

# Delaware Humanities Forum

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*Picturing Delaware: Inside and Outside the Frame*

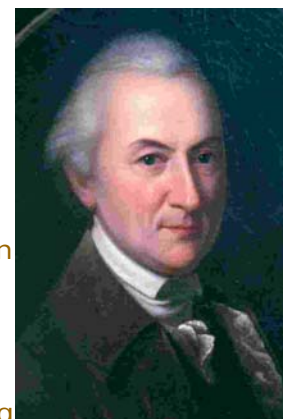
Dear JulieAnne,

We are halfway through the Delaware tour of the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, *Between Fences*, which toured Seaford and Yorklyn during the past few months. Don't let this once-in-a-lifetime experience pass you by: be sure to visit Delaware City in the coming months or Milton from May to July (details of the Delaware City exhibit are outlined below).

### The Picture Over the Mantle: Who Is that Delawarean?

#### DHF offers symposium in Kent County

The Delaware Humanities Forum announces a two-day public humanities event in Kent County. Scheduled for Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 on the campus of Wesley College, this symposium will focus on the people of Delaware--those who are famous as well as those who are less-often celebrated. This event is part of the Forum's yearlong anniversary celebration, *Picturing Delaware: Inside and Outside the Frame*.



Please join us for presentations by esteemed experts on topics such as journalism in Delaware, "century" farms, the Lenape Indians, Delawareans in the Vietnam conflict, the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, and more. Participants will hear keynote speakers, take part in panel discussions, and enjoy interactive presentations and musical performances, all of which turn the humanities focus on Delaware. Friday's symposium participants can visit *Vietnam Mailbag: Voices from the War*, currently on view at the

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### New Member Joins Delaware Humanities Council

DHF welcomes new Council Member, Donna Henderson, appointed to the Council by Gov. Ruth Ann Minner. Ms. Henderson, a native of Dover, is Bayhealth Medical Center's Lead Customer Service Facilitator, responsible for developing Customer Service training initiatives for all staff and is developing the Reward and Recognition Initiative for Staff Appreciation. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Delaware State University.

The Forum believes that humanities are at the heart of health care and we are grateful to have this connection to the people in the health care field.

Delaware Public Archives.

The symposium is free but preregistration is required. RSVP no later than Monday, April 13, 2009. A reception will follow the Friday symposium, for which preregistration is also required. **CLICK [HERE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ELECTRONICALLY](#)** or send an email to [kentsymposium@dhf.org](mailto:kentsymposium@dhf.org) to obtain a reservation form. The symposium is free, however, an optional meal plan, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refreshments is available for \$25 per day. The cost to attend the reception is \$25.

All symposium events will be held at Dover's Wesley College. Friday's symposium will begin at 9am in the Peninsula Room (room 206) of the H.B. DuPont College Center. Saturday's symposium will begin at 9am in Wells Theater in Slaybaugh Hall. Click here for symposium details and directions. Friday's reception will take place in the Annie Jump Cannon House, home of Wesley College's President. Visit [www.dhf.org](http://www.dhf.org) for directions.

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### Could Your Organization Use Funding from DHF?

#### Grant Workshops Planned for April 17 & 18 in Dover

Join Jim Rockwell, Grant Officer, and members of DHF's Application Review Committee as they outline recent changes and updates to DHF's Grant Programs and help organizations recognize the humanities connections within their own programs. This workshop runs concurrent with the Kent County symposium and will include a panel of successful DHF grant applicants who will share "best practices" of a well-written humanities grant. This workshop offers a unique learning opportunity for organizations of all sizes.

Individuals who write grant applications for DHF funding, as well as other fundraising personnel, are welcome. Preregistration is required. Click here to register online or send an email to [kentsymposium@dhf.org](mailto:kentsymposium@dhf.org) to obtain a reservation form.

The Friday, April 17 workshop will begin at Noon, and the Saturday, April 18, workshop will begin at 9am. Both workshops take place in the Delaware Room at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover. For directions, click [here](#).

## Don't Miss!



## DID YOU KNOW?

In April, many people observe the rituals of Passover, which this year begins on April 9 and ends on April 16. In honor of this Jewish observance, we offer you the following story, taken from Rabbi Nilton Bonder's book, *Yiddishe Kop, Creative Problem Solving in Jewish Learning, Lore and Humor*:

*When Isido Rabi, the 1944 Nobel Prize winner in physics, was interviewed about his achievements, he said he owed it all to his mother. "When we got out of school, all the mothers would ask their children what they had learned that day. My mother would inquire instead, 'What did you ask today in class?' "*

## When One Gate Closes, Another One Opens

### *Between Fences Moves to Delaware City*

The Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition *Between Fences*, which was at Yorklyn's Center for Creative Arts for the last few months, closed on March 6. Fear not! **It has reopened in Delaware City, where it will remain on view until May 1.**

Main Street Delaware City kicked off its leg of the Delaware Between Fences tour in February, thanks to four nights of "fence" themed films. Their programming continues with a three-part lecture series. The first is on March 26: *The Mason-Dixon Line: The Story Behind the Boundary* by Michael Dixon. On April 2, they will present *A Moving Fence... The Evolving Theory of Defending The Delaware; 1776-1945* by Lee Jennings. The series concludes on April 23 with *Reflections in Color (Echoes in Time)* by Willis Phelps. All lectures start at 6:30pm and take place at the MSDC Arts Center at 70 A Clinton Street. For information, click [here](#).



On Saturday April 11, the Diamond State Base Ball Club will be replicating baseball as it was played in the mid-19th century. Games were typically played in large open spaces at the edges of cities-public parks, school yards, and pastures-outside the confines of fences. You can see the players in uniform from 11am to Noon at Battery Park in Delaware City, and then watch the game at Fort DuPont at 1pm. For more information, click [here](#).

Finally, on Saturday April 18 from 11am to 3pm you can take part in a Community Fence Building Workshop at Battery Park in Delaware City. Participants can lend a hand making a split-rail and iron fence. The town blacksmith, Kerry Rhoades, of Delaware City's Forged Creations along with The Challenge Program will show you how fences are made and offer interactive opportunities. For participants age 12 and older. (Rain date April 19 from 11am - 3pm.)

Click [here](#) for more information on Between Fences in Delaware City, including exhibit hours and scheduled docent tours.

The Federation of State Humanities Councils shared heartening news that the Senate passed the bill to set funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities at \$155 million, with funding for the Federal-State Partnership at \$35 million.

While this is encouraging, we ask for your generous support of the Forum, which offers

enriching programs to the citizens of Delaware. Click [here](#) to donate online.

Sincerely,



Marilyn P. Whittington  
Executive Director  
Delaware Humanities Forum

#### ABOUT THE DELAWARE HUMANITIES FORUM

The humanities-subjects which include literature, ethics, political science and history-help people make a connection between their own lives and other people, cultures, and ideas. Through grants and public program offerings, the Delaware Humanities Forum builds bridges to connect the daily life and work of people to the universe of human experience, thought, and imagination. The Forum brings the public together with cultural, educational, and civic institutions statewide, and focuses on issues of public interest and concern.

As a state division of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Delaware Humanities Forum supports organizations by awarding grants and implementing project initiatives such as lectures, symposia, exhibitions, classroom programs, and media projects. Your non-profit organization, school, library, or government agency may qualify for funding from the Forum and can obtain subject matter experts for lectures and presentations. To learn more about funding opportunities and the other resources available through the Delaware Humanities Forum, visit our website at <http://www.dhf.org> or call 302.657.0650 or toll free 800.752.2060.

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