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# Saving Delaware History



## Segregated Sands: The history of Delaware beaches

A new, virtual exhibit brings to the forefront the history and stories of the indigenous and Black American experience at Delaware's segregated beaches during the Jim Crow era.

[Learn more](#)



## New acquisitions from James Wyatt and J the Artist

The Division recently added two works by contemporary artists James Wyatt and J the Artist memorializing modern political and social moments into the state's Historic Collection.

[Learn more](#)

## Division welcomes new staff

Join the Division in welcoming its newest staff members, who bring a wealth of experience in working with the public, historic sites, programs and more.

[Learn more](#)

## Highlighted Event

On Saturday, Feb. 5, hear how two cases that local attorney Louis Redding took on in the early 1950s began the process of desegregating Delaware's education system and impacted civil rights efforts on a national level. Know your history

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## News & Updates

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### **Division celebrates African American History Month**

Five free programs celebrate the invaluable contributions that the Black community has made to the culture and history of the United States. [Know your history](#)

### **An update from Cooch's Bridge**

There is a new future for Cooch's Bridge on the horizon, find out who will lead the charge. [Catch up](#)

### **Division releases 2021 annual report**

The Division's annual report illustrates how the agency is meeting current challenges and planning for the future. [Read the report](#)

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## Preservation

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### **Sheriff's House rehabilitation to begin in 2022**

A \$5.4 million commitment from the National Park Service will rehabilitate the Sheriff's House at First State National Historical Park. [Learn more](#)

### **National Preservation Awards nominations now open**

Nominations for the 2022 National Preservation Awards will be accepted through Feb. 17. [Learn more](#)

### **Grants available for historic properties**

Nonprofits and local governments are eligible to apply for grant funding provided by the Historic Preservation Fund. [Learn more](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **Del. school to launch diversity, inclusion center**

A school building once used to segregate Black students will soon launch a diversity and inclusion center, WHY? reports. [Read on](#)

### **Enlighten Me: The John Dickinson Writings Project**

Delaware Public Media reports on the John Dickinson Plantation as we learn more about the African burial ground and history of the site. [Read on](#)

### **New Castle Court House closed through spring 2022**

The New Castle Court House Museum will be closed through spring 2022 for the installation of a fire sprinkler system. [Read on](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Thursday, Feb. 17****Black Sailors and the War of 1812**

This virtual program explores the lives of Delaware's Black sailors who served as free, enslaved or impressed men during the War of 1812.

**Saturday, Feb. 26****Guided visitation of the African burial ground**

Visit the John Dickinson Plantation for a guided visitation to the African burial ground. Admission is free, reservations are recommended.

**Throughout February****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](#)

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**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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