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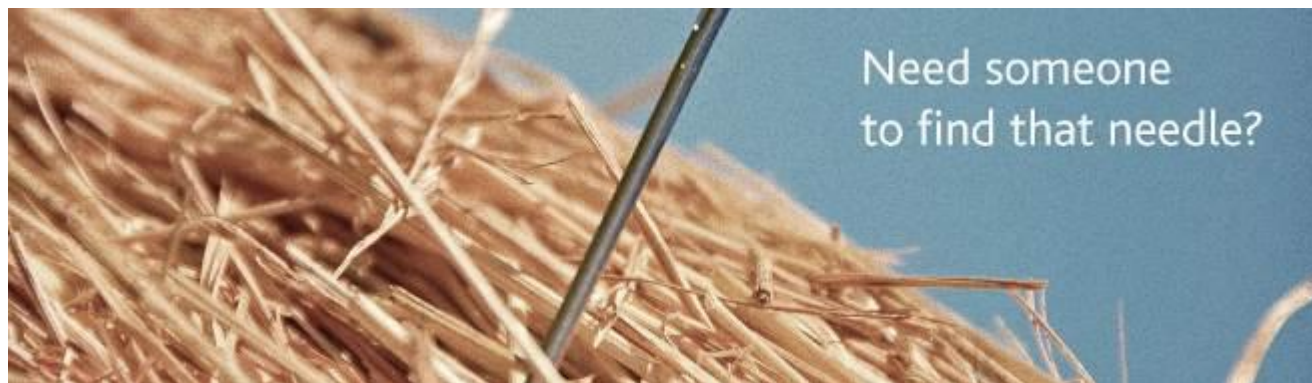
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News

Division project utilizes people on the autism spectrum to get the job done right

Unique skills employed for scanning project involving tens of thousands of State Historic Preservation Office files.

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Seven programs on Native-American heritage among 20 events at division museums during September 2015

Programs on Delaware's Lenape and Nanticoke Indian tribes to be featured.

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Division launches on-line calendar of events

Calendar provides comprehensive, long-term listings of programs taking place at the division's five museums, and at the Buena Vista Conference Center.

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Division staff members give back

Ten division staff members volunteered at the Food Bank of Delaware on July 28, 2015.

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America's Heavy Hitter—The B-17 Flying Fortress

Third 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

Archaeologists for Autism

Florida organization provides children with autism-spectrum disorders and their families a chance to experience archaeology in a fun, low stress environment.

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Delaware Backstory: Plan set to save house from 1700s

Historic Allee House is located in Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.

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New owners, new century: Milford Women's Club reopens historic Century Club building after hurricane damage

Milford Beacon, Del.—July 29, 2015

Historic property was the recipient of a Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants for Historic Properties program.

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Articles on the passing of Skipper Purnell

Eclectic life included a passion for Delaware history and historic preservation.

A tribute to the life of Lewis M. "Skipper" Purnell
Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—July 31, 2015

[Lewis 'Skipper' Purnell: An 'Incredible Life'](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—July 27, 2015

"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:

September events set to explore Delaware's Native-American heritage

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—Aug. 18, 2015.

Seven programs on Native American heritage to be presented.

[A Day in Lewes](#)

Lewes Education Coalition, Del.—Aug. 7, 2015

YouTube video on educational venues in Lewes including the Zwaanendael Museum.

Historian: Middletown is home to one of the best museums in the state

Middletown Transcript, July 31, 2015

Article notes "[Middletown Goes to War](#)" exhibit created by the division's CARE Team.

[9 weird, icky and odd things to do in Delaware](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—July 30, 2015

Zwaanendael Merman and Johnson Victrola Museum noted in article.

Arts in the Estuary accepting artist exhibit reservations for Sept. 26 event

Coastal Point, Ocean View, Del.—July 22, 2015

Exhibit to take place at the St. Jones Reserve and the John Dickinson Plantation.

Events

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Hale-Byrnes Open House – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24

Taper Thursdays – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Sept. 5

Drums, Drums, Drums – Johnson Victrola Museum

Battlefield Memorial Ceremony – Pencader Heritage Museum

First Saturday in Georgetown – Downtown Georgetown

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

Annual Lafayette's Birthday Party – Hale-Byrnes House

Monday, Sept. 7

Drums, Drums, Drums – Johnson Victrola Museum

Preserving a Delaware Community: The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware – Old State House

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Marquis de Lafayette – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Sept. 12

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

Delaware State Parks: Time Travelers – Old State House

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild – John Dickinson Plantation

Sunday, Sept. 13

Lighthouse Sunset Cruise – Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation

Mondays, Sept. 14, 21 and 28

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

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30

[New Castle History](#) – New Castle Arsenal

Saturday, Sept. 19

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

Running of the Mill – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Saturday, Sept. 26

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

Smoked, Pickled and Salted for Survival – John Dickinson Plantation

The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware – Old State House

The Nanticoke – Zwaanendael 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



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