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# Saving Delaware History



## Making a difference during the Delaware State Employees' Charitable Campaign



### Raising funds for a good cause

The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs raised more than \$1,500 for multiple nonprofit organizations during the 2023 State Employees' Charitable Campaign. Find out how!

[Learn more](#)



Excavation sheds light on Buena Vista building



Historic museum hosts naturalization ceremony

Archaeological excavations at the Buena Vista property have uncovered the real use of a small, white outbuilding.

[Explore the dig](#)

The New Castle Court House Museum and First State National Historical Park recently hosted a naturalization ceremony for 20 people from 12 different countries.

[Learn more](#)

## Highlighted Event

The public is invited to two public forums on Nov. 28 (virtual) and Dec. 1 (in person) to learn more about the inclusive work being done at the John Dickinson Plantation and through the formation of a Descendant Community Engagement Group. Join the effort

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## News & Updates

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### **A brief history of marshmallows**

Marshmallows have been around for thousands of years, and this Nov. 30, Zwaanendael Museum is bringing back an ancient recipe. [Learn more](#)

### **Saving the Past, Shaping the Future in 2023**

Hundreds of area students recently got to experience the wonders of historical exploration first-hand. [Explore the event](#)

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

Join staff at historic sites and museums across the state for several programs and events, including holiday themes, this December. [Make history with us](#)

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## Preservation

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### **Prospect A.M.E. church earns national listing**

The historic Prospect A.M.E. Church in Georgetown recently earned a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. [Learn more](#)

### **Revisiting history on William Penn Day**

William Penn Day brought a day of Colonial era-inspired performances and storytelling to the New Castle Court House Museum this fall. [Relive the day](#)

### **NPS offers new guidance on materials**

The National Park Service has issued new guidance on the use of substitute materials on historic building exteriors. [Learn more](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **Harry Caswell to fix Rehoboth's historic water fountain**

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union water fountain on the Boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach could be fixed by the end of the year. [Read the story](#)

### **Preserving the 180-year-old Buttonwood summer home**

Buttonwood is a 180-year-old riverfront "summer home" in the City of New Castle. [Read the story](#)

### **A futuristic addition to historic register?**

A saucer-shaped house built in 1969 and located outside Houston, Delaware, since 1977, looks like something out of the future. [Read the story](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023**

**Holiday tour of the Zwaanendael Museum**

Enjoy the museum's festive holiday décor, held in conjunction with the Lewes Historical Society's Christmas Tour on Lewes.

### **Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023**

#### **Spirit of Christmas**

Visit the New Castle Court House Museum during a city-wide celebration of the winter holidays for a free Swedish Dala Horse craft.

### **Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023**

#### **Handmade for the holidays**

Join staff at the John Dickinson Plantation for this free program at 10 a.m. to create a gift tag with paper quilling.

[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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