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Events

Until January 6, 2008. “The Age of Rembrandt: Dutch Paintings in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.” The Met celebrates the 400th birthday of Rembrandt van Rijn by mounting an exhibit of the finest collection of Dutch art outside of Europe, including 20 works by Rembrandt himself. The 228 Dutch masterpieces are displayed together for the first time and coincide with the publication of the first catalogue of the Met’s Dutch collection. For more information go to: www.metmuseum.org. For a New York Times review and guide to the exhibit go to: www.nytimes.com; then, in the search box type: “finding your way around the rembrandts.” [NB: access to the NYTimes and its archives is once again free of charge.]

June 5–7, 2008. The American Association for Netherlandic Studies [AANS], in cooperation with the Center for European Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, is pleased to announce the 14th Interdisciplinary Conference on Netherlandic Studies [ICNS]: “Dutch Studies in a Globalized World.”

June 5: Pre-conference workshop for teachers of Dutch; opening reception.

June 6–7: ICNS Program
The conference will be held on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. All conference sessions, including the workshop, will be held at the new Center for Global Education (www.gi.unc.edu), conveniently located across the street from the Carolina Inn (www.carolinainn.com) where a block of rooms has been reserved for ICNS participants at a reduced rate. To register, book a room, or see program, on-line, go to: www.unc.edu/aans.

News

Kees-Jan Waterman, co-winner of the 2007 Hendricks Manuscript Award, wishes to dedicate his award to the late Gunter Michelson, for sharing his impressive knowledge of Mohawk and other Iroquoian languages, terms, and names.

Register for the E-Discussion Group!

All current members of the New Netherland Institute are eligible to

participate in the Institute's e-Discussion Group, where topics that are broadly related to New Netherland can be addressed among its participants. An extensive software update has recently been completed. This new program has many features that significantly enhance the facility's usefulness for sharing information, the most important of which is notification of postings. As before, registrants may post questions, information, or replies to queries, which can now be posted in one of several, broadly defined forum categories. An e-mail will be sent automatically to the person who made the entry whenever new information appears in the category where the original entry was made. When a topic is broached, e-mail messages will automatically inform its originator of new of new postings on that topic and all those who have subsequently entered the discussion. Individual registrants may determine their own frequency of notification.

The original version of the e-Discussion Group has been closed. Current participants, now numbering over one hundred, were automatically registered in the new facility, and their log-in data are

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still valid. Even if all or some of that is lost, please visit the NEW NNI Discussion Group at www.nnp.org in the LATEST section of the home page to reset your access permission in the Welcome Message area without logging in. Earlier posted material, however, was not transferred. The e-Group Support Team urges you to post your queries and comments again, along with any other questions and information that may occur to you.

The New Netherland Institute and the Website Team are proud of this new facility. Its usefulness to all participants, however, will largely depend on the active participation by all its registrants. Current registrants now number over one hundred. The Institute invites all members to register and avail themselves of this opportunity to meet each other and participate from home in a dialogue with those who share their interests.

Howard and Elisabeth Funk

Web Postings

More and more publications are being scanned and posted on the web. For those of you without a copy of O'Callaghan's "Calendar of Dutch Historical Manuscripts," go to: <http://books.google.com>. In the box **Advanced Search** type in "Calendar of Historical Manuscripts" [including quotes].

Publications

If you haven't gotten around to reading Willem Frijhoff's

extraordinary *Wegen van Evert Willemsz* for linguistic reasons, you can now read an English translation by Myra Heerspink Scholz. *Fulfilling God's Mission: The Two Worlds of Dominie Everardus Bogardus, 1607–1647* recalls the fascinating life of the second Reformed minister of New Amsterdam (present-day New York), Everardus Bogardus, a poor but gifted youth who worked himself upward into the ministry. The first part of the book provides an in-depth analysis of his mystical experience as a 15-year old orphan in his hometown Woerden (Holland) and its significance in the Dutch context. The second part explores Bogardus' agency in the colonial context and his appropriation of his new fatherland as a minister among the Europeans, the Native Americans, and the blacks, as a spokesman of the opposition during Kieft's War, and as a colonist married to the famous Anneke Jans. This biography is conceived as a psychological history of an early modern male individual. Published by Brill [www.brill.nl] in its Atlantic World series. ISBN: 978 90 04 16211 2.

A Huguenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and his Legacy by David C. Major and John S. Major. The first full-length study of David Demarest, an early settler of New Jersey and progenitor of a large and locally influential family. Published by Fairleigh Dickinson Press. ISBN 978-0-8386-4152-1; \$29.50.

Cobblestone, a publication for young readers, has dedicated its October issue (Vol. 28, No.7) to the 400th anniversary of Hudson's explorations along the northeast coast of North America. Entitled "The Birth of New York: The Dutch in America," the issue's 50 colorful pages is packed with articles, interviews, games, and cartoons, all relating to New Netherland. For customer service call: 800-821-0115; for on-line teacher's guides, go to: www.cobblestonepub.com.

Reminder: When ordering books (always a great Christmas gift!), please remember to access **Amazon** through our website. Just go to: www.nnp.org, click on **books and more** and then **Amazon**. By so doing the NNI will receive a percentage of the sale; in fact, it applies to any purchase, whether book or chainsaw.

Research Opportunities

Graduate level students with comprehensive knowledge of the American Revolution, especially New York Campaigns, together with demonstrated competence with period penmanship and colloquialisms, are requested to contact Bromme H. Cole at: bhc@hamptonhoerter.com. Work entails research and transcription of all extant correspondence to and from Peter Gansevoort, hero of Ft. Stanwix and important player in defeating the Saratoga Campaign. Long term engagement preferred. Documents are held in Albany and

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New York City libraries. Transcriptions will form the foundation of a biography on Peter Gansevoort.

The Quinn Library Research

Residency consists of specialized research in Dutch-related documents and printed materials at the New York State Library. Researchers interested in the history of New Netherland and the Dutch Colonial Atlantic World are encouraged to apply for the special Cunningham Grant of \$2,500. 2008 applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2008, and sent by mail.

The Quinn Archives Research

Residency consists of up to one year in Albany, working in the rich collections of the New Netherland Institute and the New York State Archives. Researchers interested in the history of New Netherland and the Dutch Colonial Atlantic World are encouraged to apply for the research residency, which carries a stipend of \$2,500. 2008 applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2008, and sent by mail. For further details, go to www.nnp.org, select Research & Education from the menu under New Netherland Institute, and click on Doris Quinn Foundation.

NNI News

On September 15, the annual Rensselaerswijck Seminar was held at the Cultural Education Center in Albany, followed by the New

Netherland Dinner at the CEC's Terrace Gallery. The recently arrived Consul General of the Netherlands H. Gajus Scheltema and Consul for Press and Cultural Affairs Simone Kreutzer attended the Seminar and were honored guests at the Dinner. Examples of the records of the Patroonship Rensselaerswijck were on display at the Terrace. Friends of the New York State Library seek funds to restore these documents. After the dinner, Senior Librarian Fred Bassett spoke about their fragile condition, their contents, and the need to preserve them. Two Hendricks Award recipients were recognized and spoke at the Dinner: Jeroen van den Hurk, for his Ph.D. dissertation, "Imagining New Netherland: Origins and Survival of Netherlandic Architecture in Old New York, 1614–1776" (University of Delaware, 2006), and Kees-Jan Waterman, for his manuscript, "To Do Justice to Him and Myself: Evert Wendel's Account Book of the Fur Trade with Indians in Albany, New York, 1695–1726" (to be published by the American Philosophical Society). There was no recipient in 2006.

Ms. Hennie Newhouse, who worked for more than 12 years at the NNP/NNI office and retired as of September 15, was honored at the New Netherland Dinner and received a gift from the staff of the New Netherland Project, past and present trustees of the New Netherland Institute, and NNI's membership. Ms. Bonnie Urso, who commenced work at the NNI office in mid-April 2007, has taken Hennie's place as of September 15.

Bonnie is usually in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

At the invitation of the Consul General of the Netherlands in New York, NNI president Wendell and acting treasurer Funk visited him at his office on October 5 to discuss funding of the New Netherland Project. Jippe Hiemstra, chair of NNI's 2009 four-part Project, met later that day with the Consul General and other representatives of the Consulate and the Embassy of the Netherlands, along with representatives of other organizations involved in planning events for the 2009 Quadri-centennial celebration. NNI's 2009 plans are moving ahead on schedule.

Hurry: don't miss out! The opportunity to reduce your federal taxes by contributing all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA ends at the end of the year. Remember that you must instruct your IRA custodian to send the amount you choose up to \$100,000 DIRECTLY to NNI and/or any other authorized organization.

And, if you have realized appreciated gains on your stocks or mutual funds, again you can avoid federal taxes on them by donating those shares or funds to NNI in support of the 2009 Project or the ongoing NNP program. Forget about cost basis; you can deduct the full value as a charitable contribution.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Sefcik, Associate for Development at: 518-783-4251 or 504-508-1476 (cell).

Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of the New Netherland Institute will take place on January 19, 2008 beginning at 12:00 noon. There will be a short business meeting, followed by a luncheon (cost involved) and a presentation by a guest speaker. All members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Requiescat in Pace

Erik Hazelhoff Roelfzema, acclaimed in the Netherlands as one of the nation's greatest World War

II heroes, died Sept. 26 at his home in Ahualoa, Hawaii. He was 90.

He won the Netherlands' highest military honor in World War II after leading 15 small-boat spying missions to the shores of his Nazi-occupied homeland in 1942, then flew 72 sorties in small plywood planes [Mosquitos] over Germany to point British bombers toward their targets, .

Mr. Hazelhoff Roelfzema gained international recognition after he wrote an autobiography, "Soldier of Orange" (Forum Boekerij, 1971; Hodder & Stoughton, 1972). The book offers gripping accounts of coastal landings on moonless nights

near Nazi headquarters in the Netherlands, and then of dodging tracer and anti-aircraft fire over Berlin. "Soldier of Orange," titled in deference to the Dutch royal dynasty, the House of Orange, has sold more than a million copies. In 1977, it was made into a movie by the director Paul Verhoeven, with Rutger Hauer portraying the 23-year-old Mr. Hazelhoff Roelfzema.

For a complete obituary, go to: www.NYtimes.com. Enter **Roelfzema** in the search box.

Totidem Verbis

Following is the final installment of the life of Michiel de Ruyter by our contributing editor Peter A. Douglas.

Michel de Ruyter, *Held van Nederland*, part 4

Again taking the battle to the Caribbean, this time against the French, De Ruyter arrived off Martinique aboard his flagship *De Zeven Provinciën* on 19 July 1674. He led a substantial force of eighteen warships, nine provision ships, and fifteen troop transports bearing 3,400 soldiers. Attempting to assault Front Royal, his fleet was becalmed, allowing the greatly outnumbered French defenders time to solidify their defenses. The next day, newly-placed booms prevented De Ruyter from entering the harbor. Nonetheless, the Dutch soldiers went ashore without the support of the fleet's guns, and were badly mauled in their attempt to reach the

French fortifications atop the steep cliffs. His ambitions thwarted and with the element of surprise lost, De Ruyter sailed north to Dominica and Nevis, and then returned to Europe, with disease spreading aboard his ships.

In 1676 he took command of a combined Dutch-Spanish fleet to help the Spanish suppress the Messina Revolt and fought a French fleet under Duquesne twice at the Battle of Stromboli and the Battle of Agosta, where, on April 29, 1676, he was fatally wounded. His body was returned to the Netherlands where De Ruyter was given a state funeral and he was interred in a mausoleum in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam. He was succeeded as supreme

commander by Cornelis Tromp in 1679.

De Ruyter was honored and respected by all who encountered him, from his sailors and soldiers, who used the term of endearment *Bestevaer* "Grandpa" for him, even to kings. Admiration and esteem extended far beyond the borders of the Republic, so much so that on his last journey home, the late admiral was saluted by cannon shots fired from all French ports and ships by the direct order of King Louis XIV. The inscription on his tomb succinctly says it all: "INTAMINATIS FULGET HONORIBUS" (He shines in untarnished honor).