

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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## News

### Division to present 12 special events during January 2016

Highlights include "Fiber Arts Fridays," "Tales Tombstones Tell" and a lecture on the preservation of George Washington's boyhood home.

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Children learn about weaving at the John Dickinson Plantation. "Fiber Arts Fridays" will be held at the plantation on successive Fridays between Jan. 8 and 29, 2015.

### Fourteenth annual Delaware Day competition winners announced

Program encourages students to study the U.S. Constitution.

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### Hats off to the staff, volunteers, partners and friends of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs!

Dec. 14, 2015 event recognized people who made a difference in 2015.

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## Help Save Delaware History

### Two additional Delaware properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Adams Home Farm in Greenwood and the Evans-West House in Ocean View are the most recent listings.

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### **Archaeological Society of Delaware logo contest**

Submission deadline: Jan. 1, 2016

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### **Call for session proposals for the Council of American Maritime Museums annual conference**

Conference to be held April 25-27, 2016 in Wilmington, Del. Deadline for submission: Jan. 15, 2016

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### **New Castle County seeks solution for historical homes**

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 7, 2015

Nonprofit arts startup may move into the Jester Farmhouse.

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### **Unmarked graves offer window into past**

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Dec. 1, 2015

Archaeologist identifies Wolfe family cemetery outside Lewes.

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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 article have recently appeared in the media:

#### [Historic preservation lecture set at Zwaanendael Museum Jan. 16](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Dec. 25, 2015

Article highlights division programs in Kent and Sussex counties during January 2016.

#### [50 Unbelievable \(but True\) Facts and Attractions Entice Curiosity Seekers to These Northeast US Towns](#)

Huffington Post, New York, N.Y.—Dec. 17, 2015

Article notes the DeBraak exhibit at the Zwaanendael Museum.

#### [A Drive to Dover, Delaware](#)

Prince William Living, Dale City, Va.—Dec. 11, 2015

Article on tourist attractions in Delaware’s capital city.

#### [Art damaged in fire returns to Legislative Hall](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Dec. 10, 2015

Update on division-maintained historical portraits damaged in the Oct. 7, 2015 Legislative Hall fire.

#### [Volunteer Saves World War II Photo Collection](#)

Passed Time, Dover, Del.—Dec. 7, 2015

Reprint of division blog about Carolyn Apple.

#### [Bethel Historical Society to celebrate 40th anniversary, honor Hutchinson](#)

Laurel Star, Del.—Dec. 2, 2015

Anniversary activities to feature a display of Native American artifacts collected by Henry Hutchinson.

#### [No matter how you slice it, pies are a Thanksgiving treat](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Nov. 25, 2015

Article features interview with Vertie Lee of the John Dickinson Plantation on 18th-century pie making.

# Events

## **Saturday, Jan. 2**

Music to Pray To; Music to Rejoice To – Johnson Victrola Museum

Tales Tombstones Tell – The Old State House

## **Fridays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29**

Fiber Arts Fridays – John Dickinson Plantation

## **Saturday, Jan. 9**

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

## **Wednesday, Jan. 13**

The Founding of America in One Year – New Castle Court House Museum

## **Saturday, Jan. 16**

Preservation of George Washington's Boyhood Home – Zwaanendael Museum

## **Monday, Jan. 18**

Courage and Freedom – The Old State House

The Struggle – Johnson Victrola Museum

## **Tuesday, Jan. 19**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Historical Perspective – New Castle Court House Museum

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

# Exhibits and Displays

## **Thru March 19, 2016**

[Delaware and the War of 1812](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

## **Thru April 17, 2016**

Delaware Mourns Lincoln: A Demonstration of Love and Sorrow – The Old State House

## **Thru June 30, 2016**

[Middletown Goes To War](#) – 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

[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

World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis – Legislative Hall

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