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# *Saving Delaware History*



## Celebrate Delaware's LGBTQ+ history with a new online resource

Over the last year, the division has collected information about some of Delaware's most impactful LGBTQ+ stories throughout history. Take a sneak peek of what the project has in store by learning more about a new resource launched this month.

[Explore the project](#)



## Cooch's Bridge receives \$800,000 NPS grant

Cooch's Bridge Historic Site intends to use a generous semiquincentennial grant for structure rehabilitation and grounds improvements.

[Learn more](#)

## Collection close-up: Many voices, one purpose

The division strives to develop an inclusive collection reflective of its current mission, vision and equity statement.

[See the collection](#)

## Highlighted Event

Explore historic occupations at the John Dickinson Plantation. Learn about historic wood-working, experience musket firing, learn about textile artistry, enjoy the challenge of playing historic games and tour a historic house museum. Make history with us

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## News & Updates

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### **A Q&A with Milton community leaders**

It's been a year since a historic marker honoring Milton's Bryan Stevenson was erected. Learn more about the impact it's had so far. [Learn more](#)

### **History still being made in New Castle**

The New Castle County Court House Museum was the site of another historic moment as the city's first female mayor was sworn into office. [Relive the event](#)

### **Division-sponsored events in October 2023**

Visit Delaware's historic sites and museums for several interesting history-related events this October. [Make history with us](#)

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## Preservation

**State Review Board to hold annual business meeting**

The State Review Board for Historic Preservation will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Dover and virtually. [Attend the meeting](#)

**Celebrate International Archaeology Day all month**

International Archaeology Day is Oct. 21., but activities will be ongoing statewide throughout the month. Keep an eye out to participate! [Know your history](#).

**Preservation Delaware to host annual conference**

Preservation Delaware Inc. will host its annual conference Oct. 26-27. More details coming soon. [Learn more](#)

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## Media Roundup

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**Georgetown church earns Historic Places nomination**

A historic church in Georgetown is working toward being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. [Read the story](#).

**Spotlight shining on arts and history this fall**

A three-month celebration of Sussex County's arts and history offerings will take place this September, October and November. [Read the story](#).

**Interest in Cooch's Bridge growing**

The public has a renewed interest in Cooch's Bridge, thanks to an ambitious plan to preserve the historic site and open it to the public. [Read the story](#).

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Saturdays in October 2023****Mysteries of History walking tours**

Walking tour explores the darker and more unusual history of Lewes. Tours are on Saturdays in October at 2 p.m. Registration required.

### **Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023**

#### **Hocus Pocus-themed event and movie screening**

Celebrate the spooky season with a Hocus Pocus movie night at Buena Vista. Dress as your favorite character, and enjoy pre-movie activities!

### **Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023**

#### **Prince George's Chapel open house**

Tour this historic Episcopal chapel and learn of its unique history and its importance to church-goers of neighboring states in the 1700s.

[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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