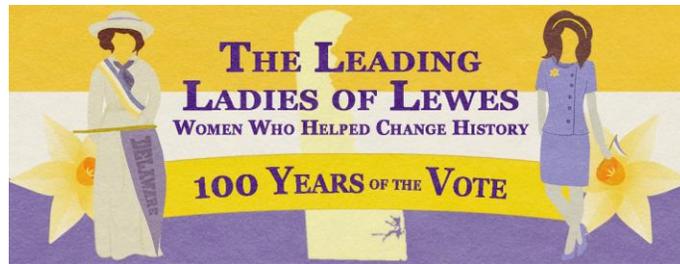




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Upcoming Events



Friday, July 31, 2020 at 6 PM – 8 PM

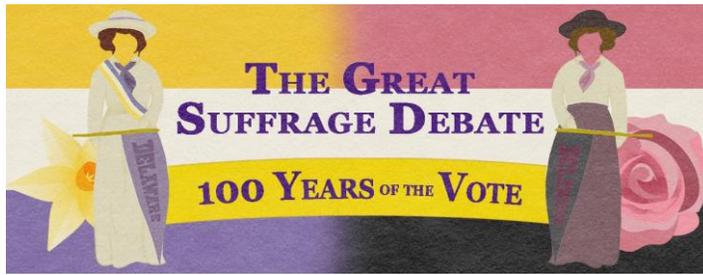
An online event hosted by **Lewes History Museum** and **The Lewes Historical Society**:

Join the Lewes Historical Society for the premiere of the production: Lewes's Leading Ladies- The Women Who Helped Change History. Celebrate the centennial of the passing of the 19th Amendment, and honor these women, whose tenacity, vigor, and unwillingness to give up helped secure representation in elections for women today.

In this new style of digital interpretation, viewers will travel back to Lewes in the year 1920, from the comfort of their own homes, and will have a taste of the discourse in a contentious time where women were still vying for their right to vote. Get to know the history of these influential women, their powerful viewpoints, their propaganda methods, and some of their most staunch adversaries.

Lewes's Leading Ladies: The Women Who Helped Change History will premiere on both our Lewes Historical Society Facebook page, and our Lewes History Museum Facebook page, as well as our Lewes Historical Society Youtube Channel. Please follow our social media accounts for updates, as well as supplemental activities and research materials.

Check back with us for access to this digital event: historiclewes.org



Living Historian in Residence: Saturday, August 1st
& Saturday August 15th, at 11 AM – 3 PM

Hosted by **Lewes History Museum** and **The Lewes Historical Society**

For two days only at the Lewes History Museum, travel back to the year 1920, and meet two residents of Lewes as they prepare for a local rally - both women, both charismatic and influential, both adorned in flowers, but with strongly opposing views of the plight of women's suffrage.

Join in on the conversation, debate with the brightest minds of yester-year, develop your own stance, and produce your own propaganda as we celebrate the centennial of the passing of the 19th Amendment by revisiting the discourse that changed history.

Admittance to the program is included with \$5.00 museum admission. Crafting kits and pre-made sashes may be purchased for an additional cost.

Visitors are required to wear masks and must respect boundaries separating interpreters/performers from visitors.

Museum Speaker Series:

**Celebrating 100 Years: Revisiting
the Women's Suffrage
Movement with 2020 in
Hindsight
Friday, August 14, 2020
from 7 PM – 8 PM**

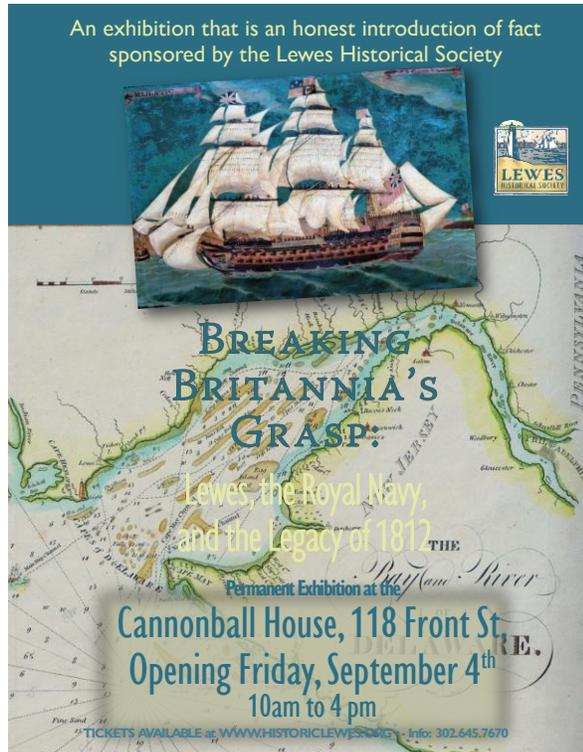
Presented by Lora Englehart

This program is free to "view," but a \$5.00 donation is encouraged.



The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave American women the right to vote. In this presentation, we will be introduced to some of the determined women, both on the national level and in Delaware, who lobbied for women's right to vote and learn of those who fought against it.

Breaking Britannia's Grasp Lewes, the Royal Navy, and the Legacy of 1812



Exhibition at the Cannonball House

Opening Friday, September 4, 2020

10 am to 4 pm, \$5 admission

Details: Join the Lewes Historical Society for the grand opening of our latest exhibition, Breaking Britannia's Grasp: Lewes, the Royal Navy, and the Legacy of 1812. Lewes continues to bear the scars of the War of 1812. On April 6th and 7th, 1813, the war came to Lewes' shores as the town would endure a bombardment by a British Naval Fleet. Traditionally interpreted as a British blunder and American Victory, this engagement has yet to receive the analysis and narrative it deserves. Opening Friday September 4th, Breaking Britannia's Grasp, seeks to fill that void, and provide a revised interpretation of the bombardment. This exhibit will further enhance the interpretation of this conflict, providing a human element, focusing on the sailors that crewed the blockading fleet, and the men that defended Lewistown. Tickets available at the door or at the Lewes History Museum.

Maritime Living History Festival & Outdoor 56th Annual Antiques Show

Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 9am to 5pm

The Lewes Historical Society is pleased to celebrate the 56th Anniversary of its Outdoor Antiques Show in combination with the Society's Maritime Living History Festival on the **NEW date of Saturday September 5, 2020**, at the Lewes Historical Society Campus at 110 Shipcarpenter Street.

Learn about how maritime history has affected Lewes, throughout the past centuries to the present, while surrounding yourself with antique treasures from all periods. High quality antiques and vintage dealers participating in the show will be featuring 18th century to early 20th century antiques. Antique Dealers will be actively displaying and selling their pieces between 9 am and 5 pm.

Lewes was once an epicenter of maritime activity. The historic Shipcarpenter Street Campus will come to life, as living maritime historians from throughout the Atlantic Seaboard, inhabit the property, depicting the maritime and naval industries during the past three centuries. Visitors will have the opportunity to engage with interpreters and learn about the hardships and lives of sailors ashore and afloat, through demonstrations of traditional maritime trades.

The streets of downtown Lewes will be inhabited by sailors participating in vignettes and demonstrations that will take place throughout the day between 9 am and 5 pm. Extended Maritime Tours will be offered throughout the day.

Tickets are \$5 (children 12 and under free) and available August 1st online, or at the gate the day of. Weekend tickets are also available, which include admission to the Maritime and Antiques Festival in conjunction with the Breaking Britannia's Grasp exhibition, opening at the Cannonball House on Friday, September 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. Each \$10 ticket offers you access to visit this special exhibit based on the bombardment of Lewes in 1813, access to this festival as well as free admission to the Lewes History Museum, and are good for the four-day weekend: Friday, September 4th through Monday, September 7th, 4 pm.

Speaking of which...

We are looking for a donation of three working ipads. If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please call Carolann at 302.645.7670. (In this present COVID environment, we are not allowed to handle cash transactions and the ipads will assist us in selling tickets for the above events/programs at the doors of each venue. We also need Shepherds Crooks! If anyone has one that they would like to donate, please let us know...we will be using these to help direct the flow of pedestrians, in one direction at events.

Lewes Historical Society Golf Tournament Classic

Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at the Peninsula Golf Course, Millsboro, DE



The Lewes Historical Society is pleased to present its Inaugural Golf Tournament Classic with proceeds to benefit its ongoing commitment to historic preservation, restoration, and educational programming in the Delmarva Region, through innovative exhibitions, events and publications.

Join us for a 9 am Scramble Format at the Peninsula Golf & Country Club, on the Indian River Bay located at 32981 Peninsula Esplanade in Millsboro, DE. Peninsula Golf Course is a magnificent par 72 masterpiece - the first private Jack Nicklaus signature designed course in the state of Delaware.

For more information on how you can become a sponsor, or a player, or to download our Tournament Brochure go to <https://www.historiclewes.org/events/lewes-historical-society-golf-tournament-classic>. For additional information call 302.645.7670 and ask for Michael Whitehouse.

LHS Volunteer Spotlight: Ashleigh McDermott

When Ashleigh McDermott contacted LHS Volunteer Coordinator, Tri McCarthy several months ago, everyone wanted to find a way to engage her in a project. Ashleigh, a student living in New York, was interested in volunteering for the Society, but any tasks we gave her needed to be accomplished from afar.

As it happened, there are several hand-written original documents in the Archives that have not yet been transcribed. Without knowing the contents of these letters or affidavits, there is no way to understand their potential value to a researcher. They might include descriptions of important historical events, insight into significant political or social practices, or documentation of family connections. We asked if this type of work might be of interest and were delighted when Ashleigh agreed.

We scanned two letters in high-resolution and sent them electronically. When Ashleigh finished we learned the first letter, written in 1880, was from 18-year-old Julia Williams in Boston to her friend Peter (no last name) in Lewes, mentioning mutual acquaintances Johnny Lynch and Frank Maull. Because she names her sisters and aunts, it is possible to discover who she was and why her family moved away from Lewes, a town she missed a great deal.

The second letter of September 1865 was written in Spartanburg, South Carolina by the brother of James Russell of Georgetown. Based on the specific details, we find both men suffered during the Civil War and took positions on opposite sides of the political divide. We learn from his brother that James holds the position of Sheriff (perhaps in Georgetown) which gives us a place to begin our research.

Ashleigh has continued her transcription efforts, now working on Lydia Drew's affidavit about the loss of the DeBraak. What started as an experiment with a long-distance volunteer has become a successful way to unlock hidden moments in history — all thanks to the volunteer no one has had the chance to meet!

The Artist as An Historian: Children's Outdoor Program

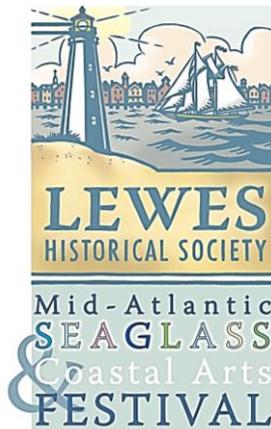
**Saturday, August 8th: 11 – 12 noon,
12:30 – 1:30 pm, 2 pm – 3:30 pm,
Lewes Historical Society, 110 Shipcarpenter
Street, Lewes, DE**

The Lewes Historical Society is combining art with history and the outdoors, in a new program for ten to twelve-year-olds. Each one-hour session will be limited to small groups of students and will be instructed by a local artist, whose goal will be to teach the students to recreate specific objects and artifacts from the Society's Collection. The sessions will be taught exclusively outside.

For more information or to register, go to historiclewes.org.



Save the Dates:



The Mid-Atlantic Sea Glass & Coastal Arts Festival is scheduled for the weekend of **September 26 & 27!** Don't miss this opportunity to spend some time outside learning about the history of sea glass!

TOUR SCHEDULES

Introduction to Lewes: A Maritime Destination - 10 am Saturdays, \$10 pp

Lewes Legends – 6 pm Sundays, \$15 pp

Historic Architecture: A View into the Past – 4 pm, Sundays, \$10 pp

Lewes Ashore & Afloat: Extended Maritime Tour – 2 pm Saturdays, \$20 pp

Tours leave from the Ryves Holt House located at the corner of Second and Mulberry Streets in historic Lewes, DE.

All Tours must be booked 24 hours in advance, at www.historiclewes.org.

In Memoriam

Lewes Historical Society volunteer, Charlie Young, sadly passed in July 2020. For 15 years "Charlie" was a presence in every LHS building, and every festival. He became a staple at the Cannonball House and was known for his smile and ability to make everyone feel welcome. He will be missed by all!

Endowments

The Lewes Historical Society, owing to its tax-exempt status, receives the full benefit of all bequests. Making a planned gift through your will or other instrument is perhaps the easiest way to make such a gift to the Endowment. For more information, please contact your estate planner, attorney or financial consultant. If you wish to notify the Society of a planned gift so we may acknowledge it, please contact Jim Abbott at (302) 645-7670.

This newsletter is made possible by LHS volunteer Judith English. Thank you, Judith!

