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Upcoming Events

The *Halve Maen* (Half Moon), whose voyage in 1609 led to the founding of Albany, will return to Albany this Spring with a festive arrival on April 23, 1999. During her two week stay the Half Moon will host Capital Region students for historical tours, and be open for general public tours on weekends through the Tulip Festival on May 8 and 9. Capital Region students will help sail the ship to Albany,



and will communicate their experience to other students through a virtual classroom on the Internet.

Volunteer docents are needed to help lead the school tours and explain the ship to the general public. Those interested in helping with the tours will need to join a training program the morning of April

24, and will be provided background materials on the ship and the history of New Netherland. For information contact Robert Alexander of the First Church at 518 439-2917 home or 518 463-4449 at the church.

June 4, 1999. Woerden, the Netherlands. The **Werkgroep Nieuw-Nederland** announces its second symposium, Church and Religion in New Netherland and Early New York. The program includes: Optional, at 10:00, a tour of the orphanage in Woerden, and at 11.00 a tour of the Lutheran Church in Woerden. Opening remarks of the symposium will be at 1:00. Speakers will be Prof. dr. W. Th. M. Frijhoff "Michaëlius en Krol in Early New Netherland," drs. J.A. Jacobs "Lutherans in New Netherland and the Limits of Tolerance in New Netherland," dr. D. W. Voorhees "Religious Aspects of Leisler's Rebellion," dr. J. H. van den Bank "Dominee Frelinghuysen and Dutch Pietism in the Eighteenth Century," prof. Dr. J. D. Goodfriend "The introduction of the English language in the Dutch Reformed Church in New York." Dr. C. T. Gehring will serve as moderator. There will be ten minutes discussion following each talk, and

the program will close with concluding remarks and a reception. Costs: f45. Register with N. Plomp, Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie, Postbus 11755, 2502 AT Den Haag (phone: 070-3150500; e-mail: nico.plomp@cbg.nl) For more information, call Kees-Jan Waterman, h: (071) 5123749, or w: (071) 5142700, e-mail: kjwaterman@idc.nl, or Jaap Jacobs, (071-5316536) or e-mail, jajacobs@rullet.leidenuniv.nl

Until March 21, 1999. "Rembrandt; Treasures from the Rembrandt House, Amsterdam." Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Aalabama.

Until April 4, 1999. Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA (323) 857-6000: "Van Gogh's Van Goghs."

Until April 18, 1999. The Milwaukee Art Museum, Wisconsin, "Sinners and Saints, Darkness and Light: Carvaggio and his Dutch and Flemish followers." (414) 224-3220.

26 February - 4 March, 1999. "The Culture of Exchange: Real and Imagined Markets in the Low

Countries, 1500-1800." See our website for the complete program.

18 September, 1999. Mark your calendar for the New Netherland Project's 22d annual **Rensselaers-wijck Seminar**. The theme will be "New Netherland through the decades." Five speakers will present papers on the anniversary of significant events and episodes in the colony's history. Dr. Paul Otto will speak about Hudson's explorations in 1609; Dr. Oliver Rink will discuss the debate over the Freedoms and Exemptions of 1629; Dr. Wim Klooster will focus on the significance of the opening up of the trade in 1639; Peter Christoph will address the beginnings of the Lutheran church in 1649; and Dr. Charles Gehring will discuss the ramifications of Augustijn Herman's mission to Maryland in 1659.

Research requests

New member, Delta Capt. Kurt Brown and the Ostrander family Assn. (OFA) seek to verify the alleged progenitor of the **Ostrander family**: West Indies soldier, Adelborst Pieter Pietersse, who with wife and three children, sailed from Holland on *De Bontekoe* on April 16, 1660. Known progenitor, Pieter Pietersse 2 married Rebecca Traphagen in Kingston in 1680. Linking the two Pieter Pietersse is the goal. Any help from West Indies military info (troop movement orders, pay records, provisioning, housing of soldiers and their families, etc.) or any other info is appreciated. Respond in English or Dutch. Kurt H. Brown. 20515 Primrose Ctl, Bar-

ington, IL 60010; tel: 1-888-382-771.

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Websites

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Gazet van Antwerpen <gva.be>

Libelle <libelle.nl>

Margriet <margriet.nl>

De Morgen <demorgen.be>

NRC Handelsblad <nrc.nl>

Het Parool <parool.nl>

De Standaard <standaard.be>

De Telegraaf <telegraaf.nl>

Trouw <trouw.nl>

De Volkskrant <volkskrant.nl>



Historical Sites

The Wortendyke New World Dutch Barn Historic Site is open to the public. This classic example of this barn type contains many farm artifacts and historical information about the farming history of Bergen County, NJ. The barn was built circa 1770 and used by the Wortendyke family as a barn from 1770 - 1851 when the farm was sold. It remained in use as a barn until the early 20th century.

Saved from developers by the Paskack Historic Society, Bergen County Culutural and Historic Affairs Department, and the former owner Mr. Cali (an artist who used the barn as his studio), it is now protected as a national historic landmark. The barn is on Paskack Road in Park Ridge, NJ. It is open from May 15 - October 15, Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 1 - 5, and by appointment.

News from the FNN

Save the dates:

On **April 7, 1999** in conjunction with a lecture by Peter Rose for the Smithsonian, to be held at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C., the first Chapter of the Friends of New Netherland will be inaugurated. Trustee Coen Blaauw is organizing and will chair this Chapter. The Friends are grateful to Ambassador Vos and Ms. Marion Derckx of the Embassy for their support and hospitality. The annual Alice P. Kenney Award Ceremony will take place on Saturday, **May 1, 1999**, in conjunction with the visit of the New Netherland Museum's ship *De Halve Maen* to the Albany area. Further information about this event will follow.

Products: We are pleased to announce an advance offering of a beautiful 5"x 7" card depicting a seventeenth-century Dutch kolfer on skates, printed in black on ivory paper, with matching envelope. This card is suitable for all occasions, but will be a genuine stand-out for your Christmas mailing. The advance sale prices for shrink-wrapped packs of 10 cards and envelopes are as follows:

1 - 4 packs: \$8.00 each
5 - 9 packs: \$7.00 each
10 packs and up: \$6.50 each
Shipping and mailing costs: a minimum of \$3.00

There will be a separate charge for your imprint. We welcome orders for large quantities, which can be shipped non-wrapped as you wish. Please call the FNN office for information. Orders will be filled in early fall. Please allow time for your imprint.

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on January 23 at **Philipse Manor Hall**, a State Historic Site in Yonkers, New York. In attendance were about 40 friends and guests, among them Ms. Lily Talapessy, Cultural Affairs Officer of the Dutch Consulate, and Mr. Winthrop Aldridge, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation of the State of New York. President, Peter J. Paulson, Vice-President, Carol Hageman, chair of the nominating committee, reported that the membership of the Friends of New Netherland elected without dissent the slate of trustees as submitted to them in December. In addition to Mr. Paulson and Mrs. Hageman, the new Board consists of John van Schaick, treasurer; Elisabeth Funk, secretary; and the

following trustees: Coen Blaauw, Andrew Brink, Anneke Bull, William Crotty, Robert Dolfi, Dorothy Holt, Rev. William J. F. Lydecker; E. Kathleen Lyon; Peter G. Rose, Len Tantillo, Virginy Thole, Fred Tibbitts, and Tara van den Hout. Treasurer John van Schaick reported that matching money was tight because the latest NEH grant came with a smaller outright gift



Kolf player on the ice. ca.1700. Romeyn de Hooghe
Rijksprentenkabinet, Amsterdam

than usual. Corporate Circle chair Peter Rose reported that the renewal rate of Corporate Circle members, 19 to date, was 100%. The 1998 contributions totaled \$23,000, which are matched by the NEH grant. In addition, four members donated goods

and services. The chair thanked Consul General Bob Hiensch, Ms. Lily Talapessy, and Mr. Frank Ligtvoet for their continued strong support. NNP Director Gehring reported on the state of the Project. Three new volumes are now ready for publication, one of them dedicated to the late Mrs. Doris Quinn. Steve McDaniel, a Utah volunteer, is scanning the first volume of *A Beautiful and Fruitful Place*, which will be placed on the website <nnp.org> as it becomes available. New features at the website include a [time line](#) and a [calendar](#) of events; soon [original documents](#) will begin to appear, with a transcription, translation, and commentary. Dr. Gehring introduced Mrs. Anna Glenn Vietor, Directress General of the Holland Dames, who support the Project's educational packages for primary and secondary schools on the history of New Netherland.

After the meeting, Dr. Alix Schnee, Director of Philipse Manor Hall, guided the Friends on an informative tour of the mansion. The Friends of New Netherland are grateful to Dr. Schnee and her staff for their warm hospitality.

Totidem Verbis

Albany has seen much archaeological activity in the last decade. Past issues of the Marcurius have dealt with specific sites and problems. This issue will reprint a recent article from **The Daily Gazette** (February 18, 1999) under the heading "Archaeological dustup leads to better projects," which addresses the current relationship between archaeologist and developer. The reporter was Teresa Novellino; the map was drawn by G. M. Matusic for **The Daily Gazette**.

ALBANY - Two years ago, a fight over digging for Dutch artifacts at the state Dormitory Authority building site grabbed headlines, caught the eye of the New York Archaeological Council, then landed

on a court docket.

But the brouhaha over that dig - which was subsequently settled out of court - yielded unexpected fruit for archaeologists.

"Since this controversy occurred,

all of the state agencies have been more responsive and more attentive when it comes to archaeology," said Robert Kuhn, historic preservation program coordinator for the State Office of Parks, Rec-

reation and Historic Preservation. “There’s been a lot more archaeology in Albany as a result of the Dormitory Authority project.”

Kuhn, who spoke at a University at Albany lecture Wednesday on archaeological excavations in downtown Albany, said archaeology has won some welcome attention, regionally and statewide.

The archaeological council’s potential lawsuit over the Dormitory Authority building was settled when it was agreed that archaeologists would be able to monitor the construction site, and do work as needed.

Shedding light on the project has drawn some resources to archaeological projects.

Last October, the state set aside a \$250,000 pot of money for archaeological excavations in the cities of Albany, Schenectady and Troy, Kuhn said. The cities can snare the untapped funding for excavations, so that developers will be spared those costs, which can range from \$5,000 to \$100,000, depending on project size.

Albany Economic Development Commissioner George Leveille confirmed that the city has sought money from the new fund for excavation funding at several sites he would not identify.

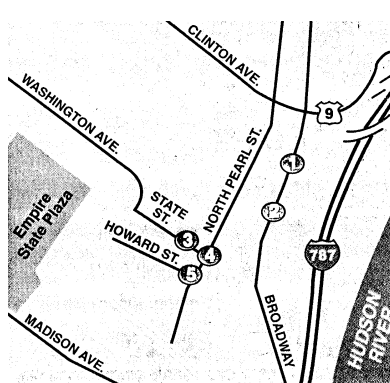
Archaeology is a constant concern with development in Albany, which was established as Fort Orange, a Dutch trading post, in 1624, before it was renamed Albany when the English conquered New Netherland in 1664.

At the Dormitory Authority site,

some 100,000 artifacts were recovered, which the state has agreed to have exhibited at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

“In any historic setting, there are resources buried underground,” Leveille said. “Cities and older areas are faced with a double-edged sword of new development and not creating undue burdens on developers, but also looking to its past in a way that will preserve those resources.”

Notable recent downtown Albany archaeological excavations



- ① 625 Broadway – Site of DEC building to be built.
- ② 515 Broadway – New Dormitory Authority building.
- ③ 110 State St. – Site of Comptroller’s building to be built.
- ④ Mid-1700s blockhouse.
- ⑤ Two graves, mid-1700s.

Statewide, the number of archaeology projects is up by 30 percent, Kuhn said. Another change: One full-time and one, part-time state archaeologist have been added to the two already working for the historic preservation program.

It’s a step up, though still fewer than the state of Rhode Island, which has four state archaeologists, Kuhn said.

Public interest seems to be on the rise, too. When excavation was conducted at the state Department or Environmental Conservation building site at 625 Broadway,

more than 1,500 people toured the site, which included foundations of 18th-century buildings, as well as Indian wampum, stoneware and bottles that dated back 17th-century Dutch settlers.

When the \$25 million state Dormitory Authority headquarters got underway in 1996, Dormitory Authority officials were pushing for construction, while historic preservationists wanted more time for archaeology.

Finally, the two sides agreed to have construction start, but with Kuhn supervising, and with archaeology work going on at the same time.

Since then, several other excavations have more quietly occurred: military artifacts were found during excavation at Pearl and State streets, believed to be from a mid 18th-century British blockhouse.

Two coffins, with bodies inside, also dating back to the same time, were unearthed at South Pearl and Howard streets, near the Pepsi Arena.

Artifacts from the 19th century turned up at 110 State St., which will be the site of the new state comptroller’s building.

The two dueling state agencies - the Dormitory Authority and the Office of Historic Preservation - have smoothed over their relationship.

“Following up on what happened, our office and the Dormitory Authority created a memo of understanding to make sure that none of this happens again,” Kuhn said.