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Saving Delaware History



'Museum Minutes': Sharing Delaware history digitally

Zwaanendael Museum staff created a series of short videos on local history after COVID-19 temporarily prevented physical visits to the museum. To date, more than 20 videos have been produced, providing an alternative way to enjoy Delaware history.

Check it out!



Division-sponsored programs in Nov. 2021

A folk music concert, and programs celebrating Dutch American Heritage Day and National Native American Heritage Month among events/topics to be explored.

[Listen up!](#)

Collection close-up: ladybug costume

The division currently curates approximately 100,000 objects in the State of Delaware's Historic Collection including a child's ladybug costume dated to 1974.

[Size it up](#)

Highlighted Event

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, attend the "18th Century Market Fair" on the Dover Green and experience historical trade demonstrations, vendors selling food and wares, and talented performers sweeping visitors back through the centuries. Be a time traveler

News & Updates

Changing the view of history

How the work of the division's Race and Equity Committee informs the practice of history. [Read more](#)

2021 'Uniquely New Castle' photo contest

Contest to illustrate what makes New Castle unique. Photos accepted Oct. 17 to 31, 2021. Voting open Nov. 1 to 5, 2021. [Read more](#)

Visit our museums!

The division's five museums tell the story of the First State's contributions to the history and culture of the United States. [Read more](#)

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Preservation

Iron Hill area church added to National Register

African Union Church and Cemetery of Iron Hill, located southwest of Newark, Del., listed on Sept. 9, 2021. [Dig deeper](#)

Historic preservation grants available

National Park Service applications due in December 2021 and January 2022. Delaware Preservation Fund applications due Dec. 17, 2021. [Dig deeper](#)

Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan 2018–2022

"Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future" outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware's heritage. [Dig deeper](#)

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Media Roundup

Dickinson plantation tours visit slave burial site

Programs explore the experiences of the enslaved and free African Americans who lived, labored and died on the John Dickinson Plantation. [See more](#)

Big future for Cooch's Bridge

New state-run museum planned for the site of the only Revolutionary War land battle fought in Delaware. [See more](#)

Biggs Museum gets building from State of Delaware

Museum acquires division headquarters at 21 The Green. Division to move to Richardson Hall at 29 N. State St. [See more](#)

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Activities & Exhibits

Friday, Nov. 12, 2021

My Dear Douglass: Victor's Forgotten Co-Founder

Virtual broadcast of a documentary on Leon Forrest Douglass, a pioneer in the recorded-music and motion-picture industries.

Thru November 2021

African burial ground guided visitation

Programs explore the experiences of the enslaved and free African Americans who lived, labored and died on the John Dickinson Plantation.

Ongoing

Delaware Railroads: Travel and Transport

Exhibit explores the history of rail travel and transport in the First State.

[Go to the full calendar of activities](#)

[Go to the full list of exhibits and displays](#)



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The historic preservation and museums newsletter of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Saving Delaware History is designed to stimulate public interest in the division's museums, programs and services, and to increase awareness of the value that history and historic preservation bring to the lives of Delaware's citizens and visitors. The newsletter is distributed during the last week of each month, via e-mail, to division staff members, Delaware's historical- and preservation-related communities and friends.

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