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# Saving Delaware History



## Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild: A history of women in textiles

Fiber arts skills have traditionally been passed down by women, including those still living today in the First State who carry on textile-based traditions through weaving, spinning, knitting and more.

[Learn more](#)



## Dover's space connection coming to the library

Some of the earliest examples of space gear produced by workers in the heart of the First State will be on display at the Dover Public Library.

[Check it out](#)

## Celebrating the life of Dover's Nena Todd

Nena Todd, who led a beautifully impactful life in addition to a long-term tenure working for HCA, will be remembered for a legacy of sharing diverse traditions and storytelling.

[Celebrate her life](#)

## Highlighted Event

Learn more about Abigail Adams, one of the most influential women of the early revolutionary period of American history, during this lecture-style program at 1 p.m. on March 2 at the Old State House Museum in Dover. Know your history

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## News & Updates

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### **HCA staff earn annual Department of State honors**

Staff members with HCA have been recognized by their peers in recent months, including one who was named employee of the year. [Learn more](#)

### **Public comment open on Old Baltimore Pike project**

Public comments on proposed roadwork near the Cooch's Bridge Historic Site will be accepted through March 7. [Explore the project](#)

### **Semiquincentennial grants available**

Delaware 250 grants are available to nonprofits and other such groups to develop programs to commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary. [Apply by April 1](#)

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## Preservation

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### **HCA seeking abstracts for April symposium**

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

### **Explore the storied history of Old Christ Church**

Learn more about the history of a Sussex County church and the effort to list it as a National Historic Landmark. [Read more](#)

### **Historic Preservation Advocacy Week March 4-7**

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week will return to Washington, D.C., on March 4-7, featuring a variety of trainings and events. [Learn more](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **How feedback can reshape John Dickinson Plantation**

Delaware Public Media's Kyle McKinnon sits down with Site Supervisor Gloria Henry to learn more about recent public forums. [Tune into the story](#)

### **Delaware Rock and Roll Society finds a home**

Larry Nagengast reports on Delaware's Rock n' Roll Society and how it found a place to showcase the homegrown music and artists it honors. [Tune into the story](#)

### **Wilmington recognized as an American World War II Heritage City**

Delaware Public Media's Joe Irizarry chats with Wilmington's Historic Preservation Planner Debra Martin about the significance. [Tune into the story](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

## Spilling the Tea on Tea

Sip tea while learning about the historical purposes of tea and the innovations made with it for research! Pre-registration is required.

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

### Lafayette's Farewell Tour

Visit the New Castle Court House Museum at 1 p.m. for a presentation about French General Marquis de Lafayette's visit in the 1800s.

**Saturday, March 29, 2024**

### Well Seasoned Heirlooms

Join this virtual event at noon and explore the language of food told through the practices, recipes and women of Delaware history.

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

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## Saving Delaware History

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