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# Saving Delaware History



## 17th century life revealed at Avery's Rest

Over the last five years, archaeologists have learned a lot more about the 11 burials found at Avery's Rest near Rehoboth Beach. Find out what they have discovered thanks to modern-day technology and DNA testing.

Know your history



## DuPont Schools study expands with story map

A recent survey by the Division and its partners have revealed the history of Delaware's DuPont Schools. Soon, a new story map will help bring them to life.

[Learn more](#)

## Caring for the HMS DeBraak

The last few years have provided an opportunity to address some upgrades to the care of the HMS DeBraak, a famous British warship that capsized off Delaware's coast in 1798.

[Dive in to the story](#)

## Highlighted Event

The Division will honor Martin Luther King Day throughout the month of January by collecting donated items for local charities. Drop-offs are organized at six locations statewide. Help your neighbor

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## News & Updates

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### Delaware's lunar connection

Did you know that Delaware women played an important role in the Apollo space missions of the '60s? Learn more about this space connection. [Explore the story](#)

### The Division welcomes new staff members

Join the Division in welcoming its newest staff members, who bring a wealth of experience in working with the public and historic sites. [Meet the staff](#)

### Division-sponsored programs in January 2023

Are you looking to dive into Delaware history? Then you won't want to miss this list of programs scheduled in January! [Make history with us](#)

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## Preservation

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### **State review board to hold annual business meeting**

The Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation will hold its annual business meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 18. [Learn more](#)

### **National Trust Preservation Funds available**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting grant applications for its next round of funding. Applications are due Feb. 1. [Apply today](#).

### **Delaware Preservation Fund grants available**

Those working in community preservation are encouraged to apply for the 2023 round of mini grants. Applications are due Feb. 3. [Apply now](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **The colorful life of John Avery**

Captain Avery was a lively opponent during legal proceedings and didn't hesitate to use salty language associated with sailors. [Read the story](#).

### **Construction on the Main Street hotel continues**

Controversy sizzles over changes to character-defining features of the historic Green Mansion. [Read the story](#).

### **Visit the new Delaware Agricultural Museum exhibit**

Rural electrification was quite the development nearly 100 years ago. See how it changed Delaware life in this new local exhibit. [Watch the video](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Friday, Jan. 13**

## Warm up with a Friends of Folk concert

Join Meghan Cary at the Old State House for a rousing performance woven with intricate storytelling.

## Saturday, Jan. 14

### Welcome to the Zwaanendael Museum

Join Division staff for a virtual introduction highlighting what the Zwaanendael Museum does and what to expect in 2023.

## Throughout January

### 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

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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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