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Calendar

January

Sat., Jan. 26, 9-2 p.m. Open Hearth Cooking Workshop at Read House & Gardens. Prepare a sumptuous feast featuring recipes and cooking devices from the past. 9am-2pm \$60 per person or \$50 HSD members. Space is limited. Call (302)322-8411 or www.hsd.org.

Thurs., Jan. 31, 7 p.m., Lecture, Delaware's Exceptional Early Buildings, by Dr. Bernie Herman of University of Delaware, at New Castle Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by Preservation Delaware.

February

Sat., Feb. 2, 6 p.m.-? Black Tie & White Lace - Dinner, Dance, Silent Auction Fundraiser, The Arsenal at Old New Castle. Call (302)322-2794.

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March

Tues., March 4 Opening of spring period rooms interpretation at Read House & Gardens.

April

Wed., April 2, 11-4 p.m. Amstel and Dutch Houses open for the season, until Dec. 28, Wed.through Sat., 11-4, Sun., 1-4.

Sat., April 12, 8 p.m. "The Society at the Symphony." Delaware Symphony Orchestra, The Grand Opera House. An evening of Tchaikovsky, *Symphony No. 6* to support the New Castle Historical Society. (302)322-2794.

May

Fri., May 2-3, 10-5 p.m. May Market, plant and flower sale on Market Square.

Sat., May 17-Sept. 30, weekends, 1-4 p.m. Exhibit, "Painting the Town." Old Library Museum, sponsored by New Castle Historical Society. www.newcastlehistory.org.

Sat., May 17, 10-5 p.m. A Day in Old New Castle, annual tour of private homes and gardens. Sponsored by Immanuel Episcopal Church, www.dayinoldnewcastle.org.

June

Thurs., June 12. 6-8 p.m. Dutch House Garden Party. New Castle Historical Society.

Sat., June 14. Separation Day, with parade, festivities, reenactments, booths, rides, food, evening concert and fireworks. Call 322-9802.

Tues., June 24 Opening of summer dress period rooms interpretation at Read House & Gardens.

Wed. throughout the summer. Concerts in Battery Park, New Castle Lions Club, (302)328-LION.

August

Sat., Aug. 9 *Garden Festivus* at Read House & Garden. The return of the Great Pear Cook Off, guided garden tours, kids activities, prizes and much more. Additional outdoor events at other New Castle historic sites. Call (302)322-8511 or www.hsd.org.

Sun., Aug. 31. 10:00-5:00 p.m. *Antique Show*. This outdoor show has over 100 dealers and is held in Battery Park. Sponsored by the New Castle Visitor's Bureau. Call (215) 862-5828.

September

Wed., Sept. 10-November 9. *Mourning exhibit, Hunting for the Woman in Blue*, at the Amstel House. Hear stories about a reputed ghost in the Amstel House, view mourning clothing, jewelry, and accessories, learning about mourning customs. www.newcastlehistory.org.

Tues., Sept. 23 Opening of fall period rooms interpretation at Read House and Garden.

Sat., Sept. 27. 10:00-5:00 p.m. *Art on the Green*, New Castle Lions Club. Call (302) 328-LIONS.

October

Sat. and Sun., October 4-5 *Oak Knoll Book Fest*. Call (302)328-7232 for details.

Oct. 18, 24, 25, 31, Nov. 1 *Hauntings in History Ghost Tours*. An evening walking tours through the town, with stories about tragic events and mysterious happenings. Hear about the mourning customs of a bygone era while you watch for your own spirited encounters. Tours begin at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00. \$10 adults, \$6 children. Call for reservations at 322-2797 since tours fill quickly.

Oct. 18, 24, 25 *Flashlight Tours*. See the Read House & Gardens in a whole new light. Flashlight, that is. You'll gain a whole new perspective on the architecture and decorative arts that make this house one of the premier examples of Federal style. Reservations required. (302)322-8411.

Fri., Oct. 31 *Halloween Party, 5-8 p.m. Velocipede Museum*. Join us for this free event!

November - December

Wed., Nov. 26-Dec. 28. *Amstel and Dutch Houses are decorated for the holiday season*.

The Amstel House will be decorated for a traditional holiday celebration in colonial times, showing off a "dessert board" of the period, and featuring traditional 18th century customs during the period of Governor Nicholas Van Dyke's residency. At the Dutch House, experience a celebration of St. Nicholas' Eve, a tribute to the legend of Saint Nicholas, Dutch patron saint.

Fri., Nov. 28 Opening of holiday interpretation in period rooms at Read House and Garden.

Sat., Nov. 29-December 28, weekends 1-4 p.m. Exhibit, Old Library Museum, *Trees & Antique Toys Exhibit*. Free Admission. www.newcastlehistory.org.

Sat., Dec. 13. *The Spirit of Christmas*. Town-wide event with such pleasures as visiting historic buildings and churches bedecked in holiday decorations, listening to musical entertainment, and shopping at the shops of quaint Delaware Street. Call (302) 328-3279. Sponsored by New Castle Presbyterian Church.

Fri., Dec. 26-31 *Read Family Tours*. The house will be decorated for the holidays, giving visitors a glimpse into the lives of two of the three families who called this mansion home during the past 200 years. Call (302)322-8411 for times and details or www.hsd.org.