

Governor Carney Culminates Season-Long Celebration of John Dickinson's Revolutionary "Letters"

ST. JONES NECK – The celebration of the life and works of Delaware statesman John Dickinson comes to a close with a special program featuring Gov. John Carney and an annual wreath-laying at the graveside of the “Penman of the Revolution.”

The offerings will close out a season of programming to  commemorate the 250th anniversary of the publication of Dickinson's “Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies,” the first widely-read treatise laying out the American cause for unity in resistance to British colonial oppression—released in the winter of 1767-68. More information about Dickinson's “Letters,” his life and times, and scheduled programs can be found at de.gov/johndickinson, presented by the Delaware Department of State.

The final programs include a panel discussion with Gov. Carney at the Delaware Public Archives, and a ceremony at Dickinson's final resting place in Wilmington.

WHAT: Panel Discussion Featuring Gov. John Carney

Gov. Carney will participate in a panel discussion with two eminent Delaware historians: retired state Supreme Court Justice Randy Holland and former News Journal editorial page editor John Sweeney, author of a forthcoming book on Dickinson's “Letters.” The discussion will focus on Dickinson's legacy and how it relates to politics and government today.

WHEN: 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, February 10

WHERE: [Delaware Public Archives](#), 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Dover

WHAT: John Dickinson Wreath Laying Ceremony

A reading of a eulogy and a wreath laying ceremony on the grave of John Dickinson. Refreshments available following the ceremony. The event is sponsored by the [Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation](#) and the [Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion](#).

WHEN: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, February 17

WHERE: Wilmington Friends Meeting House, 401 N. West St., Wilmington