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HALE BYRNES HOUSE

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MISSION STATEMENT

DSPA-Hale Byrnes' mission statement is to protect, preserve, and promote the story, buildings and grounds of the historic Hale Byrnes House, an 18th century Quaker miller's property.

As the southern anchor of the Wild and Scenic White Clay Creek, we aspire to remain a small, welcoming, and historically accurate meeting place for families, teachers, scholars, workshops, fishermen and other groups.

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS ALWAYS EASIEST TO REACH US BY E-MAIL.

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Near the junction of Routes 7 N and Route 4, the c1750 Hale Byrnes House is located immediately between the White Clay Medical and the Metroform Medical Centers on old Stanton-Christiana Road. The White Clay, the Red Clay, and the Christina Creeks merge behind the house, making this a popular location for children and families, students of aquaculture and hydrology, nature lovers and fishermen.

http://www.halebyrnes.org/history7.html

Thank you to our 2022 U.D. student intern, Sylvia Mencl and U.D. Special Collections for indexing and housing DSPA-Hale Byrnes archival materials. Sylvia is currently a senior in the University of Delaware's Art History for Museum Professionals 4+1 program. She will be receiving her honors undergraduate degree in Art Conservation and Art History in May 2023.

2022 Visitation Numbers

We are proud to announce that Hale Byrnes House hosted 975 visitors in Calendar Year 2022. This was the highest number since pre-covid days. If you would like to make an appointment to bring your group to visit, please e-mail us at halebyrneshouse@aol.com.

Our 2023 public programs will begin on Sunday afternoon, April 16, from 3:00-5:00 pm when Dick Prettyman and the White Clay Fly Fishermen will be our presenters. Feel free to bring your lawn chair and/or your fishing pole. The public is cordially invited. Children are welcome. \$5 per person includes refreshments.



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JOIN US!

We Will Be Actively Participating in The Following Events and can use some volunteers!

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CHRISTIANA RIVER CLEAN-UP
Please do Volunteer to help us!
Sat April 22, 2013. 8 am to noon
Hale Byrnes House
606 Old Stanton-Christiana Road
Newark (Stanton), DE 19713

www.halebyrnes.org

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WHITE CLAY CREEK FEST
Sat May 6, 2023. 12:15 pm- 4:00 pm
White Clay Creek State Park,
880 New London Road
Newark, DE 19711

https://whiteclay.org/creekfest

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Rockwood Ice Cream Festival
Sat June 24, 2023. 1 - 9:30 p.m.
Rockwood Park & Museum
4651 Washington St. Extension,
Wilmington, DE 19802

https://www.newcastlede.gov/1103/Ice-Cream-Festival-at-Rockwood-Park

EXCITING NEWS!

- Congratulations to Board Member Emeritus, Michael R. McDowell, whose excellent article "Warner Mifflin and the American Antislavery Crossroads" has been published by Delaware Historical Society's Delaware History Fall-Winter 2022-2023 Vol xxxvi no.2.
- Our Site Manager, Kim Burdick, is chairing Delaware's portion of the 2024 Triumphal Return of Lafayette. This event is part of a 24-state celebration to be hosted by American Friends of Lafayette.
- Bryant White's painting of our famous Witness Tree has been completed and can be viewed on site. This tree provided shade for George Washington's staff during the Council of War held here on September 3, 1777. Prints and cards are now available for purchase. www.halebyrnes.org





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Newsletter

OUR 2023 PROGRAMS







U.D. Professor Jerry Kauffman and his Spring Semester Water Resources students visited the property in late March.

We are delighted to host schools, clubs, scouts, and other groups.

White Clay Fly Fishermen will present a public program on Sunday afternoon April 16 from 3:00 -5:00 pm. Feel free to bring your fishing pole and lawn chair.

American Revolution Round Table-NDE. Jason Searock will talk about Indians in the American Revolution. Saturday evening April 22 from 7:00-9:00 pm

Our Public Programs are \$5 at the Door. Well-behaved children are cordially invited! No RSVPS needed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sunday, April 16, 2023, 3:00PM - 5:00PM
Talks on the Terrace
This Place Matters Series: Dick Prettyman with
White Clay Fly Fishermen
Well-behaved children always welcomed.
\$5 at the door includes coffee, tea & dessert.

Saturday, May 20, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM
American Revolution Round Table of NDE.
"1775-1783: An Unsurpassed Soldiery:
A Social History of the Delaware Regiment"
Speaker: Chuck Fithian
Well-behaved children always welcomed
\$5 at the door includes coffee, tea & dessert

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM
American Revolution Round Table -NDE
"Native American in American Revolution"
Speaker: Jason Searock
Well-behaved children always welcomed
\$5 at the door includes coffee, tea & dessert

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 3:00-5:00 PM
American Revolution Round Table of NDE.
"Mrs. John Dickinson":
Presented by singer & composer
Evelyn Swensson
Well-behaved children always welcomed
\$5 at the door includes coffee, tea & dessert

PLEASE VISIT OUR CALENDAR PAGE FOR EVEN MORE UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

http://www.halebyrnes.org/calendar.html



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Hale Byrnes House and grounds may be rented for meetings, workshops, birthday parties, weddings, etc. by families, schools, clubs, and organizations.

Please see: www.halebyrnes.org/images/specialusepermit.pdf

For more information, visit us online at www.halebyrneshouse.org

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