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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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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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