

# 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 releases 2014 annual report

Document spotlights national recognition received by the agency during the past year.

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### African American History Month programs among 18 special events sponsored by the division during February 2015

Featured programs explore love and family in the black community.

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### “A Taste of Buena Vista” on Feb. 27, 2015

One of Delaware’s most historic homes will host an evening of guided tours, refreshments and music.

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### Greg Buchman promoted to physical-plant trades mechanic

Tradesman has been a member of the division's Preservation Maintenance Team since 2012.

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## Help Save Delaware History

### Steven M. Pulinka joins Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation

Former director of the Historic Houses of Odessa brings extensive preservation-experience.

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## Call for papers: “The Early Colonial Delaware Valley—An Archaeological and Historical Symposium”

Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 24, 2015.

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## Greater Philadelphia Designer Craftsmen and Historic Home Show, Feb. 6–8, 2015

Two events in one, the Designer Craftsmen Show celebrates the most time-honored craftsmen in the nation; while the Historic Home Show is a prime resource for restoring and preserving America’s architectural heritage. Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia, Pa.

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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:

### [Aaron Cooper’s story and every Delawarean’s heart](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 31, 2015

Op-ed by division Director Tim Slavin on one Delawarean’s story of being kidnapped and sold into slavery.

### Bones reveal history in Lewes

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 23, 2015

Article on archaeological investigation of historical burials.

### Dr. Gregory Scott to present research on Star-Hill community Feb. 7

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Jan. 23, 2015

Article on African American History Month program at The Old State House.

### [Colonial highway carried presidents, generals, Revolutionary War heroes](#)

Newark Post, Del.—Jan. 21, 2015

Road was used by both British and American troops during the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge.

### Dover Public Library's 'Changing America' explores equality

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Jan. 9, 2015

Exhibit spotlights emancipation and civil rights.

### [Delaware Backstory: Pardons for 3 who aided slaves?](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Jan. 5, 2015

Article on abolitionists Samuel D. Burris, Thomas Garrett and John Hunn.

### Say Can You See: Saluting 'The Star Spangled Banner'

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Jan. 5, 2015

Article on the Johnson Victrola Museum’s Jan. 3, 2015 program exploring recordings of the national anthem.

### Johnson Victrola Museum's "The Star Spangled Banner: Then & Now"

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Jan. 3, 2015

Video of historic-site interpreter Jackie Collins presenting historical recordings of the national anthem.

## Articles on the removal of historic dam from White Clay Creek

Section of structure taken out to allow fish to swim upstream.

### [Revolutionary change](#)

UDaily, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.—Jan. 30, 2015

Colonial dam removal lures fish, yields historic artifacts  
WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Dec. 19, 2014

### **Articles on the First State National Historical Park**

Congress authorized the renaming and expansion of the First State National Monument in December 2014.

First State Nat'l Park gets new superintendent  
WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Jan. 8, 2015

[Sen. Carper Congratulates Ethan McKinley On Being Named First State National Historical Park Superintendent](#)

WXDE Radio, Milford, Del.—Jan. 8, 2015

[Delaware's 1st National Park includes Lewes](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Dec. 31, 2014

## **Events**

### **Wednesday, Feb. 4**

The Story of the Delaware Continentals – New Castle Historical Society

### **Friday, Feb. 6**

Bruce Anthony, Jazz Guitarist – The Old State House

### **Saturday, Feb. 7**

Paul Robeson's Family Ties and Contributions – Johnson Victrola Museum

Star-Hill and the Gibbs Family Legacy – The Old State House

### **Saturdays, Feb. 7, 21 and 28**

Follow the Drinking Gourd – The Old State House

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A World Apart – John Dickinson Plantation

### **Saturday, Feb. 14**

Follow the Drinking Gourd – Dover Public Library

John Dickinson's 207th Remembrance Day – John Dickinson Plantation

Finding African American Families in Kent County—1830–1860 – The Old State House

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame – Zwaanendael Museum

### **Wednesday, Feb. 18**

The Revolutionary War Comes to Delaware – New Castle Historical Society

### **Friday, Feb. 20**

McLane and Washington – Dover Public Library

### **Saturday, Feb. 21**

Stories of Runaway Slaves – John Dickinson Plantation

The Story of Fats Waller – Johnson Victrola Museum

### **Wednesday, Feb. 25**

Setting the Record Straight: Dispelling New Castle's Historical Myths – New Castle Historical Society

### **Friday, Feb. 27**

A Taste of Buena Vista – Buena Vista Mansion

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

The African-American Family in Slavery and Freedom—A Celebration of Love – The Old State House  
The American Anti-Slavery Society and Hockessin – Hockessin Public Library

## Exhibits and Displays

**Thru March 1, 2015**

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

**Thru April 14, 2015**

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – Zwaanendael Museum

**Thru April 19, 2015**

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – The Old State House

**Thru spring 2015**

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

**Ongoing**

A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World – Zwaanendael Museum

Simple Machines – John Dickinson Plantation

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

[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



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