

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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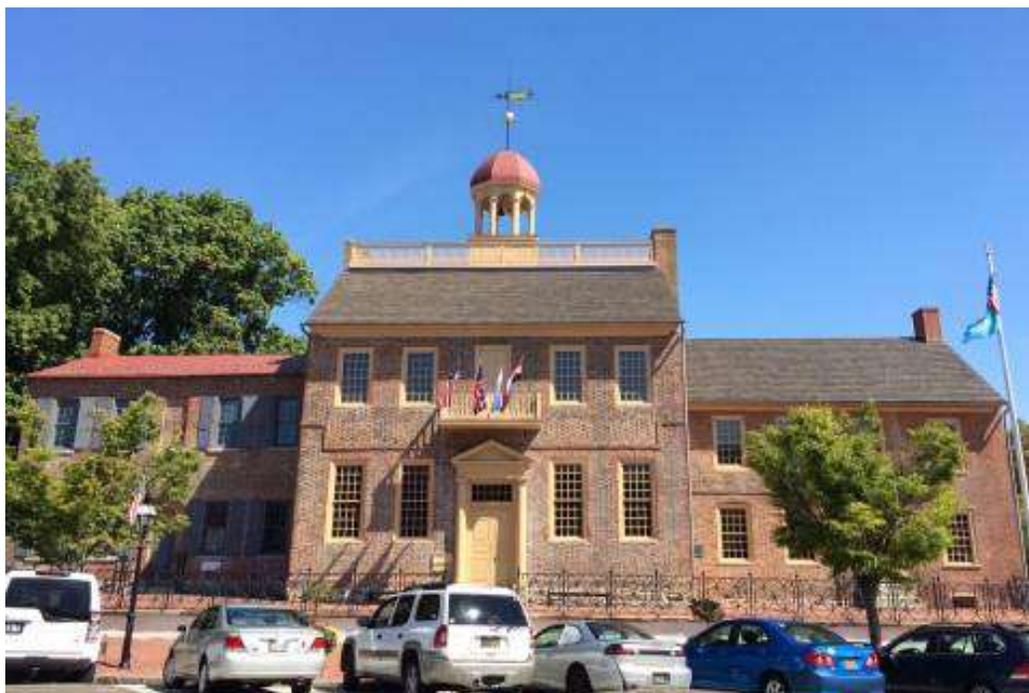
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## News

### **Progress report on improvements to state-owned historic properties in New Castle**

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

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New Castle Court House. A number of capital improvements were made to the historic structure in the spring of 2015.

### **Division to sponsor 17 special events during October 2015**

Highlights of the month include programs on William Penn, the Ridgely family of Dover and Lewes in the 1600s.

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### **Division honors employees and volunteers at all-staff meeting**

Agency celebrates its achievements and the people who helped make them possible.

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### **Division welcomes three new staff members**

Additions made to the Buena Vista Conference Center, Preservation and Site Management teams.

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### **World War II Mission Symbols**

Fourth in a series of articles exploring the subjects of images from the state's William D. Willis World War II Photographic Collection.

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# Help Save Delaware History

## Get involved in Preservation 50, the golden anniversary celebration of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

Activities to take place through October 2016.

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### Keeping the past alive: Historic preservation in Kent County

Dover Post, Del.—Sept. 27, 2015

Article notes the importance of preserving historic places.

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### Milford Museum gets in on the act of preservation

Milford Beacon, Del.—Sept. 23, 2015

Public meeting held in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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### Preserving black heritage in Georgetown

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—Sept. 18, 2015

Historic Richard Allen School to be saved.

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### Historic Reed home near Little Heaven looks destined for demolition

Dover Post, Del.—Sept. 9, 2015

National-Register-of-Historic Places-listed property was built in 1771.

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### Delaware Backstory: Plan set to save house from 1700s

News Journal, Aug. 30, 2015

Historic Allee House is located in Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

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### Small Grants Help Revitalize Downtown Dover

Funding can be used to preserve historic properties.

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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:

### [Meet The New Biggs: Bigger, brighter, more spread out](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.,—Sept. 24, 2015

Building is owned by the state of Delaware and leased to the Biggs Museum by the division.

### [Delaware Seashore State Park offering lighthouse weekend package Nov. 6-8](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Sep 11, 2015

Programs on Delaware Breakwater-East End and Fenwick Island lighthouses to be featured.

### [Fenwick Lighthouse remains coastal landmark](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Sept. 11, 2015

State-owned structure is leased to the New Friends of the Fenwick Island Lighthouse.

[Delaware Lenape, Nanticoke, celebrate heritage in Dover](#)

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

Programs took place at The Old State House and The Green on Sept. 5, 2015.

### **Articles on Cooch's Bridge**

Site south of Newark was the location of the only Revolutionary War battle fought on Delaware soil.

[Out of the Attic: The Cooch House, part 2](#)

Newark Post, Del.—Sept. 17, 2015

[Out of the Attic: The Cooch House](#)

Newark Post, Del.—Sept. 10, 2015

[Delaware Backstory: Famous flag, history or myth?](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Sept. 6, 2015

[Cooch's Bridge memorial honors contributions of Delaware militia](#)

Newark Post, Del.—Sept. 7, 2015

## **Events**

### **Saturday, Oct. 3**

Dates of Distinction: Birth and Re-Birth of a State House – Old State House

Signature Sounds: Entertaining the Ridgelys – Johnson Victrola Museum

Riding the Rails to Freedom – Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery

River Towns Ride and Festival – New Castle Court House Museum

From Whales to War: A History of Lewes in the 17th Century – Zwaanendael Museum

A Bed in the Parlor: James Logan and Navigating Disability in Early America – Hale-Byrnes House

### **Wednesday, Oct. 7**

Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Why Were There Frisian Horses Upriver From New Castle? – New Castle Arsenal

### **Thursday, Oct. 8**

Tales Tombstones Tell – Darley House

### **Saturday, Oct. 10**

Brunch With Ainsworth Abbott – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

### **Wednesday, Oct. 14**

The Doctor is In: A Day with Dr. Sykes – Old State House

Hollywood History at the Court House: 'Legend of Sleepy Hollow – New Castle Court House Museum

Who Was the New Castle Resident Called America's First Architect? – New Castle Arsenal

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

Cabin to Capsule – New Sweden Centre

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**

Women's Words: The Civil War Told Through Delaware's Female Diarists – Old State House

What Son of a Prominent Resident Was an Opium Dealer and Diplomat? – New Castle Arsenal

**Friday, Oct. 23**

Lantern Tours of the Plantation – John Dickinson Plantation

**Saturday, Oct. 24**

William Penn Day – New Castle Court House Museum

John Jay: An American Huguenot and the Founding of a Nation – Hale-Byrnes House

**Monday, Oct. 26**

7 Steps to Freedom – New Castle Court House Museum

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**

Courage and Freedom – Old State House

Video Interviews With People Who Remember – New Castle Arsenal

**Saturday, Oct. 31**

Spooky Sounds – Johnson Victrola Museum

River Towns Ride and Festival – New Castle Court House Museum

Mysteries of History – Zwaanendael Museum

Halloween at The Old State House – Old State House

Edgar Allan Poe at The Old State House – Old State House

## Exhibits and Displays

**Ongoing**

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

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

Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past – Zwaanendael Museum

[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

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

[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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