

# Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to sponsor 11 special events during November 2018

(DOVER, Del.—Oct. 22, 2018)—During the month of November, 2018, the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will be sponsoring 11 special programs at sites across the state. A full schedule is included below. Except where noted, all programs are free and open to the public.



Lead historic-site interpreter Gavin Malone will portray a World War I veteran discussing changes in American society between the 1910s and the 1920s in the program “Over There and Back Again!” that will take place at The Old State House on Nov. 11, 2018.

**Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs special events, November 2018**

**Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018**

**“18th Century Market Fair.”** Programs explore an era when The

Green served as the focal point of life in Dover as historical interpreters explore the goods, wares and political attitudes of the 1700s. [The Old State House](#) will celebrate the fair with special tours and 18th-century-style demonstrations. First Saturday in the First State event sponsored by the [First State Heritage Park](#). The Green, Dover. Programs 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

**Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018**

**“Some Like Classical.”** Guided tours examine some of Victor Records’ earliest recordings of classical music played on authentic Victor Talking Machines. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3262.

**Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018**

**Election Day.** The following museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#) and the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The [Zwaanendael Museum](#), closed. 302-744-5054.

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018**

**Return Day.** The following museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#) and the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The [Zwaanendael Museum](#) will be open on this Sussex County holiday from 10 a.m.–Noon. 302-744-5054.

**Friday, Nov. 9, 2018**

**Concert by Shane Palko.** □ Alternative-folk music. Presented in partnership with the [Delaware Friends of Folk](#) and the [First State Heritage Park](#). [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. 7:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018**

**“Veteran’s Walking Tours.”** Programs include stories and visits to grave sites of notable New Castle veterans from America’s wars. Presented by the [New Castle Court House Museum](#). Tours depart at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from [Immanuel Episcopal Church](#), 100 Harmony St., New Castle. Free admission but reservations are requested by calling 302-323-4453.



The graveyard of Immanuel Episcopal Church will be one of the sites visited during the “Veterans Walking Tours” on Nov. 10, 2018. Tours will visit grave sites of notable New Castle veterans from America’s wars.

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018**

**Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild.** Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 1–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018**

**Lecture by U.S. Navy Capt. Bill Manthorpe.** In honor of Veterans Day and the signing of the armistice ending World War I, the program will explore the effects of the Great War on Lewes, Del. Part of “Across the Ages to the Edge of the Sea,” a lecture series exploring the history of the Lewes area from the 17th to the 20th centuries. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Program at 2 p.m. on the museum’s 2nd floor (entry via staircase; no elevator). Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the lecture are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Nov. 9, 2018.

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018**

**“Over There and Back Again!”** One hundred years ago, World War I came to an end. The war caused significant changes to the United States. In this first-person interpretation, lead historic-site-interpreter Gavin Malone will portray a World War I veteran discussing the differences in American society between the 1910s and the early 1920s. The program will also feature music of the period. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. 2 p.m. Museum open 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

**Monday, Nov. 12, 2018**

**Veterans Day.** The following museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The [New Castle Court House Museum](#) and the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), closed. 302-744-5054.



The Johnson Victrola Museum will be open for visitation and tours on both Election Day and Veterans Day.

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018**

**Dutch-American Heritage Day.** Celebrate the anniversary of Nov. 16, 1776 when an American warship sailed into the harbor of the Dutch island of St. Eustatius in the West Indies and was greeted by a friendly salute, the first ever given by a foreign power to the flag of the newly-independent United States. Activities include Dutch crafts, historical information and “The Golden Rock: The History and Archaeology of St. Eustatius,” a lecture by museum interpreter Fran Mahon at 2 p.m. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Lecture on the museum’s 2nd floor

(entry via staircase; no elevator). Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the lecture are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than Nov. 16, 2018.

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018**

**Bayberry candle workshops.** Programs examine bayberries and their use in creating bayberry candles. Presented in partnership with the [St. Jones Reserve](#). [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Workshops to take place from 10 a.m.–Noon and 1–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations for the workshop are required by calling 302-739-3277 no later than Nov. 16, 2018.



Hand-dipped candles at the John Dickinson Plantation. Bayberry-candle-making workshops will be offered on Nov. 17, 2018.

**Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018**

**Thanksgiving Day.** All museums of the State of Delaware (the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), [The Old State House](#) and the [Zwaanendael Museum](#)) will be closed. 302-744-5054.

**Friday, Nov. 23, 2018**

**Day After Thanksgiving.** All museums of the State of Delaware will be open: The [Johnson Victrola Museum](#) and [The Old State House](#), open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), [New Castle Court House Museum](#) and the [Zwaanendael Museum](#), open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

**Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018**

**“Handmade for the Holidays.”** Seasonal program in which visitors can create a sachet with herbs and spices. [John](#)

[Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

**Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018**

**“Hospitality Night.”** Holiday-themed program in which the museum will be decorated for the season by the [Sussex Gardeners](#) including luminarias lighting the entrance walkway. Activities will include historical interpreters, demonstrations, music and seasonal refreshments. Presented in partnership with the [Lewes Chamber of Commerce](#). [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. 5–8 p.m. 302-645-1148.

**Exhibits and displays, November 2018**

In addition to special programming, the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is sponsoring the following exhibits and displays. Admission is free and open to the public:

**Ongoing**

**[“Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport.”](#)**

Exhibit explores the history of rail travel and transport in the First State emphasizing the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad (1832), the Delaware Railroad (1852), the Junction and Breakwater Railroad (1857) and the Queen Anne’s Railroad (1896). [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.



Postcard depicting the Lewes, Del. railroad station. From the exhibit “Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport”

**Ongoing**

**[“Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the](#)**

[Arts in World War I.](#)” Online exhibit revolves around 27 World War I posters from the collections of the State of Delaware.

### **Ongoing**

“[Five Stories.](#)” Display explores the varied lives of people who lived on the plantation including Dickinson family members, tenant farmers, tradesmen, free blacks, indentured servants and enslaved individuals. [John Dickinson Plantation](#) Welcome Center, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Oct. 1–March 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Sept. 30: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

### **Ongoing**

“[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania.](#)” Online exhibit explores the life of Founding Father John Dickinson on the 250th anniversary of the publication of his essays that described Colonial American grievances with the British government.

### **Ongoing**

“[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community.](#)” Exhibit examines the 17th-century struggle for control of New Castle by the Dutch, Swedes and English, and the strongholds that they built to maintain their power. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

### **Ongoing**

“[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016.](#)” Display explores preservation work that has been conducted since Delaware’s first permanent capitol building in Dover was restored to its original appearance in 1976. From the collections of the State of Delaware. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Mon.–Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5054.

### **Ongoing**

[\*\*Sculpture by Charles Parks\*\*](#). Display of works by the noted Wilmington artist featuring historical and political figures including a Minute Man, and presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George W. Bush. [\*\*New Castle Court House Museum\*\*](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

### **Ongoing**

[\*\*“A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World.”\*\*](#) Exhibit utilizes artifacts recovered from His Majesty’s Sloop of War DeBraak, a British warship that sank off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798, to tell the story of the vessel, its crew and the historical context within which it operated in the Atlantic World of the late 18th century. [\*\*Zwaanendael Museum\*\*](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

### **Ongoing**

[\*\*“Simple Machines.”\*\*](#) Exhibit demonstrating the six “simple machines”—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel—that constitute the elementary building blocks of which many more-complicated machines are composed. [\*\*John Dickinson Plantation\*\*](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Oct. 1–March 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. April 1–Sept. 30: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

Administered by the [\*\*Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs\*\*](#), the [\*\*five museums of the State of Delaware\*\*](#)—the John Dickinson Plantation, the Johnson Victrola Museum, the New Castle Court House Museum, The Old State House and the Zwaanendael Museum—tell the story of the First State’s contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Through tours, exhibits, school programs and hands-on activities, the museums shine a spotlight on Delaware’s unique history and the diverse people who came to live



there. The museums are [accredited by the American Alliance of Museums](#). The New Castle Court House Museum and the John Dickinson Plantation are partner sites of the [First State National Historical Park](#). The Old State House is located on the Dover Green, another partner site of the park. Go to the following for a [comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events](#).

*The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is an agency of the State of Delaware. The division enhances Delaware's quality of life by preserving the state's unique historical heritage, fostering community stability and economic vitality and providing educational programs and assistance to the general public on Delaware history and heritage. The division's diverse array of services includes operation of five museums which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, administration of the State Historic Preservation Office, conservation of the state's archaeological and historic-objects collections, operation of a conference center and management of historic properties across the state. Primary funding for division programs and services is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, a federal agency. However, the contents and opinions expressed in the division's programs and services do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Department of the Interior.*



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