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News

Take a seaside vacation—and see where Delaware’s modern history began

Delaware’s Atlantic Ocean resorts offer a wide variety of historical attractions including Swanendael, the site of Delaware’s first European settlement.

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Stanley M. Arthurs, “Landing of the DeVries Colony at Swaanendael, Lewes, Delaware 1631.” Courtesy, University Museums, University of Delaware. Gift of H. Rodney Sharp.

Division to sponsor 12 special events during July 2015

Fourth of July activities and DeBraak tours among the events to be presented.

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On a Wing and a Prayer: The Use of Military Glider Aircraft in World War II

Article explores the subjects of images from the state of Delaware’s William D. Willis World War II Photographic Collection.

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Allen McLane, Intelligence Officer and Spy

Article on the Revolutionary War hero from Duck Creek Crossroads (now Smyrna, Del.).

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National park interpretive signs unveiled on Dover Green

Signs tell the story of The Green's role in Delaware history.

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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

Hebron Methodist Church outside Georgetown added to the National Register of Historic Places

Structure is an outstanding example of rural Methodist churches from the 19th century.

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Milford Century Club re-opens after repairing damage caused by Hurricane Sandy

National Park Service grant helped support the repairs.

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Delaware Department of Transportation seeks applicants for archaeologist position

Application deadline: July 15, 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:

Milford New Century Club Rededicated

Milford LIVE, Del.—June 24, 2015

Historic site repaired with support from Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants for Historic Properties.

[Backstory: Celebrate our Separation Day](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—June 7, 2015

Article explores June 15, 1776, the date when New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties declared their independence from Pennsylvania and Great Britain, creating the Delaware State.

Trompe l'oeil completes restoration of RAL's stables building

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—June 1, 2015

Division advised Rehoboth Art League on restoration of historic building.

Monday lecture/tours of the hull of the DeBraak begin June 1

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—May 26, 2015

Division curates the remaining section of the ship's hull and its associated artifact collection.

Articles on interpretive signs installed on Dover Green

Signs part of First State National Historical Park.

[First State National Park now visible in new signs](#)

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—May 29, 2015

The First State National Park unveils some new educational signage

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—May 29, 2015

Events

Wednesday, July 1

Belmont Hall and the American Revolution – Belmont Hall
Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Watercolor Wednesdays – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, July 4

Stars and Stripes – Johnson Victrola Museum
Independence Day Program – Old State House

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

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

Saturday, July 11

First Saturday in Georgetown – Downtown Georgetown
Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, July 18

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center
Ceramic Tastes of Colonial Quakers – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, July 25

Lighthouse Sunset Cruise – Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation

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

Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past – Zwaanendael Museum

[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House 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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