

Historical and Cultural Affairs

The historic preservation and museums newsletter of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

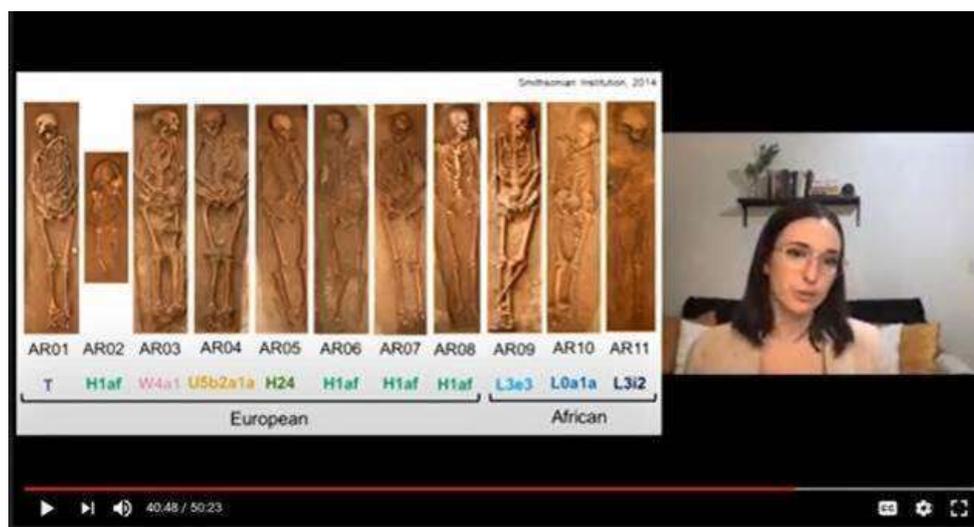
Sept. 29, 2020 * Volume 13, Issue 9

News

Video explores genetic background of eight white and three Black people who lived at Avery's Rest, a 17th century Delaware homestead

Research helps provide a greater understanding of the early colonial history of European and African persons in Delaware.

[Read more ...](#)



Screenshot from Raquel Fleskes' presentation "Results of the Avery's Rest Bioarchaeological Investigations"

"Cyber Seafaring": The Zwaanendael Museum's virtual maritime-history series, Oct. 1–3, 2020

Four-part series of virtual presentations on the Lewes/Cape Henlopen region's maritime history.

[Read more ...](#)

"Civil War Band of Brothers: Four Men of the First Delaware Regiment" — lecture streamed virtually from The Old State House on Oct. 22, 2020

Program explores the true stories of four men — a doctor, a chaplain, a soldier and an Irish immigrant — who served in the unit.

[Read more ...](#)

"Mischief Managed: Throwing a Hotsy-Totsy Halloween Bash" at the Johnson Victrola Museum on Oct. 30, 2020

Virtual historical-theater presentation to be streamed live.

[Read more ...](#)

Volunteers respond to storm damage at Belmont Hall on National Cleanup Day

Historic Smyrna site was hit by Tropical Storm Isaias on Aug. 4, 2020.

[Read more ...](#)

Division completes exterior rehabilitation of the Zwaanendael Museum

Work included cleaning, replacement of weather-damaged shutters and repainting all remaining window frames and shutters at the Lewes site.

[Read more ...](#)

Three new employees join the division

Volunteer Services, and Horticulture and Preservation-Maintenance teams welcome new staff.

[Read more ...](#)

Phase II museum reopening information

Division's museums now open with self-guided tours that allow visitors to experience the history of the First State while continuing to take all recommended steps to safeguard public health.

[Read more ...](#)

[Go here for more news items ...](#)

Help Save Delaware History

From the Pacific to Delaware: Preserving and protecting our submerged archaeological sites

Guest article by division archaeologist Stephanie Soder.

[Read more ...](#)

Delaware schoolhouse may get rightful place in Black history

Philadelphia Tribune, Pa. — Sept. 21, 2020

Article explores New Castle County's efforts to preserve the building that served as a school for Black students prior to desegregation.

[Read more ...](#)

Millsboro's Warren's Mill collapsing; town weighs options

Delaware State News, Dover — Sept. 10, 2020

National-Register-listed property was built in the early 1900s.

[Read more ...](#)

"Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future — Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022"

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware's heritage for the future.

[Read more ...](#)

Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Carey's Frame Shop shines a light on history both local and family](#)

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del. — Sept. 17, 2020

[National-Register-listed property](#) was built in the 1840s.

[Proud To Serve: Octagonal Schoolhouse](#)

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md. — Rebroadcast on Sept. 9, 2020

Video originally broadcast on Sept. 11, 2018 on the one-room schoolhouse in Cowgill's Corner, Del.

Articles featuring the Battle of Cooch's Bridge

Only Revolutionary War battle fought in Delaware.

[Digging into Del. school property's history unearths ties to George Washington](#)

WHYY, Philadelphia, Pa. — Sept. 26, 2020

[The Battle of Cooches Bridge](#)

Delaware Business Now, Newark — Sept. 2, 2020

Events

Thursday–Saturday, Oct. 1–3

[Cyber Seafaring](#) – Virtual programs from the Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, Oct. 7

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

Sunday, Oct. 11

[Port Penn](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Oct. 17

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

[The Life of One Young Boy \(Jacob Jones\) in Lewes During the Revolution](#) – Virtual program from Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, Oct. 22

[Civil War Band of Brothers: Four Men of the First Delaware Regiment](#) – Virtual program from The Old State House

Friday, Oct. 30

[Mischief Managed: Throwing a Hotsy-Totsy Halloween Bash](#) – Virtual program from the Johnson Victrola Museum

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

Exhibits and Displays

The five museums of the State of Delaware are currently presenting the following exhibits and displays. In keeping with Gov. Carney’s [Phase II guidance](#) for reopening the state in wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the museums are open for self-guided tours [via reservation only](#).

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – 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

For additional opportunities to explore Delaware history online, go to the [Delaware Digital History Museum](#).



Historical and Cultural Affairs

The historic-preservation and museums newsletter of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Historical and Cultural Affairs is designed to stimulate public interest in the division's museums, programs and services, and to increase awareness of the value that history and historic preservation bring to the lives of Delaware's citizens and visitors. The newsletter is distributed during the last week of each month, via e-mail, to division staff members, Delaware's historical- and preservation-related communities and friends. Please submit relevant articles, news items and suggestions to Jim Yurasek, newsletter editor, at jim.yurasek@delaware.gov.

[Non-Discrimination Statement and Acknowledgement of Support](#)

If you would like to be added to, or removed from, the e-newsletter mailing list, please e-mail the editor.

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
21 The Green
Dover, DE 19901
Telephone: 302-736-7400
Fax: (302) 739-5660
Web: <http://history.delaware.gov>