiday Traditions](#) – The Old State House

[Listen Up! The Art of Sound](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Captain Robert Kirkwood](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

[History of Belmont Hall, Smyrna](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

**Wednesday, Dec. 7**

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

[1784-1787: Continental Congress to Constitution](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

[Spirit of Christmas in New Castle](#) – Downtown New Castle

[Delaware Day Awards Ceremony](#) – Delaware Public Archives

[Land and Sea Christmas: Buena Vista Holiday Open House](#) – Buena Vista

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

[The Tragic and Heroic Legacy of Jacob Jones](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

[Wreaths Across America](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

[Handmade for the Holidays](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

**Saturday, Dec. 24**

[Christmas Eve](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

**Sunday, Dec. 25**

[Christmas Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

**Monday, Dec. 26**

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

**Sunday, Jan. 1**

[New Year's Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

**Monday, Jan. 2**

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

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

## Exhibits and Displays

**Thru Jan. 28, 2017**

[Wine and Spirits in Delaware: Producing, Preserving, and Presenting](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

**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

[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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