

Kicking off the 2023 Event Season



February 2023



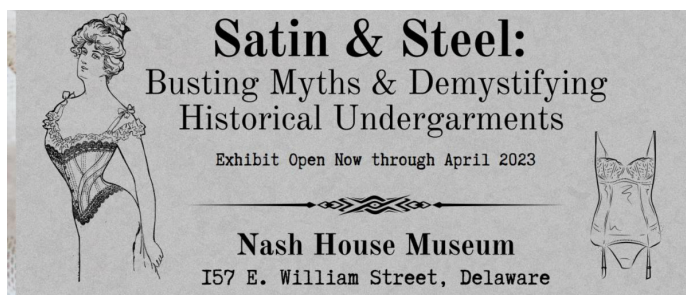
Come to the screening of our special Oral History project - Sankofa: "Growing Up Black in Delaware"

Saturday, February 18 – 1 PM
at Unity Community Center,
50A Ross Street, Delaware,
OH 43015-2523

Video of stories of growing up in the Second Ward during the 1950s and 1960s as told by residents, and produced by students of the Digital Design Studio at the Delaware Area Career Center. This is a partnership between the Delaware County Historical Society, Unity Community Center, and the Delaware African American Heritage Council. After the screening, stick around to share your own memories!

"Sankofa" is an African principle "to retrieve" (literally "go back and get")

Refreshments will be served – No fee or registration is necessary to attend this event.



Historical Undergarment Exhibit

Opening Sunday,
February 19th from 2
to 5 PM at the Nash

House Museum - 157 East William Street, Delaware.

Check out our latest exhibit: *Satin and Steel - Busting Myths and Demystifying Historical Undergarments*.

This exhibit will explore a more “intimate” side of history, featuring a sampling of women’s undergarments from the DCHS collection and their evolution throughout the century from the 1870s to the 1970s.

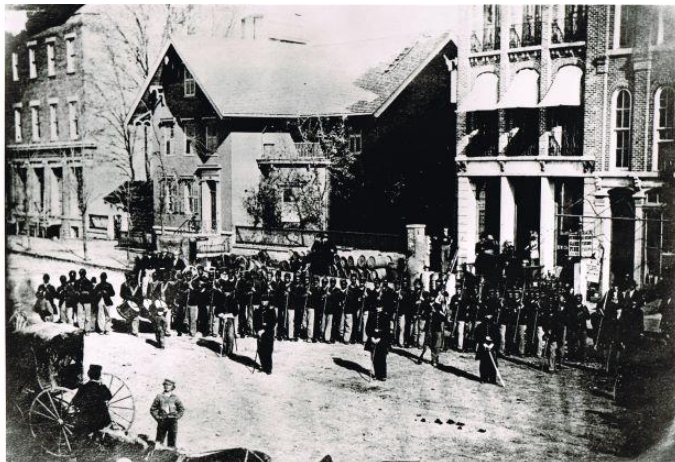
From bustles, corsets, and petticoats to a colorful collection of 1920s lingerie, visitors will have the opportunity to view a variety of intimate apparel and understand their place in history. Refreshments will be served at the opening, while supplies last.

Guests visiting the exhibit will also have the opportunity to tour the historic Nash House Museum, an authentically decorated Victorian era (1820 – 1914) home.

The Nash House Museum is open to the public every Wednesday from 10 AM to 5 PM (closed noon to 1PM) and on Sundays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM or by appointment. Admission is free and donations are welcome and encouraged and will further the Delaware County Historical Society's mission.

The free exhibit will run through April.

Black Men in Blue: The Civil War, Ohioans, and the US Colored Troops



Join us as we
celebrate Black
History Month

Date: Wednesday, February 22 at
7 PM at The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Road,
Delaware

This program, will be presented by Kelly Mezurek, Professor, Walsh University, Ohio Humanities Speaker and will focus on the Ohio black community’s response to the national conflict, the wartime participation of free black men, and the impact of their service on white

Ohioans. Special attention is given to the 5th and 27th USCT.

The 5th United States Colored Infantry Regiment was an African American regiment of the Union Army during the American Civil War. A part of the United States Colored Troops, the regiment saw action in Virginia as part of the Richmond–Petersburg Campaign and in North Carolina, where it participated in the attacks on Fort Fisher and Wilmington and the Carolinas Campaign.

Ft. Fisher kept North Carolina's port of Wilmington open to blockade runners supplying necessary goods to Confederate armies inland. By 1865, the supply line through Wilmington was the last remaining supply route open to Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. When Ft. Fisher fell after a massive Federal amphibious assault on January 15, 1865, its defeat helped seal the fate of the Confederacy. Special attention on the 5th & 27th USCT that both trained at Camp Delaware.

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[Go here to register by Feb 21st](#)

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The 145 year old windows have been restored and put back on the Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence!

They look amazing! So glad we were able to preserve them. We will soon have office space available for rent on the second floor of the 1878 Jail. The Jail will be open for tours at each First Friday from 6-8pm and during the Arts Festival. More paranormal tours will be scheduled for April.



Work continues on the Barn at Stratford. Nearly time to put the new roofing material on it. It should be completed by early spring. Many thanks to the State of Ohio for funding this vital project and to State Senator Andwer Brenner for supporting it!

**Membership rates will increase on March 1st.
[Click here to join or renew your membership](#)**

***Thank
you for
your***

support!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Nash House Museum & Research Library

157 East William Street, Delaware

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sundays: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence

20 West Central Avenue, Delaware

Closed for the season. Will reopen May 5 for First Friday tours from 6-8 PM

WE'RE LOOKING FOR...



- Docents and Tour Guides
- Researchers, Writers and Content Creators
- Collection Documenters
- Exhibit Creators and Installers
- Office Support
- Curriculum Committee Members to Support Our School-Age Education Programs
- Adopt-A-Garden at Meeker Homestead & Museum

Flexible schedules. Training provided.

Bring your unique skills and a love of history. We'll show you the rest!

Meeker Homestead Museum

2690 Stratford Road, Delaware

Will reopen April 2

Millworker Cottage

2571 Stratford Road, Delaware

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