

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Capital improvements completed at state-owned historic properties in New Castle

State invested \$350,000 for projects at the New Castle Court House Museum, Arsenal, Academy and Green.

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Before and after photos of repairs to the New Castle Academy's garden wall.

Division to sponsor 14 special programs during May 2016

Highlights of the month include programs on the saving of The Old State House, a symposium on the early Colonial archaeology of the Delaware Valley region and the Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration.

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The Life and Love of Ethel Canby Peets

Article on the noted Delaware artist written by division intern Amanda Svehla.

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Division staff news

Additions made to volunteer-services, horticulture and site-management teams and at the Buena Vista Conference Center.

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Quilt Documentation Day to take place at Lewes Presbyterian Church on April 30, 2016

Project is designed to record the rich tradition of quilt-making in the state of Delaware.

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“The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016”

Display will open at Dover's Old State House on May 4, 2016.

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Help Save Delaware History

Division seeks architectural historian

Application deadline: April 29, 2016

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Theme of 2016 Dover Days Festival is historic preservation

Division will be offering several programs including those celebrating the 1976 restoration of The Old State House.

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Archaeological symposium at the New Castle Court House Museum on May 7, 2016

Program seeks to identify the uniqueness of the early colonial cultures in the region.

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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:

[DNS Honors Marvel Family, Celebrates Slaughter Beach](#)

Milford Live, Del.—March 29, 2016

Article notes partnership between the division and the Delaware Nature Society.

Articles featuring the First State National Historical Park

Park includes New Castle Court House Museum and John Dickinson Plantation.

[Delaware's new national park is spread over 100 miles](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—April 10, 2016

[The Newest National Parks to Visit in 2016](#)

Huffington Post, New York, N.Y.—March 21, 2016

Articles on the Dover Days Festival

Theme of this year’s event is historic preservation.

[Dover Days Festival 'Preservation 50' programs May 6-8](#)

Milford Beacon, Del.—April 20, 2016

[Dover Days Festival set for May 6-8](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—March 31, 2016
Article notes the festival theme is historic preservation.

Articles on division historic-site interpreter Tom Welch

Welch is a scholar on the prominent McLain family of Delaware.

[Enjoy the rich history of Delaware](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—April 16, 2016

[Historian's work brings Revolutionary spy Allen McLane back to life](#)

The Daily Local, West Chester, Pa.—April 8, 2016

Articles on the Make a Splash Festival

Event occurred at the John Dickinson Plantation and St. Jones Reserve on April 5, 2016.

[Water takes center stage as fourth-graders Make a Splash](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—April 11, 2016

[Delaware fourth-graders learn liquid lesson about water](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—April 5, 2016

Articles on “Wine and Spirits in Delaware”

Exhibit currently on display at The Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes.

[Wine and Spirits in Delaware exhibit to open in Lewes April 2](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—March 29, 2016

[‘Wine and Spirits in Delaware’ exhibit to open April 2](#)

Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—March 24, 2016

Events

Saturday, April 30

[King's Day](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Quilt Documentation Day](#) – Lewes Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1

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

[Post Cards of the Past](#) – The Old State House

Tuesday, May 3

[Preserving Sussex County History: The Green Book](#) – Laurel Public Library

Wednesday, May 4

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

Friday, May 6

[There's a Party in the House](#) – The Old State House

Friday–Sunday, May 6–8

[Dover Days Festival](#) – Downtown Dover

Saturday, May 7

[Symposium on the Early Colonial Archaeology of the Delaware Valley](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

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

Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8

[Dover Days at The Old State House](#) – The Old State House

[Sounds of War: Patriotic Music](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Wednesday, May 11

[1774—The Continental-Congress Era Begins](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, May 14

[Military Encampment](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

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

[Black Patriots of the American Revolution](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, May 15

[Armchair Tour of Market Street, Wilmington](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, May 20

[African-American History in 20th Century Delaware: The Green Book](#) – City of Wilmington

Saturday, May 21

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

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

Saturday, May 28

[A Sailor's Life for Me](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Monday, May 30

[Memorial Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum, Old State House, John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and the Zwaanendael Museum will be open.

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

Exhibits and Displays

Thru June 30, 2016

[Called to Service: Women's Roles During World War II](#) – Legislative Hall

[Middletown Goes To War](#) – Middletown Historical Society

Thru Jan. 28, 2017

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

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

[Through the Lens](#) – Seaford Museum



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