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Saving Delaware History



Beach-going in Delaware: Black perspectives under segregation

Beaches and resorts provided enjoyment for Black, Indigenous and other people of color seeking entertainment and refuge during the Jim Crow era in the United States.

Dive in!



New Castle Court House to add sprinkler system

Museum to be closed through the spring of 2022.

[Learn more](#)

Division-sponsored programs in Dec. 2021

Holiday-décor, Dutch cookery and mountain music to be featured.

[Get in the spirit](#)

Highlighted Event

Come to the Johnson Victrola Museum's "Very Victor Holiday" on Dec. 4, 2021! Discover 1920s holiday traditions, paint decorations, listen to original holiday recordings on authentic Victor Talking Machines and meet a 1920s Santa Claus. Join the magic

News & Updates

Reflections on PastForward 2021

Inclusive History Researcher Carolanne Deal shares her thoughts on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's virtual conference. [Read more](#)

Winner of 2021 New Castle photo contest announced

Second annual contest challenged amateur photographers to submit images of what makes Delaware's first capital city unique. [And the winner is](#)

Visit our Museums!

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

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Preservation

Madeline Dunn on 45+ years with the division

Veteran employee discusses her career and changes at the agency and the National Register. [Dig deeper](#)

Historic preservation grants available

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

Advocacy for historic preservation tax credits

Preservation enhancements proposed as part of Build Back Better legislation that is being debated in Congress. [You can help](#)

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Media Roundup

New Castle Court House Museum

Television segment on the National Historic Landmark, built in 1732, that served as Delaware's first court and state capitol. [See more](#)

Preserving the legacy of African burial ground

Site likely the final resting place of several hundred enslaved and free Blacks at John Dickinson Plantation. [See more](#)

More than just a battlefield: The future of Cooch's Bridge

Historic site south of Newark was the location of the only Revolutionary War land battle in Delaware. [See more](#)

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Activities & Exhibits

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

Hale-Byrnes holiday open house

Historic home decorated for the holidays plus historical re-enactors, music and a book sale.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021

Spirit of Christmas in New Castle

Activities include tours of decorated historic homes, re-enactments and programs at museums including the New Castle Court House.

Ongoing

Five Stories

Display explores the lives of people who lived and worked at the John Dickinson Plantation.

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

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



Saving Delaware History

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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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