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# Saving Delaware History



## Public outreach aims to engage a new community at plantation site

The division is seeking descendants of those who lived, worked and died at the John Dickinson Plantation in an effort to tell the stories of Indigenous and free, indentured and enslaved people of color who have been overlooked in historical accounts.

[Learn more](#)



## Collection close-up: 'La Femme avec Carte'

New research uncovers the history of a painting once plundered by Nazis in WWII in the State of Delaware's museum collection.

[Follow the story](#)

## The division welcomes new staff members

Join the division in welcoming its newest staff members, who bring a passion for history and a wealth of experience working with historic sites.

[Meet the staff](#)

## Highlighted Event

January's monthly concert at The Old State House Jan. 12 will feature Red Birds, an indie-folk trio from Elkton, MD. The FREE concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is presented in partnership with the Delaware Friends of Folk. Enjoy the music

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## News & Updates

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### Sussex Gardeners make the holidays lively

This recent holiday season, the Sussex Gardeners designed festive arrangements with live plants to decorate the Zwaanendael Museum. [Explore the decor](#)

### Division-sponsored events in January 2024

Ring in the New Year at historic sites and museums across the state by attending the division's programs and events throughout the month. [Make history with us](#)

### Visit our museums throughout 2024

The five museums of the State of Delaware tell the story of the First State's contributions to the history and culture of the United States. [Explore the sites](#)

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## Preservation

### **State Review Board to meet Jan. 17**

The Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation will meet at the Center for Material Culture on Jan. 17. [Learn more](#)

### **Lewes adopts archaeological investigation rule**

City officials have adopted an ordinance that will require archaeological investigation ahead of large development projects. [Learn more](#)

### **Details in Delaware: Oil cloth**

Explore the beauty of oil cloth, a decorative floor covering first used in the 18th century. [Dive into the detail](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **Delaware recognizes Native American Heritage Month**

The state formally recognizes November as Native American Heritage Month. [Read the story](#)

### **Is that a spaceship?**

Delaware house of the future has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. [Read the story](#)

### **The division welcomes community voices**

The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is looking for help to reveal the lesser-known history of the John Dickinson Plantation. [Read the story](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Saturday, Jan. 14, 2024**

**Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild demonstrations**

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild explore fiber arts including spinning, weaving, knitting and historic handcrafts.

### Throughout January 2024

#### 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](#)

[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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