



Dear Valued Members, Donors and Visitors,

First order of business: Happy Holidays to all! This is a wonderful time of year to see family, enjoy friends and help others.

Battery 519 tours continue through December and several other [special tours](#) are also scheduled. Go to fortmilesmuseum.org, click on Plan Your Visit and see the full schedule.

More history awaits those who attend [Milford Museum's](#) holiday-oriented American History Series on December 9. The holly industry that once thrived in Delaware, especially in Sussex County, is featured.

2023 has been an eventful year worldwide. We ask all to remember we are truly privileged to live in the greatest country on Earth.

Happy Holidays,

Jim Pierce

President and Board Member
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Fort Miles Exhibits and History Featured in Local Publications



Fort Miles Museum has been featured in two local publications recently.

Cable News, a publication of a Navy alumni association, featured the new SOSUS exhibit located in the Orientation Building.

Cape Gazette featured the mine placement exhibit in Battery 519. Ron MacArthur did an excellent job summarizing the history of the extensive mine planting operation that took place at Fort Miles starting in 1942.

[Read These Articles](#)

Did You Know?

Annual Appeal

Fort Miles Museum has launched its Annual Appeal. Your donation will help us continue to plan for and initiate the [Fort Miles Development Plan](#) featuring new restrooms, an improved lobby and

interactive exhibits. Any amount you can donate will be well cared for and used to move Fort Miles Museum forward. Donations can be made online or mailed to Fort Miles Museum, 116 Front St., Suite 482, Lewes, DE 19958. Thank you for your support.

Register for Upcoming Events

Upcoming programs at Fort Miles conducted by Delaware State Parks can be found by going to destateparks.com/programs.

- Click on Fort Miles Historical Area from the Choose a Park drop-down menu.
 - Scroll down to see upcoming tours and events.
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Milford Museum to present *The Holly Industry of Delaware*

The Milford Museum American History Series continues with this Christmas themed program that will focus on the historical value of American Holly to the State of Delaware. Presented by Dr. Robert Tjaden, this program will take place on **Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. at the Milford Public Library**. During the 1930s & 40s, Milton was known as the Holly Wreath capital of the world. Milford and surrounding towns contributed too. These Christmas wreaths were shipped worldwide. The Pennsylvania Railroad had a special train at Christmas time called the “Holly Express” to pick up and deliver wreaths throughout the region. Many families in Sussex and lower Kent County were involved in making holly wreaths to supplement their income.

Sponsored by the Milford Museum, these moograms focus on a variety of topics concerning local, state, and national history. These presentations are held on the **second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Milford Public Library**. The Milford Public Library is located at 11 S.E. Front Street in Milford, Delaware. For more information, please contact the Museum at (302) 424-1080, tom@milforddemuseum.org. These programs are offered through a generous grant from The Delaware Heritage Commission.



Learn more: fortmilesmuseum.org

Fort Miles is located in Cape Henlopen State Park.
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Museum hours & tours: info@fortmilesmuseum.org
Schedule a tour: destateparks.com/programs
(Click on Fort Miles Historical Area under Choose Park)