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Saving Delaware History



Honoring World AIDS Day in Delaware

On Dec. 1, the world honored World AIDS Day. Here in Delaware, we're hoping to shine a light on the stories of those disproportionately impacted by stigma and discrimination.

Join the fight



Have you heard of Felix Darley's holiday



Pathways to expand access at Dickinson

drawings?

Delaware's own Felix Darley created some of the first Americanized, contemporary images of Santa. Learn more about his work and roots in the First State.

[Explore the artwork](#)

Plantation

Next year, the public will get new access to the John Dickinson Plantation thanks to a pathways project that will connect the site to the nearby St. Jones Reserve.

[Learn more](#)

Highlighted Event

A Delaware Day adventure will take over the First State Dec. 1-17 with a photo adventure contest at five state museums. Dec. 7 marks the anniversary of the day in 1787 when Delaware became the first state to ratify the Federal Constitution. Join the celebration

News & Updates

Celebrate Delaware's holly industry roots

Did you know Delaware was once known as the "Holly Capital of the World" and Milton was "The Land of Holly?" Learn more about this holiday connection from Delaware Public Archives. [Know your history](#).

Meet the group that brings the holidays to Lewes

Every year, the Sussex Gardeners help decorate Lewes for the holidays, including the Zwaanendael Museum. Learn more about this unique club. [Meet the gardeners](#)

Division-sponsored programs in December 2022

Join us for holiday activities from "Hollywood History at the Court House" to festive decor at Zwaanendael and much more statewide. [Make history with us](#)

[Read additional articles](#)

Preservation

Centreville's Dauneport added to National Register

The Dauneport property, a collaboration of two women in the early 1900s, has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. [Know your history](#).

New members join state historic preservation board

Three new members have joined the Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation. [Meet the members](#)

Details in Delaware: Shutters

Have you ever noticed shutters on a historic home and wondered about the differing types and styles? Learn more about why those differences exist. [Dive into the detail](#)

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Media Roundup

Restoration of the Newark Union Church

Learn more about efforts to restore the cemetery and historic church north of Wilmington, built in 1845. [Read the story](#).

New Castle, Wilmington perfect for history lovers

Learn more about what makes these New Castle County cities the perfect place for history lovers to vacation. [Read the story](#).

Torbert artifacts donated to Milford Museum

General Alfred Torbert was a decorated Civil War hero. Recently, the museum accepted two donations of artifacts that belonged to him. [Read the story](#).

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Activities & Exhibits

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022

Hollywood history at the Court House

Visit the New Castle Court House Museum for a free screening of the 1944 film "Knickerbocker Holiday" at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022

Spirit of Christmas in New Castle

Enjoy the decorated homes, reenactments and programs throughout one of the best-preserved Colonial-era towns in America.

Friday, Dec. 16, 2022

Well Seasoned Heirlooms

Join one of our historic site interpreters to learn about food through the practices, recipes and women throughout Delaware history.

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

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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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