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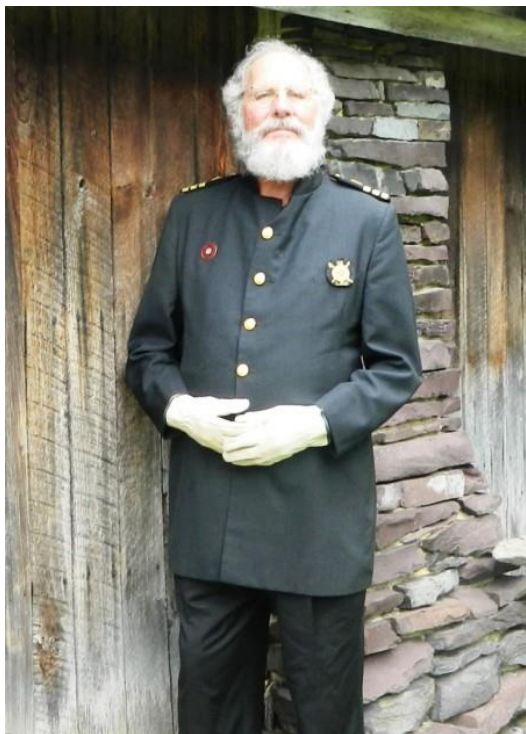
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News

“Discovering Delaware’s Maritime Past” 17th annual Chautauqua tent show in Lewes, June 21 to 25, 2015

Program will bring Gideon Olmstead, Phillis Wheatley, Gov. William Augustus Newell and Abigail Adams back to life.

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Christian Johnson will portray Gov. William Augustus Newell, founder of U.S. Life-Saving Service, on June 24, 2015.

Division to sponsor 22 special events during June 2015

DeBraak tours, First Saturday in the First State and the 17th Annual Chautauqua Tent Shows among the events to be presented.

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Division seeks supervisor for the Buena Vista Conference Center, and an architectural historian

Application closing dates are May 29 and June 2, 2015, respectively.

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Former president of Ghana visits John Dickinson Plantation

Leader in Dover to deliver Delaware State University commencement address.

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Desiree Williams promoted to site manager of Buena Vista Conference Center

Williams has worked in the administration of the site since April 2014.

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U.S. military members invited to free lecture/tours of the hull of the DeBraak, a shipwrecked 18th-century British warship

Tours available on June 6, 2015.

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State of Delaware's museums again say thanks to America's military personnel

Six facilities to participate in Blue Star Museums program.

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Reservations still available for lecture/tours of the DeBraak hull

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

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Help Save Delaware History

Dover receives Certified Local Government status

Designation encourages successful preservation programs and practices in Delaware's capital city.

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National Park Service launches new preservation webpage

Site provides a wide variety of information and resources.

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Heritage Preservation, Inc. dissolves

Loss of annual general-operating-support cited as a primary cause.

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Henlopen Acres comp plan in limbo over art league

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—May 25, 2015

Ongoing operation of historic artists' colony at stake.

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Historic "Allen House" Gets Second Chance

WBOC TC, Salisbury, Md.—May 13, 2015

Repairs to move forward on 150-year-old historic Victorian house.

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Vanishing barns: Sussex losing part of farming heritage

Washington Post, D.C.—May 10, 2015

Important part of Delaware's agricultural heritage slipping away.

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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:

Chautauqua to highlight Delaware's maritime past June 21 to 25

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—May 14, 2015

Events held at the Zwaanendael Museum and the Lewes Historical Society.

[Hundred Mile Monument](#)

WHYY TV-12, Philadelphia, Pa.—May, 12, 2015

Short film explores the history of the DuPont Highway.

The last day of 2015's Dover Days was perhaps the nicest

Dover Post, Del.—May 5, 2015

Festival featured a wide variety of activities at division museums.

[The beach plum and other wonders of Delaware](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—May 4, 2015

Article on land preservation notes the John Dickinson Plantation.

[Delaware Backstory: Historic Day for Iron Hill Museum](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—May 4, 2015

New building at the site off South Old Baltimore Pike outside Newark.

Articles on the addition of Wilmington's Old Swedes Church to the First State National Historical Park

Church was built in 1698-99 by the descendants of the Swedes and Finns who landed at Fort Christina in 1638.

[Del.'s national park adds Old Swedes Church](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—May 11, 2015

Wilmington's Old Swedes Church becomes part of Delaware's national park

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—May 11, 2015

[With signing of easement agreement, historic church becomes part of Delaware national park](#)

Chronicle Journal, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—May 11, 2015

Events

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Lecture/tours of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak – Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, June 3

Hale-Byrnes open house – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25

Thirsty on Thursdays – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, June 6

Free DeBraak tours for the military – Zwaanendael Museum

Old English Country Dancing – The Old State House

The Golden Age of Jazz – Johnson Victrola Museum

Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13

Separation Day – Downtown New Castle

Saturday, June 13

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Give Me a Fast Ship: Early Days of the Continental Navy – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, June 19

The Doctor Is In – Dover Public Library

Saturday, June 20

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Sunday–Thursday, June 21–25

Chautauqua tent shows: Discovering Delaware’s Maritime Past – Downtown Lewes

Tuesday, June 23

Painting Party @ The Pole Shed – Buena Vista

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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