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Outgoing Director Tim Slavin

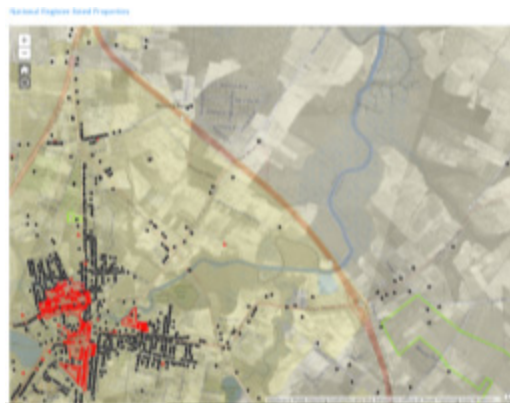
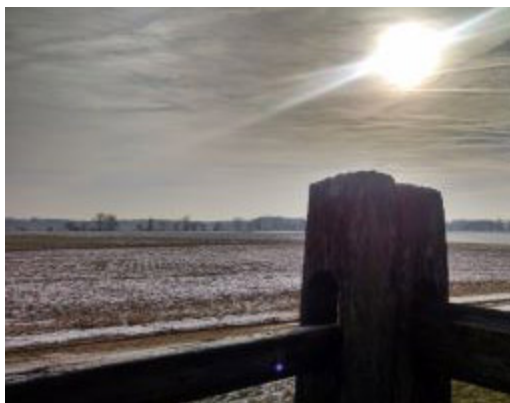


Incoming Director Suzanne Savery

Division welcomes new director, Suzanne Savery

After 17 years as Division Director, the agency says farewell to Tim Slavin and welcomes Suzanne Savery into a new leadership role as of July 1. Learn more about their legacy and passion for history and preservation.

Changing guard



John Dickinson Plantation earns Award of Excellence

The American Association for State and Local History recently presented the prestigious award for a project regarding the African Burial Ground at the John Dickinson Plantation.

[Celebrate with us](#)

Explore CHRIS, Delaware history's online resource

Residents and researchers can access the web-based mapping system known as CHRIS to explore Delaware's historic places and National Register nominations over the years.

[Know your history.](#)

Highlighted Event

Be a guest at the Underground Railroad Superhero Fun Day at Fort Christina Park and celebrate superheroes from the Underground Railroad. Dress in your best costume and see re-enactors at this free, family-friendly event. Join the fun

News & Updates

Renovations ongoing at Fenwick Lighthouse complex

Rehabilitation efforts, including exterior updates, at the light keeper's house continue as historians aim to preserve this coastal Delaware landmark. [Learn more](#)

Division-sponsored programs in August 2022

Get a taste of First State history with outdoor events, tours and a lecture on the DeBraak shipwreck. [Make history with us](#)

Division sets festive fall schedule

Explore Delaware's treasures with a tour, one of the many outdoor festivals or step into history with the annual Chautauqua celebration. [Join us this fall](#)

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Preservation

Details in Delaware: Historic graffiti

Discover the New Castle Court House Museum's hidden gem as you ascend the steps to the roof. [Explore the details](#)

Underrepresented communities grants available

The National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities Grant Program is now accepting applications for FY2022 competitive grants. [Apply now](#)

New Library of Congress interactive map

A new interactive map of digitized titles in the Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers collection is free to explore. [Explore](#)

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Media Roundup

HMS DeBraak was found in Lewes 37 years ago

A photograph of the recovery of the ship's hull is a step back in time to the 1985 salvage operation. [Read the story](#)

Historical ecotour teaches about the Mispillion

Guests take a walk along the river, visit the Milford Museum and end at the Walnut Street Bridge to learn about the importance of the river. [Read the story](#)

Division's free history camp in New Castle a hit

Children explored the past by participating in a significant trial of an abolitionist and studying how Native Americans lived on the land. [Read the story](#)

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Activities & Exhibits

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Cooch's Bridge the focus of Talks on the Terrace

The Division's Kaitlyn Dykes will outline improvements and plans to enhance access and understanding of the historic site.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Hippiefest at the Causey Mansion

Get out your tie dye to add to the scene and let the music transport you back to the '60s and '70s at the third annual festival.

Sept. 8–11, 2022

Save the Date: 2022 Chautauqua

Entertainment, and the artists that brought it to life, will be explored in Delaware's 24th annual Chautauqua tent show.

[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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