

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

“Listen Up!”: How About Something Different?

Division’s spoken-word program finds new ways to connect young people with history.

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The next public program in the “Listen Up!” series will take place at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2016 at The Old State House in Dover. During the program, participating youth will present spoken-word performances that explore Delaware’s role in the 13 Colonies’ fight for independence from England.

Programs on America’s struggle for independence among 20 special events sponsored by the division during July 2016

Spoken-word program and lecture on Independence Day, plus patriotic music among the sponsored events.

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History abounds near Delaware’s beaches

A wealth of historic sites are open for visitation.

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Reservations still available for “Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak”

Tours explore the surviving hull section of this 18th-century shipwreck

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Help Save Delaware History

Division honored with preservation award

Agency recognized for improvements to four state-owned historic properties in New Castle.

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Gov. Markell unveils interpretive sign marking the location of Fort Casimir

Ceremony coincides with the announcement of a \$71,500 grant for archaeological investigations at the New Castle site.

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Video commissioned by the division celebrates archaeology in Delaware

Presented in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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Groups look to save WWII towers on Delaware coast

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—June 27, 2016

After restoration, visitors will be able to climb to the top of these structures.

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Grants for historic preservation

National Park Service now accepting applications for National Maritime Heritage Grants and Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities.

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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:

[Historical and Cultural Affairs lists special July 4 events, more](#)

Dover Post, Del.—June 22, 2016

Article notes five patriotic-themed programs.

[From Old Courthouse belfry, Georgetown is getting its bell rung](#)

Sussex County Post, Seaford, Del.—June 16, 2016

Article on repairs to the mechanism for ringing the court house’s bell.

Events

Saturday and Monday, July 2 and 4

[Independence Day](#) – The Old State House

[Stars and Stripes](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Wednesday, July 6

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

Wednesdays and Thursdays, July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28

[Lost Off Lewes: Tours of the British Warship DeBraak](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28

[Thirsty on Thursdays](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, July 9

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

Wednesday, July 13
[1776—Independence Declared](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, July 16
[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

[Learning About Ben Franklin](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, July 17
[Newark's Woolen Mills](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, July 23
[Summer Bridge Service Project Day](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, July 23
[Movie Night on the Lawn](#) – Buena Vista Conference Center

[Lighthouse Sunset Cruise](#) – Lewes Harbor

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

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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