News

Dover Days Festival: A collaborative affair

Division a key player in this year’s event that is themed “Delaware Dresses Downton.”
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Division to offer 19 special events during May 2014
Highlights of the month include a host of activities held in conjunction with the 81st Annual Dover Days Festival and events held in celebration of Delaware Archaeology Month.
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May 17 event celebrates the 375th anniversary of the arrival of Antoni Swart in New Sweden
Black man was one of the first colonists of New Sweden which centered on Fort Christina in present-day Wilmington, Del.
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Division welcomes new staff members
Ed Gillespie promoted; Jeff Buttillo, Mari Carpenter and James Scott have joined the agency since March 2014.
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Schedule released for 2014 tours of His Majesty’s Sloop of War DeBraak
Beginning on June 2, tours explore the remaining section of the vessel that sank off the coast of Lewes, Del. in 1798.
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Preliminary schedule released for 2014 Chautauqua tent show

“With Malice Toward None…Delaware Life During the Civil War” to take place in Lewes, Del. from June 15–19.

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Help Save Delaware History

“The Early Colonial Delaware Valley—An Archaeological Symposium” to be held at the New Castle Court House Museum on May 10

Program seeks to identify the uniqueness of the early colonial cultures in the region.

State Review Board for Historic Preservation recommends nominations for the National Register; honors retirees and welcomes new members

Board advises the division on preservation-related issues.

“Preserving Historic Post Offices: A Report to Congress”

Recently published report by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation finds that significant improvements to United States Postal Service planning and compliance for its historic preservation and disposal programs are needed.


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

Media Roundup

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

16th annual Chautauqua tent show to take place June 15-19 in Lewes
Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE—April 25, 2014

“With Malice Toward None…Delaware Life During the Civil War” is the theme of the 2014 program.

Charles Fithian to present ’A Wooden World Revealed’ May 3
Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE—April 23, 2014
Division archaeologist to discuss the DeBraak, a British warship that was lost off the Delaware coast in 1798.

The Ghost of William Penn: Today’s Lesson; Properly Linked -- The Three “Penn's Landings”
Delaware County Daily Times, Primos, PA—April 21, 2014
Article includes discussion of Penn’s landing at New Castle.

Knee-High Naturalists Discover Mother Nature
Milfordlive.com, Milford, DE—April 15, 2014
Article explores program at the division owned Abbott’s Mill Nature Center.

Cooch’s Bridge monument celebrates French assistance in Revolutionary War
Newark Post, DE—April 6, 2014
Monument located on the division-administered Cooch-Dayett Mills property.

Small things grow great by concord
Tenth Amendment Center, Los Angeles, CA—April 6, 2014
Article features John Dickinson’s first ‘Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania.”
Delaware museums bloom with exhibits starting May 1
Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE—March 31, 2014
Article on the division’s May programming.

**Articles on the 2014 Dover Days Festival**
Division sponsors several displays and programs for the festival that will run from May 2 to 4, 2014.

- **Dover Days events roar into the 1920s**
  News Journal, Wilmington, DE—April 27, 2014

- Best Bets: Dover Days Festival steps up to the plate with talk, vintage tournament
  Delaware State News, Dover, DE—April 25, 2014

- First Person: Dover Days
  First, WHYY TV 12, Wilmington, DE—April 18, 2014
  Television segment. Scroll to minute 14:45.

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