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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.
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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.

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“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.

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Arsenal opens as home of the New Castle Historical Society

Historic property leased to the historical society by the division.

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Division welcomes new staff member ... and bids farewell to a valued colleague

Rachel Wooten is the new volunteer services coordinator; Horticulture Team manager Ken Darsney departs.

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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

Deadline: Dec. 3, 2014.

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Small grants available from Delaware Preservation Fund

Program supports preservation activities at historic properties and districts. Deadline: Dec. 12, 2014.

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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.

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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 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

Philadelphia Daily News, Pa.—Oct. 14, 2014

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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