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**Delaware's Long Beer Brewing History Topic of Fascinating Program Later This Month**

*John Medkeff, Jr will speak about the history of breweries in Delaware during this Delaware Historical Society program.*

Wilmington, DE —Author and historian John Medkeff, Jr. will share colorful insights discovered while researching the long history of breweries in the First State for his new book, *Brewing in Delaware*, during a program sponsored by the Delaware Historical Society. The program will take place on October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Delaware Saengerbund near Newark. Mr. Medkeff will also sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase that evening. The author's proceeds from the sale of *Brewing in Delaware* will be donated to the Delaware Historical Society and the Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery.

While Delawareans may be familiar with the Dogfish Head, Iron Hill, and Twin Lakes breweries, many are not aware that the state has one of the oldest brewing traditions in the United States, which can be traced back 375 years to the landing of the Swedes at Fort Christina, Wilmington. Wilmington native John Medkeff, Jr. has researched brewing history from these earliest European settlers to today's modern day craft breweries.

The October 19th program is an opportunity to not only learn about Delaware's fascinating brewing history, but to also sample beers from local breweries available for purchase.

**WHAT:** *Brewing in Delaware Talk and Book Signing*

**WHO:** Author, historian, and Delaware-native John Medkeff Jr. has been researching and writing about Delaware's brewing history since 1996.

**WHERE:** Delaware Saengerbund, located at 49 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 19, 2015 7- 9 p.m.

**HOW:** Tickets: \$5.00 for Delaware Historical Society and Delaware Saengerbund members, \$7.00 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased [online](http://www.dehistory.org), or call (302) 655-7161. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

**About the Delaware Historical Society:**

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in Wilmington; as well as the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, recognized as an "American Treasure" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service; and the Center for African American Heritage, which will be included as part of the expansion of the Delaware History Museum, expected to reopen in 2016.

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