

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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## News

### Join the division's Volunteer Program—you'll be glad you did!

By Rachel Wootten, volunteer coordinator, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

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Volunteers from Kent County Code Purple staining the entrance stairs to the John Dickinson Plantation's mansion house during National Volunteer Week on April 13, 2015.

### Division volunteer Catrena Moore a recipient of a Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award

Dover High School senior worked on the installation of the re-designed garden at Woodburn, the governor's official residence.

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### Division volunteer saves World War II photo collection

Carolyn Apple of Dover worked for more than 18 months to research and process photos for the collections of the state of Delaware.

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### Division to sponsor 10 special events during May 2015

Dover Days activities, the Zwaanendael Maritime Festival and the history and archaeology of the early-Colonial Delaware Valley among events to be presented.

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### Schedule released for 2015 Chautauqua tent shows

"Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past" to take place in Lewes, Del. from June 21–25.

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### Division seeks museum/historic-site interpreter

Deadline: May 6, 2015

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### **Division welcomes seven new employees**

Additions made to horticulture, collections, site management and maintenance teams and at the Buena Vista Conference Center.

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### **Employees and volunteers recognized at division all-staff meeting**

Agency celebrates its achievements and looks to the future.

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## **Help Save Delaware History**

### **The value of volunteering in historic preservation**

Articles demonstrate the important role that volunteers play in historic preservation efforts across the nation.

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### **Archaeological symposium at the New Castle Court House Museum on May 9, 2015**

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

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### **Family finds joy, pitfalls turning Magnolia historic house into dream home**

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—April 25, 2015

Property listed on the National register of Historic Places.

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### **OVHS house to be placed on National Register**

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—April 17, 2015

Article on the Evans-West House in Ocean View.

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### **Did You Know: Engineering marvel with Dutch roots**

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—April 1, 2015

Article on New Castle's dikes.

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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:

Historical and Cultural Affairs highlights upcoming events

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—April 18, 2015

Article on the division's May programs.

Make A Splash Festival makes waves

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—April 16, 2015

Article on March 31, 2015 event at the St. Jones Reserve and John Dickinson Plantation.

DeBraak tours and lectures return to Lewes June 1

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—April 15, 2015

British warship was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798.

[Re-enactor shares lost history of Revolutionary War hero](#)

Newark Post, Del.—April 10, 2015

Article on historical-interpreter Tom Welch's portrayal of Allen McLane.

Award recognizes local volunteers

Dover Post, Del.—April 1, 2015

Article notes Catrena Moore who serves at the Woodburn garden.

Press coverage on "Bells Across the Nation"

Bells across Delaware and the nation rang on April 9, 2015 in commemoration of Robert E. Lee's 1865 surrender which effectively ending the American Civil War.

Bells in Delaware Mark 150th Anniversary of Civil War's End

Town Square Delaware, Milford—April 9, 2015

[Video: Bells mark end to Civil War in Delaware, nation](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—April 9, 2015

## Events

### **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

### **May**

Delaware Archaeology Month

### **Friday–Sunday, May 1–3**

Dover Days Festival

### **Saturday, May 2**

Sounds of War: Patriotic Music – Johnson Victrola Museum

Dover Days at the John Dickinson Plantation – John Dickinson Plantation

Fried Okra: Civil War Era Music – The Old State House

Two Civil War Soldiers – Dover Century Club

General Washington's Commando: Benjamin Tallmadge – Hale-Byrnes House

### **Sunday, May 3**

Iron Hill Archaeology and Heritage Festival – Iron Hill Museum

### **Wednesday, May 6**

Hale-Byrnes open house – Hale-Byrnes House

### **Saturday, May 9**

Symposium on the Early Colonial Archaeology of the Delaware Valley – New Castle Court House Museum

Brunch With Ainsworth Abbott – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Kidnapping the Enemy – Hale-Byrnes House

### **Saturday, May 16**

A Day in Old New Castle – downtown New Castle

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

**Saturday, May 23**

Zwaanendael Maritime Festival: A Sailor's Life for Me – Zwaanendael Museum

**Monday, May 25**

Victor's Music of Summer – Johnson Victrola Museum

Stories of Freedom and Courage – The Old State House

## Exhibits and Displays

**Ongoing**

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

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

[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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