

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Division to begin improvements to state-owned historic properties in New Castle

State to invest \$350,000 for improvements at the New Castle Court House Museum, Arsenal, Academy and Green.

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Aerial view of the New Castle Green. Located on this town commons are the New Castle Court House Museum (foreground), followed counter-clockwise by the Arsenal, Immanuel Episcopal Church and the Academy. Photo by Bruce Burk.

Division offering 20 special events during April 2015

Delaware's Dutch heritage, living-history performances by the American Historical Theatre and Earth Day at the John Dickinson Plantation among events to be presented.

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“Bells Across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox” on April 9, 2015

Bells across Delaware will ring in commemoration of Robert E. Lee's 1865 surrender which effectively ending the American Civil War.

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Ed Gillespie named Delaware Department of State Employee of the Year

Division's physical-plant maintenance supervisor commended for service above and beyond his required duties.

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Division museums closed on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House and Zwaanendael Museum also closed on April 3, 2015.

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Schedule released for 2015 tours of His Majesty's Sloop of War DeBraak
British warship was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798.
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Help Save Delaware History

Preservation by Topic

National Park Service index provides information on historic preservation, cultural landscapes and the rehabilitation of historic buildings.

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Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation to meet on April 8, 2015

Board will review four new nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Learning from the Reservation: Using the Traditional Cultural Place Perspective for Better Decision Making in a Diverse Cultural Landscape

April 23–25, 2015 conference at Delaware State University in Dover.

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Volunteers sought for Archaeology and History Festival at Iron Hill Museum in Newark

Archaeology Month event to take place on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

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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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"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:

[Delmarva Collection](#)

UDaily, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.—March 24, 2015

Former Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs director Ronald M. Finch donates collection to the University of Delaware's Morris Library.

[Vanishing barns: Sussex losing part of farming heritage](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—March 21, 2015

All-purpose barns being replaced by buildings that meet more specialized farming needs.

[Old-school spring cleaning rooted in history](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—March 19, 2015

Article includes a photo of historical interpreters cleaning at the John Dickinson Plantation.

[Dred Scott judge rules in Delaware](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—March 16, 2015

Article notes the trial of Thomas Garrett and John Hunn at the New Castle Court House.

Civil War Profiles: John Dickinson confronts the slavery issue
Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—March 12, 2015
Division's John Dickinson Plantation noted in the article.

Events

Wednesday, April 1

Hale-Byrnes open house – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, April 2

Play That Old-Time Country Music – The Old State House

Saturday, April 4

1904 Fire at the Camden Plant – Johnson Victrola Museum

How Do I Preserve My Documents, Photographs, and Digital Memories? – Delaware Public Archives

Delaware Poetry: JoAnn Balingit, Poet Laureate of Delaware – The Old State House

Wednesday, April 8

Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation business meeting – The Old State House

Thursday, April 9

Bells Across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox – Statewide

Sharing Delaware History: The Exploits of Allen McLane – The Old State House

Thursday–Saturday, April 9–11

Lewes Tulip Celebration – Downtown Lewes

Friday and Saturday, April 10–11

Wildcat Prowl in Lewes – Downtown Lewes

Saturday, April 11

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Your Civil War Ancestor: Beginning Your Research – Delaware Public Archives

Battle of the Brandywine – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, April 16

The Doctor Is In – The Old State House

Friday, April 17

Over There': How Victor's Musical Industry Influenced the Nation During World War I – Dover Public Library

Saturday, April 18

Cooch-Dayett Mills open house – Cooch-Dayett Mills

Dutch-American Friendship Day – Zwaanendael Museum

2015 Colonists Day 2015 – Wilmington

Delaware Poetry: The Spoken Word – The Old State House

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

The Story of Dinah – Dover Public Library

Wednesday, April 22

Earth Day at the John Dickinson Plantation – John Dickinson Plantation

Thursday, April 23

Women's Words: Delaware's Civil War Diarists – The Old State House

Saturday, April 25

King's Day – Zwaanendael Museum

Sunday, April 26

Abraham Lincoln – The Old State House

Wednesday, April 29

Freemasons in the Civil War – New Castle Court House Museum

Governor Ross of Delaware: Southern Sympathizer – The Old State House

Thursday, April 30

Louisa May Alcott – The Old State House

Exhibits and Displays

Opening April 21, 2015

Delaware Mourns Lincoln: A Demonstration of Love and Sorrow – The Old State House

Thru April 14, 2015

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – Zwaanendael Museum

Thru April 19, 2015

Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance – The Old State House

Ongoing

[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

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

[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

World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis – Legislative Hall



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