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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. Read more …

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. Read more …

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. Read more …

Division staff members give back
Ten division staff members volunteered at the Food Bank of Delaware on July 28, 2015. Read more …

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. Read more …

Reservations still available for lecture/tours of the DeBraak hull
British warship was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798. Read more …

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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.
Read more …

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.
Read more …

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

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware’s preservation community.
Read more …

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 Seabome 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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