News

“An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad in Delaware”: New Exhibit at Dover, Del.’s First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Exhibit explores the First State’s role in the pre-Civil War network of secret routes and safe houses used by black slaves to escape from bondage.

South African Winery Rekindles Historic 18th-Century Connection to Delaware

Bottle fragments from the Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck traced to the venerable wine-estate Groot Constantia.

William Penn, John Dickinson and Shipwrecks to Be Featured at Division Museums in October 2013

Eleven special programs to be offered during the month.

Quilt Harvest Day to Take Place at Blue Ball Barn Outside Wilmington on Oct. 19, 2013

Project seeks to document quilts made before 1950.

Tickets Still Available for Lecture/Tours of the DeBraak Hull

Help Save Delaware History
Encouraging Historic Preservation
Produced by Community Tool Box, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
On-line pamphlet provides resource tools for the preservation of historic properties.
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The Devil’s Advocate Guide to National Register Listing
Blog debunks myth that listing in the National Register of Historic Places restricts property owners’ rights.
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375th Anniversary New Sweden Conference in Newark, Del., Nov. 8–10, 2013
Entitled “Encountering ‘Others’ in the Atlantic World: Perspectives from the Material World,” the conference is an international forum on comparative colonialism.
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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:

New Dover Library celebrates first anniversary
Artwork from the state’s collections to be displayed at the facility.

Shipwrecks, Storms and Science at Zwaanendael Oct. 5
Cape Gazette, Lewes, DE—Sept. 19, 2013
Article highlights the Zwaanendael Museum’s October 2013 programming.

Exploring the brave soldiers of the Delaware Regiment
Dover Post, DE—Sept. 17, 2013
Article on the unit that fought in George Washington’s army in the American Revolution.

Did you know? 25 objects that define Delaware
Article explores several important objects in the state’s history.

History lives among the dead at Delaware cemeteries
News Journal, Wilmington, DE—Sept. 11, 2013
Article explores historic cemeteries in southern Delaware.

Cooch’s Bridge memorial honors the nearly forgotten
Newark Post, DE—Sept. 10, 2013
Article explores the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Delaware.
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