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News

DSU freshmen present fresh perspectives on Delaware history
Students participated in programs at four Delaware historic sites in July 2015.
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Division to sponsor 10 special events during August 2015
History meets sci-fi, crime and 18th-century medicine to be featured.
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Division welcomes four new staff members in June 2015
Additions made to Site Management, Preservation Maintenance and Horticulture teams.
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Goodbye Howard
Long-term volunteer Howard Fulcher to leave the division at the end of July 2015.
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On a Wing and a Prayer: A Closer Look at Military Glider Aircraft Used in World War II
Second in a series of articles exploring the subjects of images from the state’s William D. Willis World War II Photographic Collection.
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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

National Register Guide
National Trust for Historic Preservation series of blogs on how to apply to have a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
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RAL announces cultural conservation easement with state
Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 24, 2015
Agreement will help preserve the historic artists’ colony.
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A look at what’s beneath your feet
Dover Post, Del.—July 19, 2015
Article on the Archaeological Society of Delaware.
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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:

Georgetown’s Old Courthouse offers bilingual tours
Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 26, 2015
Division-owned property is operated by the Georgetown Historical Society.

D.C. getaway guide: 12 drivable weekend trips
Article features trip to Dover including The Old State House and Johnson Victrola Museum, among others.

Delaware Backstory: History & mystery at Old Swedes
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—July 13, 2015
Historic Wilmington church is part of the First State National Historic Park.

Calling all Delaware Artists and Artisans for Arts in the Estuary
Article on call for artists to participate in Arts in the Estuary, a partnership between the John Dickinson Plantation and the St. Jones Reserve.

New scholarship announced at Rehoboth Art League Annual Meeting
Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 3, 2015
As part of the program, division director Tim Slavin was recognized for his support.

Delaware Backstory: Help share freed slaves’ stories
News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—June 28, 2015
Article on the “Freedmen’s Bureau Project” which aims to digitize the personal histories of an estimated 4 million emancipated slaves.

New Life for a Historic House
Article on the Allee House that was formerly administered by the division.
Events
Saturday, Aug. 1
First Saturday in Georgetown – Downtown Georgetown
The Doctor Is In – Old State House
Music Therapy – Johnson Victrola Museum
Black Loyalists in the American Revolution – Hale-Byrnes House
Fenwick Island Light Station’s 156th Anniversary – Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Mondays, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
Lecture/Tours of His Majesty’s Sloop DeBraak – Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, Aug. 5
Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, Aug. 7
National Lighthouse Day at Fenwick Island Lighthouse – Fenwick Island Lighthouse

Saturday, Aug. 8
Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation
Caesar Rodney Meets Dr. Who – Old State House

Saturday, Aug. 15
Running of the Mill – Abbott’s Mill Nature Center

Wednesday, Aug. 19
Crime and Time in Delaware – New Castle Court House Museum

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