

# Four free programs at the state of Delaware's downtown Dover museums during March 2015

## -Three of the programs to celebrate National Women's History Month-

(DOVER, Del.—March 4, 2015)—The Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will be sponsoring four free programs during March 2015 at two of its downtown Dover museums—[The Old State House](#) and the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#). Three of these events will be presented in commemoration of [National Women's History Month](#), an annual celebration of women's lives and historic achievements. All programs are free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-744-5055.



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Highlights of the month include "Outstanding Women of Kent County: A Mother's Legacy and a Daughter's Contributions to Community," a History Coffee-Hour lecture in which Dr. Cherritta Mathews discusses the impact of her mother, [Dr. Ruth Mitchell Laws](#), an educator and former vice president of Delaware Technical Community College. Matthews herself went on to become one of the first students to end segregation at Dover High School in 1954. The program will take place on Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. at The Old State House, located at 25 The Green, in Dover.

On Saturday, March 7, the division will sponsor two National Women's History Month events. Between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the Johnson Victrola Museum, located at 375 S. New St., will present "The Women Who Influenced Victor" featuring tours that examine the glamorous lives of the many female artists of the Victor Talking Machine Company, accompanied by early recordings of those artists played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. Meanwhile, at 1 and 3 p.m., The Old State House will present "War of the Roses: The Suffragist Movement in Delaware," a living-history theater presentation explores Delaware women who were instrumental in the national suffrage movement.



Opera singer Rosa Ponselle will be featured in the program "The Women Who Influenced Victor" at the Johnson Victrola Museum on March 7, 2015.

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### **Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**"The Women Who Influenced Victor."** Women's History Month tours examine the glamorous lives of the many female artists of the Victor Talking Machine Company, accompanied by early recordings of those artists played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. Johnson Victrola Museum, 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**"War of the Roses: The Suffragist Movement in Delaware."**

Women's History Month living-history theater presentation explores Delaware women who were instrumental in the national suffrage movement. The Old State House, 25 The Green, Dover. Programs at 1 and 3 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 19, 2015**

**Concert by Celtic Harvest.** Presented in partnership with the [Delaware Friends of Folk](#). The Old State House, 25 The Green, Dover. Program at 7 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**

**“Outstanding Women of Kent County: A Mothers Legacy and a Daughter’s Contributions to Community.”** Women’s History Month program in which Dr. Cherritta Mathews discusses the impact of her mother, Dr. Ruth Mitchell Laws, an educator and former vice president of Delaware Technical Community College. Matthews herself went on to become one of the first students to end segregation at Dover High School in 1954. Part of the History Coffee-Hour Lecture Series. The Old State House, 25 The Green, Dover. 5:30 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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