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News

National Women's History Month events among 21 special programs sponsored by the division during March 2016

Programs on operatic divas, women's lives at the John Dickinson Plantation and the escape of an enslaved woman among the month's highlights.

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Operatic soprano Rosa Ponselle will be one of the divas featured at the Johnson Victrola Museum on March 5, 2016.

"Delaware and the War of 1812" exhibit to close on March 19, 2016

Exhibit on display at the Zwaanendael Museum.

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Woodburn lit up in blue and green in honor of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

The theme of the 2016 campaign is "3 Minutes Can Save a Life: Get Screened. Get Help. Get Healthy."

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Help Save Delaware History

Grantham-Edwards-McComb House added to the National Register of Historic Places

Property once owned by Col. Henry S. McComb, one of the founders of the Union Pacific Railroad.

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Call for papers: “The Early Colonial Delaware Valley—An Archaeological and Historical Symposium”

Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 22, 2016.

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This place matters

Dover Post, Del.—Feb. 14, 2016

Op-Ed on Preservation50 by Kate O'Donnell and Kim Burdick.

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Preserving the past: The state of historic preservation in Delaware

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Jan. 29, 2016

Article explores the victories and defeats of historic preservation in Delaware.

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National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week in Washington, D.C., March 8–10, 2016

Annual gathering promotes sound federal preservation policy and programs.

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Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, March 10–13, 2016

Event to take place in Ocean City, Md.

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Council of American Maritime Museums Annual Conference, April 25–27, 2016

Hosted by the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, event will take place in Wilmington.

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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:

[Kent County genealogy: African American property owners, tenants, 1797](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Feb. 22, 2016

Article on Feb. 13, 2016 program at The Old State House.

[Black History Month: Samuel Burris](#)

The Independent, Massillon, Ohio—Feb. 12, 2016

Article on the noted Underground Railroad conductor from Delaware.

[Clarksville church rooted in black history](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Feb. 11, 2016

Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Articles on “Through the Lens” exhibit at the Seaford Museum

Exhibit of photographs from the state’s William D. Willis collection.

[Can you imagine your life as history?](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Feb. 19, 2016

[Seaford Museum exhibit offers a snapshot of WWII](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Feb. 18, 2016

Articles on George Washington birthday celebration

Event took place on Feb. 22, 2016 at The Old State House.

[First State celebrates first president](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Feb. 22, 2016

[Delawareans talk up Washington's birthday](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Feb. 20, 2016

Events

Wednesday, March 2

All That Jazz: From the Beginning – Johnson Victrola Museum

Thursday, March 3

Anniversary of the John Dickinson Mansion Fire – John Dickinson Plantation

Friday, March 4

Sculpture by Charles Parks – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, March 5

From Prima Donnas to Divas: A Victor Creation – Johnson Victrola Museum

A Woman's World: Hearth Cooking – John Dickinson Plantation

The Influence of the Shadd Family – The Old State House

Wednesday, March 9

Play That Old-Time Country Music – Johnson Victrola Museum

Leading Causes of the American Revolution—Post-French-and-Indian-War – New Castle Court House Museum

Thursday, March 10

National Harriet Tubman Day and Network to Freedom cancellation-stamp celebration – The Old State House

Thursday–Sunday, March 10–13

Courage and Freedom – The Old State House

Friday, March 11

Concert by the Driven Women – The Old State House

Saturday, March 12

A World Apart: Run for Freedom – John Dickinson Plantation

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Songs of a Faithful People – New Castle Court House Museum

The National Register of Historic Places: A Profile of Sussex County's Listings – Zwaanendael Museum

Sunday, March 13

Whispers of Angels: A Story of the Underground Railroad – New Castle Court House Museum

Wednesday, March 16

The Minstrel Boy: The Life of John McCormack – Johnson Victrola Museum

Saturday, March 19

A Woman's World: Journal Making – John Dickinson Plantation

Wednesday, March 23

Celebration of the Life and Times of Fats Waller – Johnson Victrola Museum

Thursday, March 24

Same Old Grind – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Friday, March 25

Good Friday – Johnson Victrola Museum, Old State House, John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and the Zwaanendael Museum will be open

Saturday, March 26

A Woman's World: Watercolors – John Dickinson Plantation

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday – Johnson Victrola Museum, Old State House, John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and the Zwaanendael Museum will be closed

Thursday, March 31

A Night with Edgar Allan Poe – The Old State House

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

[Through the Lens](#) – Seaford Museum

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



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