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Upcoming Events

March 2,–26 May, 2002. "Art and Home: Dutch Interiors in the Age of Rembrandt," at the [Denver Art Museum](#). 303-640-4433. See previous [Mercurius](#) for further exhibit information.

March 22, 2002. Albany Symphony Orchestra's ensemble Dogs of Desire presents a concert with the theme "The Dutch-American Connection: 350th Anniversary of the Founding of Albany as the Dutch Settlement of Beverwyck." This program is designed to celebrate connections between major emerging American composers who have lived, worked and studied in the Netherlands, and many of the best young Dutch composers.

This concert features eight new works commissioned and performed by ASO's music ensemble, Dogs of Desire. Joseph L. Bruno Theater, Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River Street, Troy. 465-4755.

April 10, 2002. Commemoration of the date of the first court session

at Beverwijck.

11:00 Mayor Jennings press conference in park behind City Hall, during which a proclamation defining the limits of Beverwijck will be read and the boundary markers put in place. [see Totidem Verbis]

12:00 noon Ringing of Albany's church bells.

12:05 Pieter Blonk will play 17th-c

Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. discuss the importance of trade in and around Fort Orange and the early community of Beverwyck, the predecessor of modern day Albany. Together these two scholars trace the development of trade and traders from early 1600s to the 1650s. 1:30pm. 518-434-0405.

www.albany.org

May 5, 2002. The 3rd Annual Albany History Fair at the Albany Visitors Center, Quackenbush Square at the corner of Broadway and Clinton Ave., Albany. Albany: 1652-2002 Celebrating Albany's Heritage Year, the 350th anniversary of the founding of Beverwijck. Featuring historical presentations, exhibits, music, trolley tours and activities for the entire family. Free.

Noon-5pm. 434-4791.

www.historiccherryhill.org

or www.albany.org

May 9–12, 2002. 54nd Annual Tulip Festival, Washington Park, Albany. A celebration featuring arts & crafts, food vendors, 3 stages of entertainment, children's activities, crowning of a tulip queen, the



Looking down State Street toward the Dutch Church in 1805 Albany.
From J. Munsell's *Men and Things*

Dutch melodies on City Hall's carillon.

April 13, 2002. Slide Illustrated Talk at Albany Visitors Center, Quackenbush Square at the corner of Broadway and Clinton Ave., Albany. Janny Venema, New Netherland Project and Kevin Moody,

scrubbing of State Street and over 100,000 tulips. 518-434-2032.
www.albanyevents.org

July 19, 2002. Archaeological Open House at Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. Student exhibit of the excavations and artifacts from the annual archaeology summer camp at Ten Broeck Mansion. Featuring the excavation of a 19th century barn once located on the mansion's grounds. Portions of the students' excavations will be opened for public viewing. 10am-1pm. 518-436-9826.

September 21, 2002. Albany Institute of History and Art: 25th Rensselaerswijck Seminar. This year's theme will be "April, 1652: Beverwijck's Beginnings." The seminar will be held in cooperation with the Albany Institute of History and Art in Albany, New York. Speakers will be Paul Huey, NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic preservation, Cohoes (NY), José António Brandão, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, (MI), Cees Bakker, Westfries Museum Hoorn (the Netherlands), Jock Galloway, University of Toronto (Canada), and Janny Venema, New Netherland Project, Albany (NY). The seminar fee (pre-registration \$25) should be sent to the New Netherland Project, New York State Library, CEC 8th Floor, Albany, NY 12230. Tickets at the door will be \$30.00. A brochure and further information about the seminar can be obtained from the Project by calling [518] 474-6067. Information on the New Netherland Project Dinner can be ob-

tained from the Friends of New Netherland by calling [518] 486-4815.

For information about the NNP dinner following the seminar, please contact Hennie Newhouse, Friends of New Netherland, PO Box 2536 Empire Plaza Station, Albany, NY 12220-0536; [518] 486-4815.

Dutch Courses

In the summer of 2002, the Dutch Studies program at the University of Minnesota will offer its Dutch Summer Institute. Students are invited from institutions all over the country to spend their summer in a very pleasant environment and take courses in Dutch language and culture. In conjunction with an intensive language course taught by two enthusiastic native speakers, students can select from a variety of course offerings in Dutch culture: history, society, and arts. For further information contact: Dept. of German, Scandinavian and Dutch, University of Minnesota, 205 Folwell Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Registration information and course listings can be found at:

www.cce.umn.edu/summer/

For fellowship information go to:

esc.cla.umn.edu/DutchStipends.htm

Learn Dutch online with Lagelands. Lagelands is an accredited touto-supported online Dutch course for beginners, developed by Dutch Studies at the University of Hull. Lagelands is primarily aimed at higher education students. Prior knowledge of Dutch is not expected. The course will run twice a year for twelve weeks. For more in-

formation about the exact dates and the cost visit the website at: www.hull.ac.uk/lagelands

News

Kenneth Hewes Barricklo, Kingston Architect, has been awarded the prestigious gold medal from the Holland Society of New York. Barricklo, known currently for his restoration work on the Matthewis Persen House on the corner of Crown and John Streets in Kingston, will be recognized by the Holland Society of New York for his "outstanding contribution to historic preservation and restoration." The Society's Distinguished Achievement Gold Medal is given annually to a member for his "outstanding achievement in his field."

News from the FNN

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of New Netherland was held on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at the Elmendorph Inn, Red Hook, NY. Approximately 40 people attended and were treated to a splendid luncheon prepared and served by the Culinary Historians of the Elmendorph Inn.

Dr. Adriana van Zwieten, the Hendricks Manuscript Award recipient for 2001, spoke on 'Conversing with each other, among other things of the sale of houses: buying and selling real property in New Netherland'. Dr. van Zwieten's [talk is now available on NNP Web site.](#)

Treasurer William Crotty reported assets of \$205,000 plus January

2002 receipts, which represent an improvement in funding for the third year in a row. Funds continue to be needed, but optimism is justified that the project will survive through this grant cycle, which ends in 2004. Nominating Chair Charles Wendell submitted, as approved by the membership, the following list of newly elected trustees for 2002 - 2005: Hubert de Leeuw, William T. (Chip) Reynolds; and to the Executive Board, Elisabeth P. Funk, secretary; re-elected trustees: Coen Blaauw, Marilyn E. Douglas, and Frederick M. Tibbitts. President Van Schaick recognized continuing trustees and thanked outgoing secretary Rev. William J. F. Lydecker for his many years of service to the Friends and Sally van Schaick for doing a wonderful job as recording secretary when Rev. Lydecker was no longer able to serve in that position. President Van Schaick has appointed a Long-Range Planning Committee chaired by Marilyn Douglas. Members of the Committee include John Van Schaick, William Crotty, Anneke Bull, Charles Gehring and Janny Venema. This Committee will focus its attention on ways that the Friends can help to sustain the work of the Project and its allied activities. Thanks to the efforts of Howard Funk, the NNP web site is becoming more detailed and refined. A major installation is in progress of a virtual tour of New Netherland, to help broaden an understanding of New Netherland history.

Upcoming Dates

The Kenney Award Reception will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2002

at Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, NY from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Details and an invitation to the event will be mailed to members in May. The FNN is the recipient of an annual grant from the Alice P. Kenney Memorial Trust Fund. This grant enables the FNN to award an annual prize of \$250 to an individual or group which has made a significant contribution to colonial



Replica of the *Batavia* under full sail.

Dutch studies and/or has encouraged understanding of the significance of the Dutch colonial experience in North America by research, teaching, writing, speaking, or in other ways. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. Persons or groups to be considered for this award can be involved in any pursuit of any aspect of Dutch colonial life in North America. Emphasis is on those activities that reach a broad, popular audience in the same way that Alice P. Kenney's activities did. Nominations for this Award with a letter of support should be sent to Hennie Newhouse, Friends of New Netherland, P. O. Box 2536 Empire State Plaza Station, Albany, NY 12220-0536. For further information about the Award, you may also call Hennie at (518) 486-4815.

Books

Mike Dash's new book *Batavia's Graveyard* tells a tale so incredible that the author felt obliged to state at the outset that "absolutely nothing in this book is invented." It tells the story of the East India Company ship *Batavia* carrying over 300 men, woman, and children to Java. What happened to this human cargo when the 1200-ton vessel wrecked off the coast of Australia almost defies belief. Jonathan Yardley writes in his review in *Book World* (February 17, 2002): "...I made only a couple of notes during [the] final 80 pages, so caught up was I in the pure drama of the narrative..."

Amazon is offering the 381 page \$25 book at a 30% discount. Remember to enter Amazon through the "Bookstore" link in our website: www.nnp.org/ so that we get a percentage of the purchase price.

For information about the *Batavia* replica go to: www.Bataviawerf.nl

For people interested in 17th and 18th-c Dutch material culture, consider the following publications:

- Hester Dibbitts, *Vertrouwd bezit. Materiële cultuur in Doesburg en Maassluis, 1650–1800* (Sun, Nijmegen, 2001).
- Johan A. Kamermans, *Materiële cultuur in de Krimpenerwaard in de zeventiende en achttiende eeuw. Ontwikkeling en diversiteit* (Wageningen, 1999; A.A.G. Bijdragen 39).
- A. Schuurman, J. de Vries, Ad van der Woude, *Aards geluk. De Nederlanders en hun spullen, 1550–1850* (Amsterdam, 1997).

Totidem Verbis

[Prologue: The following proclamation has been constructed from the council minute dated March 5, 1652, resolving the four-year dispute between Petrus Stuyvesant, director-general of New Netherland and Brant van Slichtenhorst, director of the patroonship of Rensselaerswijck. The dispute arose over a question of jurisdiction involving the West India Company's Fort Orange, located in the middle of the Colony of Rensselaerswijck. Stuyvesant argued on behalf of the Company's rights that the field of fire around the fort should not be obstructed by the construction of houses; Van Slichtenhorst argued on behalf of the patroon of Rensselaerswijck that all the land fell within the Colony's jurisdiction and could be disposed of it as he saw fit.]

The Director-General, Petrus Stuyvesant, and Council of New Netherland send greetings to all who shall see, read or hear this read;

WHEREAS, we have previously informed and warned the Director of the Colony of Rensselaerswijck not to obstruct the Honorable West India Company's Fort Orange with new buildings and houses within the fort's liberty, estimated to be 600 geometrical paces or 3000 feet, about the distance of a salute gun's shot;

WHEREAS, the Director-General communicated this order to the aforesaid Director and to the court of the colony on July 23rd, 1648 both orally and in writing with the verbal request not to allow the erection of any more new buildings within the liberty of the aforesaid fort, unless he, the Director, has previously obtained a special order or consent from their High Mightinesses, the States General of the United Provinces of the Netherlands, or from the Directors of the West India Company, as masters and owners of the province of New Netherland;

WHEREAS, there are sites more suitable for building purposes both above and below the aforesaid limits of the fort's liberty;

WHEREAS, the Director has ignored these orders and propria autoritate, without recognizing any higher prerogative of this province, gradually begun to distribute lots nearer to the fort not only for quitrent but also in fee simple, which is an absolute sale;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the privileges of Fort Orange and the Honorable Lords Directors of the West India Company and their jurisdiction we were finally compelled to defend and publicly proclaim their rights and the boundaries of the fort;

WHEREAS, this proclamation was communicated to the aforesaid director with an order to post the same in the colony of Rensselaerswijck, and he, the director, to the disparagement of our official positions and of the sovereign authority of the fatherland, which we represent here, and to the special affront of the Lords Directors of the West India Company, most insultingly and indecently dared to tear it out of the hands of the clerk and throw the seal of the province to the ground;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Director has by this insult and an affront to the supreme government violated all neighborly obligations and our previous accommodating moderation not to enforce the claim to the boundaries of the fort's liberty until further orders were received from the Lords Directors,

THEREFORE, we are now constrained to revoke our previous favor and to direct our commander not to permit any building or frame of a house to be erected either west or northwest of the fort within 600 geometrical paces of five feet each or 250 Rhineland rods, approximately the range of a salute gun's shot- and so that no one may hereafter plead ignorance, we order our commander, after posting and publishing this, to erect or cause to be erected north, south and west of Fort Orange a post marked with the honorable Company's mark at the aforesaid distance, determining the jurisdiction of the aforesaid fort. Thus done and enacted in council, this March 5th, 1652.

[Signed:] P. Stuyvesant

[Epilogue: As soon as the ice cleared in the North River Stuyvesant sent forty soldiers to Fort Orange to enforce the resolution. On April 10, 1652, after reading the proclamation and replacing the Colony's flag with the Company's flag, the newly established court of Fort Orange and the village of Beverwijck held its first session. The servants of the Colony, who fell within the 3000 foot radius around the fort were allowed to abjure their oath to the patroon and swear allegiance to the Company. This concentration of the Colony's settlement named Beverwijck, containing the houses of most of the craftsmen and artisans in the area, would eventually become the capital of the Empire State.]