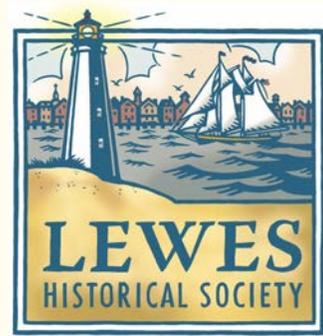


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News & Updates from
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Upcoming Events & Programs

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TAVERN TALKS: 1813 - Navigating the Blockade

November 19, 20 & 21...

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Lewes Historical Society Museum Hours will change on November 1:

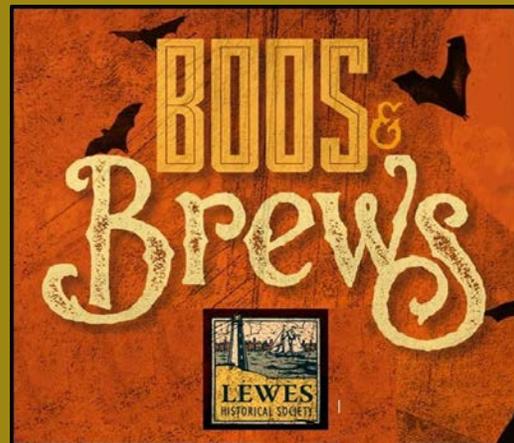
The Lewes Maritime Museum at the
Cannonball House:

Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- *Breaking Britannia's Grasp
Exhibition is OPEN during
museum hours*

Ryves Holt Museum Store & Information
Center:

Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Beware, it's a ghostly affair... Attend if you dare!

The Lewes Historical Society is bringing back the popular Halloween celebration and fundraiser Boos & Brews. The public is invited to celebrate All-Hallows-Eve at this tented, outdoor event on the historic Shipcarpenter Street campus on the evening of Friday, October 29th.

Decorated for the haunting occasion, the evening will offer entertainment, and food and beverages from local Dogfish Head Brewery, Crooked Hammock Brewery, Beach Time Distillery as well as other local eateries and vineyards, including a complimentary signature drink. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the party will continue until 10 p.m. Revelers are encouraged to come in costume as they will be judged in the categories of *Scariest*, *Most Historic*, *Best Group Costume*, and *Most Original*. *Winners must be present to receive their prize.*

Tickets are \$75.00 per person which includes cocktails & hors d'oeuvres. The event is scheduled to occur rain or shine. You must be 21 years old or older to attend and provide a valid ID to consume alcohol.

Lead sponsors include Lee Ann Wilkinson Group/Berkshire Hathaway Gallo Realty, Schell

The Lewes History Museum:
Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(*Children's Wing is currently closed*)

- *SEVENTEEN MEN Exhibition is OPEN during museum hours*

Antique Shop is now open!

302 Savannah Road

Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m.

Brothers, and UBS Chesapeake Group/Tim Reath. Other supporters include: The Parker Group, Biblion Used Books & Rare Finds, Cape Gazette, Dogfish Head Brewery, Crooked Hammock, Beach Time Distillery, and Magee Farms. A portion of your ticket is tax-deductible, with proceeds to benefit the Family Learning Center of the Lewes History Museum, a property of the Lewes Historical Society.

[Click Here to purchase Tickets](#)



Lewes Historical Society's Historic Boat Replica Wins First Place

The 17-foot Sharpie, built by the Lewes Historical Society Wooden Boat Program, is on display at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival in St. Michaels MD. The craft, a replica of a historic oyster tonging boat, won a First Place award and the People's Choice award at the festival...

The Lewes Historical Society's Wooden Boat Program has completed another award-winning replica of a historic boat.

The volunteers of the nine-year-old program displayed their craft at the 37th Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels MD and came home with First Place in the Traditional Design – Professional Build category and the People's Choice Award.

Finishing touches on the 17-foot Sharpie, a 19th and early 20th-century single-masted sailboat used for oyster tonging in the Delaware Bay was completed just days before the Oct. 1 – Oct. 3 event which showcased small wooden craft made by amateur and professional boat builders from throughout the United States.

Construction of the Sharpie, based on lines and offsets (basic plans) drawn by John Brady, retired executive director of the Independence Seaport Foundation in Philadelphia, began in November 2018. Work was interrupted three times by state-ordered restrictions related to COVID-19 precautions, but the crew was able to finish in time for the coveted festival, one of the nation's largest gatherings of small boat enthusiasts. The crew also was surprised and honored that the judges put their Sharpie in the Professional Build category. The volunteers, who usually work a couple of times a week, built everything from the keel up, including the mast and spars and the custom-made cotton sail cut and sewn

This is the second time the LHS Wooden Boat Program has won an award at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival. In 2017, the volunteer crew won the People's Choice Award for their Delaware Ducker, a 15-foot replica of a 19th- and 20th-century rowboat used for market hunting railbirds in the Great Marsh.

Since 2009, the Wooden Boat Program volunteers also have built a Bevin's skiff, a sailing skiff, an 18-foot touring canoe, and a skerry (a 16th- and 17th-century double-ended fishing boat). They also have conducted many educational programs in the community and in schools in which they used boat building as a teaching tool for families, veterans' groups, and youth groups. Their next several projects include restoration of several Society owned boats: a 1920s era pilot skiff, a 1940s era surf boat, a late 1920s Moth sailboat, and possibly a 250-year-old English log canoe. An earlier restoration project was a 1910 Delaware Ducker, which is on permanent display in the Lewes Historical Society Museum.

The LHS Wooden Boat Program volunteers are Jim Bertholet, Loren Bystol, Jim Connell, Theresa Datillo, Irv Eberhart, Al Failla, Mel Fortney, David Haines, Pete Hansot, Bob Kotowski, Andrew Lyter, Jim McKelvey, Gregg O'Brien, Dick Occhetti, Doug Romaine, Chip Seaburg, Scott Swain and Vince Tamburo. The program's main objective is to focus attention on Lewes' maritime history, including 250 years of shipbuilding.

by Andrew Lyter. Lyter is not only a volunteer with the Wooden Boat Program but is the Lewes Historical Society's director of interpretation and curator of maritime history.

ABOUT THE SAIL: The sail is a 117.5 square foot gaff-rigged sail that was made by Andrew Lyter using traditional sailmaking techniques. It is four-cornered, fore-and-aft rigged, controlled at its peak. Oyster crews, often African-American and many times integrated – would drop sail, unstep the mast, and, using tongs, would engage in the back-breaking work of bringing oysters aboard. Tongs were long, wood-handled metal rakes that were operated much like a post-hole digger.



Lewes Historical Society's **Symposium** 'A long and lasting shame': **Slavery in Delaware 1700-1865** Saturday, November 13, 2021

The Lewes Historical Society's Symposium will present research undertaken by academics, independent scholars, and graduate students in multiple disciplines on the theme of slavery in Delaware from late Colonial America to ratification of the 13th Amendment.

Topics include political, social, cultural, legal, literary, biographical, bibliographical, or economic approaches, as well as guides to notable special collections/archives.

The symposium will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Hotel Rodney in Lewes, DE from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost to attend per person is \$75 and includes lunch. Space is limited. Due to the current pandemic and the size of the venue, we are requiring attendees to wear a mask.

[For more information click here.](#)



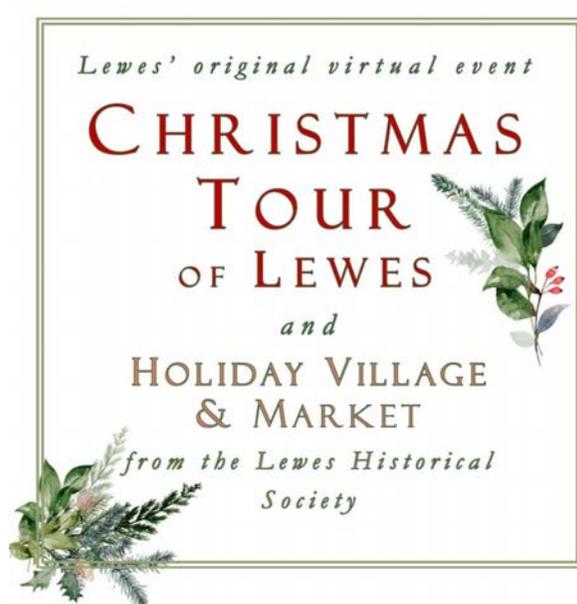
Jacob Jones Exhibition postponed until late November/early December

The much-anticipated exhibition entitled Boy, Man, Hero – Jacob Jones: Lewes' Own, scheduled to open at the Ryves Holt House has been temporarily postponed due to delays in receiving installation supplies and materials.

According to Andrew Lyter, the Society's Director of Interpretation and Curator of Maritime History, the exhibition will cover three areas of Jacob Jones' Life: 1. Revolutionary Lewes through the eyes of young Jones growing up in the Ryves Holt House, 2. his life as an old mid-shipman, a hero and his Naval career, 3. his career and legacy following the War of 1812. "This is a needed narrative," said Lyter, "Jacob has been overlooked historically, as a person who has had a massive impact on our Naval History and shaping our young American nation."

The exhibition will be a part of the Lewes Historical Society's programming in 2022 and will be the starting point of future LHS Maritime Tours. For updates on the exhibition [click here.](#)

A Christmas Tour of Lewes
Live at 5 pm, Saturday, December 4, 2021



through January 4, 2022. \$25 per ticket

- 60-minute exclusive “virtual” Christmas house tour complete with drone footage
- Tour is hosted by Michael Sprouse, ABC television and radio personality
- Ten private & historic properties decorated for the holidays
- Highlights of unique design aspects, architectural and historic elements
- Bonus feature: creating holiday decor

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online or in most LHS museums & stores now through January 4th, 2022 with the link to the tour becoming available at 5 p.m. on December 4th, 2021.

Buy Tickets

Holiday Village & Market Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 110 Shipcarpenter Street, Lewes, DE \$5 Admission, Children under 12—free



- Shopping with Holiday Vendors
- Greenery and Decorations Sale
- Historic Interpreters
- Live sheep from Brittingham Farm with a textile demonstration
- Storytelling
- Professionally decorated “Chair” raffle
- Walk through tour of decorated period historic homes
- Large screen outdoor Holiday Movie of Albert Finney’s SCROOGE
- Seasonal food and beverage
- Holiday cookie/baked goods sale

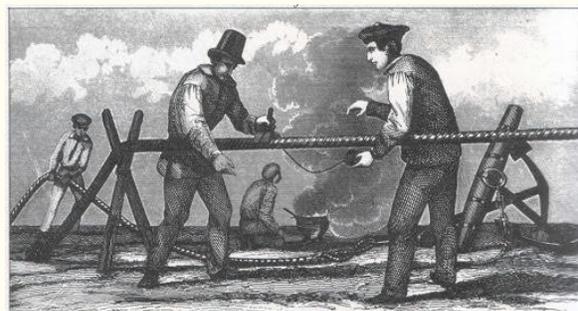
The LHS Rusty Nail and Garden Gang will be continuing their tradition of selling mixed holiday greens and other homemade items from Freddie’s Barn during the Holiday Village & Market.

We are asking our membership for donations of greens, the proceeds of which directly benefit the continued maintenance and improvement of our beautiful grounds.

We are most interested in: White Pine, Blue Spruce, Green Spruce, Noble Fir, Cedar, Cypress, Boxwood, Magnolia, Holly - variegated, Silver Dollar Eucalyptus, Red Twig Dogwood, Nandina, Cryptomeria, Evergreen Viburnum

December 1-3 we will be collecting greens on campus. We will also be more than happy to come to your home and prune anything you have available and transport it to LHS. Please contact Tri McCarthy with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

ADOPT A PART OF HISTORY:
Underwrite a particular project instrumental to the fulfillment of the Lewes Historical Society’s Mission



For Burton-Ingram House Parlor:
 We are seeking funds for the full re-upholstery of two late-Federal style settees as part of the refurbishment of this important interior. Single and multiple

contributions are welcome.

Amount sought: \$3,250.00

For more information please [contact James Abbott](#).

For Burton-Ingram House Hallway:

We are seeking funds for the full restoration of a c.1825 Philadelphia Greek Revival sofa, to be upholstered in reproduction horsehair fabric.

Amount sought: \$2,300

For more information, please [contact James Abbott](#).

ADOPTED! For the Lewes Maritime Museum at the Cannonball House:

We are seeking funds to make period rope out of raw fibers for a period ropewalk, recreate historic canvas sails, and other ship chandleries. This will enable visitors to step back in time and witness the maritime community of Lewes of old at the Lewes Maritime Museum at the Cannonball House.

**Amount Sought: \$1,000 ADOPTED!
Thank you!**

A special thanks to all of our LHS volunteers for their wonderful talents and contributions of time shared with us in every aspect of the Society!

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