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News

Division's autumn 2014 programming provides a wide variety of ways to learn about Delaware history

Sixty programs scheduled between September and December 2014 at the museums of the state of Delaware.
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Cast of "The Trial of William Penn." The historical-theatre production will be presented at the New Castle Court House Museum on Oct. 25, 2014.

Underground Railroad exhibit extended through Nov. 30, 2014

Exhibit on display at the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries in Dover, Del.

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Programs on Native-American heritage among 23 events at division museums in September 2014

"The Star-Spangled Banner," drums and traditional meat-preservation techniques to also be featured.

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Old State House holds public program for Summers family reunion

Family members enjoyed a presentation on the true story of one of their ancestors—James Summers, a free black man who manumitted his own children in 1797.

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Allen McLane symposium to take place in Dover on Oct. 25, 2014

Programs to shine a spotlight on the life and military career of the American patriot from Duck Creek (Smyrna), Del.

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Tickets 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

Historic preservation tax credit workshop in Lewes on Sept. 26, 2014

Credits can help offset costs of rehabilitating historic properties.

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National Maritime Heritage Grants available from the National Park Service

Application deadline: Sept. 23, 2014

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Call for abstracts: "Learning From the Reservation: Using the Traditional Cultural Place Perspective for Better Decision Making in a Diverse Cultural Landscape"

Conference to be held April 23-25, 2015 at Delaware State University. Deadline for submission of abstracts: Oct. 15, 2014.

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In Lewes, a lifetime of restoration

News Journal, Wilmington, DE—Aug. 27, 2014

Article on Jack Vessels, a prominent restorer of historic properties in Delaware's coastal region.

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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:

[Georgetown's old courthouse draws visitors](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, MD—Aug. 27, 2014

Article on the Old Sussex County Court House, a state-owned property administered by the division and operated by the Georgetown Historical Society.

[First State Focus: Delaware's Fire Control Towers](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, DE—Aug. 11, 2014

Article on the observation towers dotting Delaware's Atlantic coast.

Tickets still available for DeBraak tour

Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE—Aug. 3, 2014

Article on remaining tours of the British warship sank off Delaware coast in 1798.

DSU freshmen volunteer at Dover-area museums

Dover Post, DE—Aug. 1, 2014

Article on the university's Jumpstart program and its partnership with the division.

Best Bets: New Schwartz Center season runs gamut of entertainment

Delaware State News, Dover, DE—Aug. 1, 2014

Season to include a program on John McCormack presented by division staff.

Articles on the division's autumn programming

A full fall schedule starts Sept. 1 at Delaware museums

Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE—Aug. 23, 2014

State offering cultural and historical events throughout fall

Coastal Point, Ocean View, DE—Aug. 21, 2014

Events

Sept. 1

The Test of Time: The Relationship Between the Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware and the Swedish Royal Family – Old State House

Sept. 1 and 6

An Illegal Activity – First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Sept. 1 and 13

The Star Spangled Banner: Then and Now – Johnson Victrola Museum

Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25

Taper Thursdays – John Dickinson Plantation

Sept. 6

Drums, Drums, Drums – Johnson Victrola Museum

Battlefield Memorial Ceremony – Pencader Heritage Museum

Delaware's Native People and Archaeological Study – Old State House

Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29

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

Sept. 13

The First People of the First State: A Lenape Celebration of Heritage – Old State House

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts – John Dickinson Plantation

Sept. 20

Hearth Cooking Basics – John Dickinson Plantation

Lost and Found: Native American Identity in Delaware's Public Schools – Old State House

Sept. 27

Arts in the Estuary – St. Jones Reserve and John Dickinson Plantation

Smoked, Pickled and Salted for Survival – John Dickinson Plantation

Surviving Invasion: Learning About the First Peoples of the First State – Old State House

Capt. John Smith and his Encounter with the Nanticoke Indians – Zwaanendael Museum

Exhibits and Displays

Thru Dec. 7, 2014

[An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Thru spring 2015

[Middletown Goes To War](#) – Middletown Historical Society

Ongoing

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

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

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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