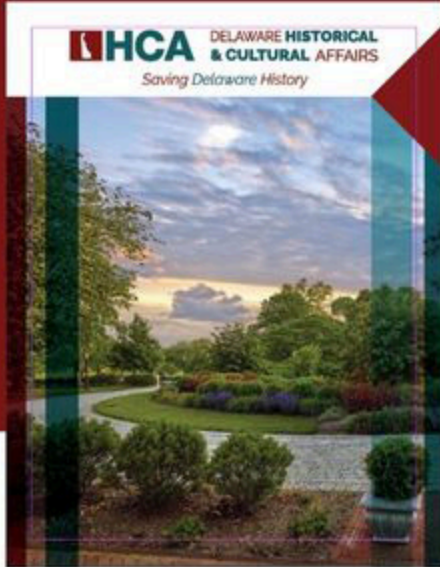


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Annual Report 2023

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Division releases 2023 annual report

Learn more about how the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is preserving Delaware's historical legacy by giving voice to diverse perspectives, telling different stories and reaching out to new visitors.

Explore the report



Black History of the First State: Samuel Burris

Samuel D. Burris was a free African American and a conductor of the Underground Railroad who only received pardon in the last decade for helping free enslaved people.

[Know your history](#)

Creating a network for DuPont Schools

Communities across the state are aiming to preserve the legacy of Delaware's DuPont Schools, which educated students of color during a time of racial segregation.

[Explore the effort](#)

Highlighted Event

"Desegregating Delaware: Louis Redding and Education in the First State" will explore how two cases in the early 1950s began the process of desegregating Delaware's education system and impacted events on a national level. Attend the program

News & Updates

Celebrating Delaware Day 2023

A call to celebrate Delaware's rich history through photographs was answered by some talented local photographers in this year's contest. [See the shots](#)

Pronouncing uniquely Delaware places

Have you ever tripped up on pronouncing Newark? Smyrna? Lewes? Explore the correct way to say some of the state's trickiest sites. [Learn more](#)

Division-sponsored events in February 2024

Explore a variety of events each month at HCA's various museums and historic sites located throughout the state. [Make history with us](#)

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Preservation

Futuro House added to National Register

The Vincelette Futuro House was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in late 2023. [Read more](#)

HCA seeking abstracts for April symposium

Organizers of the 2024 Delmarva Archaeology and History Symposium are calling for presentations for the April 27 event. [Learn more](#)

Podcast: Architecture and African Americans

Review some of the many achievements of African Americans from Delaware with architectural historian Carlton Hall. [Listen now](#)

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Media Roundup

Harriet Tubman's quest for liberty or death

Tubman's route out of Maryland has not been determined, but using the North Star as her guide, Tubman moved up the western edge of Delaware. [Read the story](#)

24 buildings share \$140K in grants

Fifteen houses, four churches, three commercial buildings, a school and a lighthouse have received Delaware Preservation Fund grants. [Read the story](#)

Shining a light on history of the underrepresented

In an edition of "History Matters," Delaware Public Media sits down with inclusive history researcher Jeanette Bendolph. [Listen to the story](#)

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Activities & Exhibits

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024

Make a Sailor Valentine

Learn about historic sailor Valentines and make one for yourself at the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes. This program is free and for all ages.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024

Letter of the Law

New Castle Court House Museum Site Supervisor Juliette Wurm will explore the bias and racism written into historical laws of Delaware.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024

Black Sailors of 1812

A presentation highlighting the Black sailors who fought in the war of 1812 will be held at 2 p.m. at the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes.

[Go to the full calendar of activities](#)

[Go to the full list of exhibits and displays](#)



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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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