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News

Winter-holiday-themed events among the 15 special programs at division sites in December 2014

“Nutcracker Storytime,” Buena Vista Open House and “Handmade for the Holidays” among programs to be featured. Read more ...

Buena Vista mansion will be hosting an open house on Dec. 13, 2014

New displays feature sculpture by Charles Parks and clothing from the “Downton Abbey” era Displays added at the New Castle Court House Museum and the Zwaanendael Museum. Read more ...

“An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad in Delaware” exhibit to close on Dec. 7, 2014 Exhibit on display at the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries in Dover, Del. Read more ...

Arsenal opens as home of the New Castle Historical Society Historic property leased to the historical society by the division. Read more ...

Division welcomes new staff member … and bids farewell to a valued colleague Rachel Wootten is the new volunteer services coordinator; Horticulture Team manager Ken Darsney departs. Read more ...

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Help Save Delaware History
Division seeks next-of-kin for unmarked human remains found near Hawks Nest Circle in Lewes, Sussex County
Read more...

Small grants available from Delaware Preservation Fund
Read more...

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation announces Guidance on Section 106 Agreement Documents
Guidance designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act which requires federal agencies to stop, look and consider the effects that their activities have on historic properties.
Read more ...

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware’s preservation community.
Read more …

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

Flowering partnership
UDaily, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.—Nov. 21, 2014
Article on the gardens at Woodburn: The Governor’s House.

Holiday happenings on Delmarva
Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Nov. 19, 2014
Article includes information on Zwaanendael Museum programs.

5 free things in and around Wilmington, Delaware
Sun-Herald, Biloxi, Miss.—Nov. 13, 2014
Article includes information on Fort Christina and Old New Castle.

Underground Railroad exhibit to close
WESM Radio, Princess Anne, Md.—Nov. 13, 2014
Article on exhibit at the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries.

Did You Know: Delaware’s namesakes
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Nov. 4, 2014
Article includes information on many of Delaware’s historical figures.

Articles on the First State National Monument
Delaware’s first unit of the national park system was proclaimed by President Obama on March 25, 2013.

Delaware’s first national park includes heart of Dover—where patriots roamed
Columbus Dispatch, Ohio—Nov. 21, 2014

Progress on First State National Monument remains slow
WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Nov. 21, 2014
Articles on the “Sounds of Camden” exhibit
Exhibit at Rutgers University-Camden contains Victor Talking Machine Company items loaned from the collections of the state of Delaware.

Free for all in the region
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill, N.J.—Nov. 21, 2014

Camden's silver sound

Articles on historic Riverview Cemetery in Wilmington
Site was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

Riverview Cemetery added to National Register of Historic Places
WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Nov. 2, 2014

Cemetery marked as historic site
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Oct. 29, 2014

Events
Dec. 3
Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Dec. 4
Hospitality Night – Zwaanendael Museum

Dec. 5
Nutcracker Storytime – The Old State House
Dan and James – The Old State House

Dec. 6
Dry as a Martini: Prohibition in Delaware – The Old State House
The Victors of World War I: The Power of Music – Johnson Victrola Museum
Delaware Day Awards Ceremony – First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries
Holiday Open House – Woodburn: The Governor’s House
Tour Zwaanendael Museum – Zwaanendael Museum
Handmade for the Holidays – John Dickinson Plantation
Holiday Open House – Hale-Byrnes House
An Illegal Activity – First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries
Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – The Old State House
The British Invasion of Delaware, August-September 1777 – Hale-Byrnes House

Dec. 13
Spirit of Christmas in New Castle – Downtown New Castle
Wreaths Across America – Pencader Heritage Museum
Holiday Open House – Buena Vista Conference Center
Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation
Christmas at Belmont Hall – Belmont Hall

Dec. 14
Quaker Meeting Houses of Western Quarter – Hale-Byrnes House
Open House – Belmont Hall

Dec. 20
Handmade for the Holidays – John Dickinson Plantation
Exhibits and Displays
Thru Dec. 7, 2014
An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad in Delaware – First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Thru spring 2015
Middletown Goes To War – Middletown Historical Society

Ongoing
Delaware and the War of 1812 – Zwaanendael Museum

Dress for Success: The Edwardian Gentlemen’s Wardrobe and Accessories – Legislative Hall

Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad – New Castle Court House Museum

Items From the Permanent Collections – Laurel Heritage 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

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – The Old State House

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – Zwaanendael Museum

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