

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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

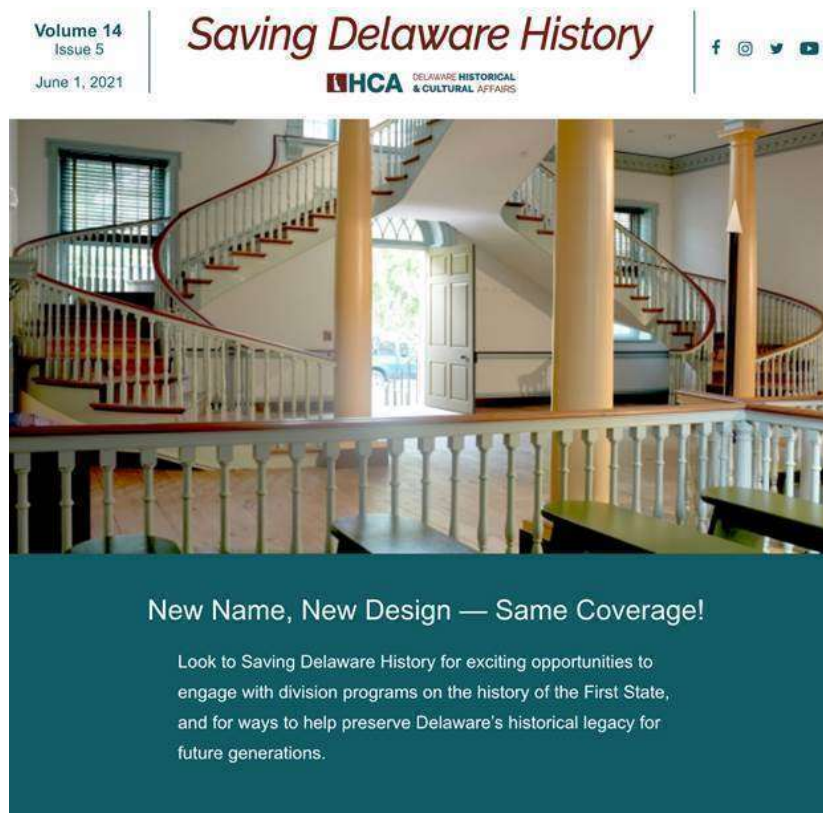
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## News

### Division's redesigned e-newsletter coming in June

Renamed Saving Delaware History, the revamped publication will reach e-mail boxes on June 1, 2021.

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#### New Name, New Design — Same Coverage!

Look to Saving Delaware History for exciting opportunities to engage with division programs on the history of the First State, and for ways to help preserve Delaware's historical legacy for future generations.

### Division to sponsor 6 virtual programs in May 2021

The archaeology series "History Unearthed," "Trivia Night" and "The Wreck of the DeBraak" will be explored.

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### "A Mere Mock Freedom: Free and Enslaved Black Life in Delaware 1790–1840"

Video explores anti-slavery activity in Delaware in the late-18th century and the subsequent passage of repressive legislation targeting free Blacks in the 19th century.

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### Division museums open with tours by appointment

Tours allow visitors to experience the history of the First State while continuing to take all recommended steps to safeguard public health.

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# Help Save Delaware History

## Unsolved Histories: Researching Old Properties in Delaware

Free online workshop on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

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## Upgrades finished at George Read House

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del. — April 23, 2021

Mechanical work completed at National Historic Landmark in New Castle.

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## Articles on potential demolition of Wilmington's Brown House

National-Register-listed property was built circa 1820.

[Wilmington's historic Brown House gets a reprieve](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del. — April 23, 2021

[Battlelines drawn in fight over preserving Wilmington's historic Brown House](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del. — March 26, 2021

[The history of Wilmington's Brown House](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del. — March 26, 2021

## “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.

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# Media Roundup

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

[Zwaanendael Museum history programs to start May 6](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del. — April 24, 2021

Five programs to be featured including the “History Unearthed” archaeology series.

## Articles on burial ground identified at John Dickinson Plantation

Site likely to hold the remains of enslaved African Americans.

[Slave burial ground discovery at Dickinson Plantation comes with 'heavy responsibility'](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del. — April 1, 2021

[Burial ground identified at John Dickinson Plantation in Dover](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del. — March 28, 2021

# Events

**Tuesday, April 27**

[King's Day](#) — Facebook activities from the Zwaanendael Museum

**Saturday, April 30**

[Across the Atlantic to Appalachia](#) — Virtual program from the Johnson Victrola Museum

**Tuesday, May 4**

[Trivia Night](#) — Virtual program from the John Dickinson Plantation

**Thursday, May 6**

[The Wreck of the DeBraak](#) — Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

**Saturday, May 8**

[Archaeology of One Black Family in Early Delaware](#) — Virtual program from Hale-Byrnes House

**Sunday, May 9**

[Writings of Warner Mifflin: Forgotten Quaker Abolitionist](#) — Virtual program from Hale-Byrnes House

**Saturday, May 15**

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

**Tuesday, May 25**

[The Wreck of the DeBraak](#) — Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

**Wednesday, May 26**

[Diving Into History: A Look at Maritime Archaeology](#) — Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

**Thursday, May 27**

[Putting the Pieces Together](#) — Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

[Architecture or Artifact](#) — Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

For a 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 [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](#).



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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](mailto:jim.yurasek@delaware.gov).

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