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News

Division releases 2015 annual report

Document tells the agency's 2015 story as seen through the accomplishments of its employees and volunteers.

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African American History Month programs among 17 division-sponsored events in February 2016

Highlights include programs on Paul Robeson, stories of enslaved people at the John Dickinson Plantation, and the Green Book, a travel guide for people of color during the segregation era.

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Division creates World War II photographic exhibit at Seaford Museum

Exhibit features photographs taken by Dover, Del. native William D. Willis from 1943 to 1945.

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Painting Party at Buena Vista on Feb. 18, 2016

Professional artist provides guests with step-by-step instruction.

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Division seeks museum/historic-site interpreter at the Buena Vista Conference Center

Application deadline: Feb. 5, 2016.

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Help Save Delaware History

Celebrating historic preservation in the First State

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Jan. 29, 2016

Article on festivities marking the 50th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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Nat'l Park Service seeks input on restoration, use of old New Castle Sheriff's House

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Jan. 29, 2016

Feedback due by Feb. 15, 2015.

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Georgetown eyes historic renovations

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Jan. 22, 2016

Project to renovate and improve two aging buildings.

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Potato houses offer glimpse into rich farm history

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Jan. 21, 2016

Surviving potato houses listed in National Register of Historic Places. The Philips Potato House received a [Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grant](#).

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Fate of Dinker Cottage causes uproar in Bethany Beach

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Jan. 20, 2016

Article on efforts to preserve 100-year-old cottage.

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OVHS adds Evans-West house to the National Registry

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—Jan. 14, 2016

Historic Ocean View home was built in 1901.

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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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“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:

[A look at long-gone Chitlin Circuit](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Feb. 2, 2016

Article on services in Delaware for black people during the segregation era.

[Delaware museums to host programs for African-American History Month starting Feb. 6](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 23, 2016
Article on division programs in February 2016.

[Newsmax's 50 Best Small Towns in America](#)

Newsmax, West Palm Beach, Fla.— Jan. 20, 2016
New Castle, Del. ranks 23rd on the list.

[‘Friends’ gather for Old Christmas at Prince George’s Chapel](#)

Sussex County Post, Seaford, Del.—Jan. 11, 2015
Article on historic, division-owned property built in 1755.

[History Teacher](#)

Coastal Style Magazine, Ocean City, Md.—Jan. 4, 2016
Article on Jim Blackwell of the Seaford Museum.

[History buffs spellbound by tales of Delaware cemeteries](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 2, 2016
Article on “Tales Tombstones Tell” program at The Old State House on Jan. 2, 2016.

Events

Saturday, Feb. 6

Paul Robeson’s Family Ties and Contributions – Johnson Victrola Museum

A World Apart: Deconstructing a Life – John Dickinson Plantation

African-American History in Delaware: People, Places and Events – The Old State House

Painting a Portrait: Crystals and Hoodoo Aboard the H.M.S. DeBraak – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Feb. 13

Songs of Love – Johnson Victrola Museum

A Great Worthy of the Revolution: John Dickinson’s Remembrance Day – John Dickinson Plantation

African-American Presence in Kent County, Delaware 1837 and 1845 – The Old State House

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

The Green Book and Vibrant African-American Communities – Zwaanendael Museum

Monday, Feb. 15

Presidents Day – Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House

Thursday, Feb. 18

Painting Party @ Buena Vista – Buena Vista Conference Center

Saturday, Feb. 20

Fats Waller: A Man of Many Talents – Johnson Victrola Museum

A World Apart: Dinah’s World – John Dickinson Plantation

Kidnapped: The Experience of Slavery and Freedom of Aaron Cooper in Delaware – The Old State House

Monday, Feb. 22

Washington's Birthday – Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House

George Washington Birthday Celebration – The Old State House

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Over There: World War I and the Victor Talking Machine Company – Johnson Victrola Museum

Saturday, Feb. 27

Marian Anderson: An African-American First – Johnson Victrola Museum

The Green Book and Vibrant African-American Communities – The Old State House

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

Exhibits and Displays

Opening Feb. 13, 2016

[Through the Lens](#) – Seaford Museum

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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