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# *Saving Delaware History*



## Searching for lost voices of the past

About two years ago, researchers began a focused search for all who lived at the John Dickinson Plantation. In some cases, those forgotten figures chose to live on the property. Others had no choice. Now, researchers have a list of historical names.

Dig deeper



## Planning for preservation

## A rebirth of the Weldin House

Work is underway to restore the Weldin House in Wilmington. Find out what HCA has planned.

[Learn more](#)

The Division's new Strategic Plan sets a course for preserving Delaware's historical places and spaces for all ages and abilities to learn about local history.

[Learn how](#)

## Highlighted Event

This January, communities across the country will celebrate an annual day of service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. HCA historic sites and museums will be collecting donated items for local charities in commemoration. Offer your service

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## News & Updates

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### **Blast from the past: Reliving HCA's winter events**

Candle-making, merry-making and reliving history filled this fall and winter. If you missed our events, mark your calendar for next year! [Relive the moment](#)

### **Volunteers are back in business!**

After many challenging months, volunteers are finding ways to safely help preserve and share Delaware history. [Follow the journey](#).

### **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. [Plan your trip](#)

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## Preservation

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### **Recapturing the stories of Black beaches**

An oral history initiative at the Zwaanendael Museum aims to memorialize what being Black at Delaware's beaches has meant historically. [Learn more](#)

### **Grant to facilitate work with descendant community**

A \$5,000 grant will support HCA's work with the descendant community at the John Dickinson Plantation. [Learn more](#)

### **Underrepresented Community Grants available**

Last call for applications to the National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grants Program! The deadline is Jan. 11, 2022. [Apply now](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **Zwaanendael House honors failed Dutch settlement**

An article by Delmarva Now explores the roots of the Zwaanendael Museum and the founding of the first European settlement in Delaware. [Read on](#)

### **Refocusing on a Revolutionary War battlefield**

Hear about the big plans one community group has for the the Cooch's Bridge property. [Read on](#)

### **Joining forces to restore ancestral lands**

WHYY reports on the effort of Nanticoke Indian and Lenape Indian tribes in Delaware seeking to reacquire ancestral lands. [Read on](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**Webinar: Diversity in Delaware History**

Starting in January 2022, a monthly webinar series will provide a historical context to understand the complex and often difficult role that

### Thursday, Jan. 13, & Friday, Jan. 14

#### Division-sponsored programs in January 2022

January events include a virtual program on the blizzard of 1888 and a live concert by Musically Generated Organism.

### Throughout January 2022

#### Ongoing exhibits and displays

Are you looking to learn more about Delaware history? Then you won't want to miss this list of ongoing exhibits across the state.

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

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



### Saving Delaware History

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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