

“Queenstown and the Early Colonial Delmarva: An Archaeological and Historical Symposium” at Delaware’s New Castle Court House Museum on Oct. 13, 2018

(DOVER, Del.–Oct. 3, 2018)–On Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., the [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#), in partnership with the [Archaeological Society of Delaware](#), will present “[Queenstown and the Early Colonial Delmarva: An Archaeological and Historical Symposium](#).” The event will include scholarly presentations on My Lord’s Gift, a 17th century archaeological site in Queenstown, Md.; and the Coleman Farm, Reedy Island and Fort Casimir sites in Delaware. A schedule of symposium activities is included below.



The My Lord’s Gift site in Queenstown, Md. will be among the topics explored at the Oct. 13, 2018 archaeological symposium.

The symposium will take place at the [New Castle Court House Museum](#) located at 211 Delaware St. in New Castle, Del. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Craig Lukezic at craig.lukezic@delaware.gov or call 302-736-7407.

Schedule of events

8:45 a.m.

Introduction

Remarks by Craig Lukezic, symposium coordinator and archaeologist, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs; and Jay Custer, professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Archaeological Research, University of Delaware

9:15 a.m.

Current Research at My Lord's Gift, the 17th and 18th-Century Home of Henry Coursey and His Family

Jay Custer, professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Archaeological Research, University of Delaware

9:45 a.m.

Deciphering the Architecture of Henry Coursey's My Lord's Gift Plantation

Henry Miller, adjunct professor of anthropology, St. Mary's College of Maryland

10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m.

Analysis of the Ceramic Assemblage at My Lord's Gift Site

Andrea Anderson, lab coordinator, Department of Anthropology, University of Delaware

11:10 a.m.

Recorded and Recovered: Preliminary Interpretations of Henry Coursey's Probate Inventory

Barb Silber, archaeologist

11:35 a.m.

An Unusual Earthenware Object from the My Lord's Gift' Site

Patricia Samford, director of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Reedy Island: The Gravesend of the Delaware

Bruce A. Bendler, adjunct professor of history, University of Delaware

2:15 p.m.

Future Research at the Coleman Farm Site

Lu Ann De Cunzo, professor and chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Delaware

3:00 p.m.

Future Research of the Fort Casimir Battlefield Project

Craig Lukezic, symposium coordinator and archaeologist, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

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