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Upcoming Events

April 22, 2006. Central New York Family History Conference sponsored by the Onondaga County Clerk and the New York State Archives. The conference will be held at the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Liverpool, NY. For more information go to our website at: www.nnp.org.

June 1-3, 2006. The 27th Conference on New York State History will take place at Columbia University. For complete program and registration go to: www.nyhistory.com.

June 8-10, 2006. The Joint Conference of the American Association for Netherlandic Studies (AANS) and the New Netherland Institute (NNI) “From De Halve Maen to KLM: 400 Years of Dutch-American Exchange” will take place June 8-10, 2006 at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Albany, New York. This Conference, which will replace the 2006 Rensselaerswijck Seminar, will bring together historians, researchers, anthropologists, architectural historians, museum curators, archeologists, professors of literature and linguistics, art histo-

rians, and others to discuss the influence of the Dutch on American life and culture. A workshop on literary texts in the Dutch language class for teachers of Dutch, to be conducted on June 8 by Alice van Kalsbeek of the *Steunpunt Nederlands als Vreemde Taal*, will precede the opening of the Conference. The Conference will begin Thursday evening with a reception at the historic Fort Orange Club in Albany.

Sixty-eight papers will be presented in eighteen sessions over a two-day period. Session themes include: freedom and death in the West, Hudson Valley buildings, Dutch-American artistic exchanges, 19th-Century Dutch New York, religion and the Dutch, image and text: Dutch American reciprocity, cultural issues of the Middle Colonies, ethnic diversity in New Netherland, rites of passage, political issues of New Netherland and New York, Dutch-Indian relations, modern Dutch literature, building a house in New Netherland, what archaeologists see in others rubbish, food for thought, archaeological perspectives in New Netherland, the Golden Age: The Flourishing of the Arts. Speakers include: Victor

Enthoven, Janny Venema, Marjoleine Kars, Shirley Dunn, Keith Cramer, Peter Sinclair, Mary Brantl, Ludo Beheydt, Julie Hochstrasser, James R. Tanis, Michael L. Black, Elisabeth Paling Funk, Jaap van Marle, Robert Naborn, Firth Haring Fabend, Willem Frijhoff, Jolanda Vanderwal Taylor, Renée Ridgway, Augustinus P. Dierick, Rachael LeClear, Joyce D. Goodfriend, Pamela J. Koch-Twigg, Edward H. Tebbenhoff, Benjamin Roberts, David A. Furlow, Joep de Koning, Eric J. Roth, David Emmi, Henry R. Miller, David William Voorhees, Dietrick S. Slijkerman, Janne Elisabeth Nijman, Christopher Fritsch, Thomas Wismuller, Hans Krabbendam, Enne Koops, Jaap Jacobs, Kees-Jan Waterman, Stephen K. Comer, Edward White, Hugo Bousset, Matthieu Sergier, Pascale Bos, Jeroen van den Hurk, Walter Richard Wheeler, Neil Larson, Michael Douma, James W. Bradley, Kevin Moody, Charles L. Fisher, Paul Huey, Marie-Lorranes Pipes, Peter G. Rose, David Boffa, Lloyd DeWitt, Luc Renders, Heilna du Plooy, Diana diZerega Wall, Ann Marie Cantwell, Meta F. Janowitz, Nan A. Rothschild, Frans R.E. Blom, Paul Sellin, Amy

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Golahny, Christine Sellin, Margriet Lacy, Natasha Seaman, and Jim Parente. The papers from this Conference will be published by AANS.

The keynote address at Friday evening's dinner will be given by Russell Shorto, author of *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America*. Following a Rijsttafel on Saturday evening, David Pinto, Director of the Intercultural Institute (ICI) in the Netherlands, will talk about "the limits of tolerance" and the current immigration policies in the Netherlands. More information about the Conference and making your hotel reservation can be found on our web site. A preliminary program and registration form will be available online later in March and will also be mailed to the Marcurius recipient list and the AANS membership list in April.

Publications

From Privileges to Rights: Work and Politics in Colonial New York City by Simon Middleton.

"A remarkable book. From *Privileges to Rights* opens up a new vista on the history of colonial New York City by focusing on the experiences of a group that has never been the subject of a major study. In doing so, it calls into question conventional notions of the work lives and political understandings of a broad strand of the urban population and builds a convincing case for locating the emergence of artisanal republicanism several decades before the revolutionary era."—Joyce D.

Goodfriend, University of Denver. 320 pages | 6 x 9 | 14 illus. Cloth Feb 2006 | ISBN 0-8122-3915-6 | \$45.00 | £29.50 | For additional information go to: www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/14242.html.

Next year will be the 350th anniversary of the founding of the patroonship called Swanendael on Delaware Bay. For those who want to know more about the fate of Swanendael, William J. Cohen's book, *Swanendael in New Netherland: The Early History of Delaware's Oldest Settlement at Lewes*, describes in vivid prose how this doomed colony came to be, what happened to it, how it has shaped the history of Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, and how its legacy continues in present-day Lewes. The book is published by Cedar Tree Books and the Lewes Historical Society, 110 Shipcarpenter Street, Lewes, DE 19958. The cost is \$30.00.

Websites

The 400th anniversary of the birth of Rembrandt has given rise to numerous commemorations in various media. One of the most noteworthy is:

www.rembrandtdvd.com. In addition to a calendar of events it offers for sale a DVD, which looks into the private life of Rembrandt: his home, his impressionable youth, his school days, his tutors, his studio, his turbulent love-life and his heyday in Amsterdam. The Rembrandt DVD is firmly wrapped with a CD-rom in a luxury DVD-box. Available both in PAL as well as NTSC and in 9 languages. €24.95.

The last issue of the Marcurius carried an article describing plans to build a replica of the *Onrust*--the ship built by Adriaen Block's crew in 1614 on Manhattan to replace the *Tijger*. Now you can follow the progress of the re-creation of this important episode in our shipbuilding history by going to: www.themesh.com/onrust. You are invited to help build this ship by underwriting the cost of required materials. See Donation Form on page 4.

In March 1606 the *Duyfken*, a Dutch East India Company (VOC) ship chanced upon unknown land south of Java. Captain Willem Janszoon sent his men ashore to explore the area. On the map that Captain Janszoon presented to his superiors on his return he referred to the newly discovered area as a part of New Guinea. However, it was not an unknown part of New Guinea he had discovered, but the coast of Queensland in Australia. He was therefore the first European, as far as has been recorded, who made contact with this new continent. For activities commemorating the 400th anniversary of this event go to: www.ned-erland-australie2006.nl.

News from the NNI

Annual Meeting.

The memberships' Annual Meeting was held on January 21, 2006, at the Crailo State Historic Site in Rensselaer, NY, an early Van Rensselaer family manor. Site manager Ms. Heidi Hill extended a welcome and an invitation to view the house after the meeting.

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Among the approximately 60 members in attendance was Dr. Theodore Wright, Jr., of the Dutch Settlers Society. Descent from at least one settler of the Rensselaerswijck-Schenectady area is required for membership in the organization. Also present were representatives of the Board of the newly formed New Amsterdam History Center, whose mission will be to focus attention on the 1609-1675 colonial period of Manhattan.

The Board of Trustees received word that Mr. Peter Paulson, founder, treasurer, and past president, has left his home for an assisted living facility. In recognition of his long, distinguished service to the organization, the Board of Trustees has unanimously granted Mr. Paulson the status of emeritus trustee. Dr. Charles W. Wendell, incoming president, has written Mr. Paulson informing him of the Board's decision.

The Board learned with sadness of the passing of Mrs. Anna Glenn Vietor, president of the Acorn Foundation and a long-time supporter of the New Netherland Project and other Dutch organizations, among them the Holland Dames.

President John van Schaick, whose second term of office ended on this day, announced that the name change of the organization from Friends of New Netherland to New Netherland Institute became official on December 9, 2005, when the Board of Regents of the State Education Department voted to amend the certificate of incorporation of Friends of New Netherland and to change the name to New Netherland Institute. A By-Laws committee, assisted by

Robert Van Vranken, Esq., is revising the existing FNN By-Laws. Upon completion and review by the Board of Trustees, they will be sent to the membership for approval.

The New Netherland Institute's 2006 budget is \$89,000, of which \$50,000 is set aside to match the NEH grant to support the NNP. The present grant is in the middle of its 3-year cycle. Part-time office staff is paid out of membership dues.

Board Election: Dr. Theodore Wright, Jr., trustee and chair of the nominating committee, announced that the slate presented to the membership in December 2005 had been elected. The 2006 Board is composed of the following: Dr. Charles W. Wendell, president/chair; Marilyn Douglas, vice-president/vice-chair; John van Schaick, treasurer; Dr. Elisabeth P. Funk, corporate secretary; and trustees Anneke Bull, Hubert J. W. De Leeuw; Dr. Arthur Fontijn; Jippe Hiemstra; William T. (Chip) Reynolds; Fred M. Tibbitts, Jr.; Greta H. Wagle; and Dr. Theodore P. Wright, Jr. Serving *ex officio* are Dr. Charles T. Gehring, director of the NNP; Robert Van Vranken, Esq., and Loretta Ebert and Mary Redmond of the New York State Library. The outgoing president welcomed Dr. Charles W. Wendell, who said he looked forward to a continuation of achievement and further broadening of the New Netherland Institute's outreach. He asked the gathering to recognize president Van Schaick's major contributions, at which the audience rose in applause.

The first Quinn Foundation professorship, funded with matching

grants from the hosting academic institutions, will begin in the fall of 2006 with Dr. Jaap Jacobs teaching a semester at Cornell University and in the spring of 2007 at the University of Pennsylvania.

Speakers: Dr. Janny Venema and Jeroen van den Hurk, M.A., the 2005 Quinn fellow, spoke about their work activities. Dr. Venema is transcribing and translating for the NNP, while developing contacts in the Netherlands with specialists in archaic terms of material culture and professional jargon. She is conducting research at the municipal archives of Amsterdam and at its Maritime Museum, as well as into the prehistory of Beverwijk (1609-1652) and the New Netherland settlers from the Amersfoort region of Gelderland. She has been invited to contribute several articles and submit a book-length manuscript. Mr. Van den Hurk, who expects to receive his Ph.D. from the University of Delaware this spring, discussed similarities and differences between Dutch-European and Dutch-American structures, and emphasized the importance to his research of the 17th-century New Netherland Manuscripts, which contain detailed specifications of construction contracts of the period. His talk will be published on the Website at www.nnp.org and www.newnetherlandinstitute.org.

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review. The event replaces this year's annual Rensselaerswijck Seminar, usually held in September, and will host the annual Alice P. Kenney Award Ceremony. The Award recognizes significant contributions to understanding the Dutch colonial experience in North America. Nominations for this Award must be received by April 1, 2006. For further information, see www.nnp.org/fnn/kenney.html.

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SHORTO'S BOOK AVAILABLE TO PRINT DISABLED .

Doubtless many of you have read Russell Shorto's 2004 book *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America*. Of course, the colony is far from "forgotten" by those involved in the New Netherland Institute, but we certainly take Shorto's point, given the traditional primacy in American history of the English colonies in Virginia and

Massachusetts. Working with the documents translated by Charles Gehring, Shorto's lively book argues that all Americans owe a huge debt to the culture of Dutch Manhattan in the 17th century, the first place in the New World where men and women of different races and creeds lived together in relative harmony.

And how easy it was for most of us to read this book! We just went into a local library or bookstore for it. But it's not that easy for everyone, and what do you do if your vision is so poor that you can't read, or are too weak to hold a book in a comfortable position for reading? The answer lies in a special library service that's been serving Americans for 75 years. Any NNI friend who has a physically-based reading problem – or knows someone with one – may be interested to know that the book is available to them on cassette as RC 58272 from the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically

Handicapped.

Established by an Act of Congress in 1931, this national program lends, free of charge, braille and recorded books to those who have a permanent or temporary limitation that prevents them from holding or reading a book, or even turning its pages. Eligibility derives not only from blindness and other visual problems, but also disabilities such as paralysis, MS, stroke, and cerebral palsy, as well as organically-based reading disabilities such as dyslexia. More information about the NLS program for people of all ages can be obtained from the local Regional Library in this national program: the New York State Talking Book and Braille Library, Cultural Education Center, Albany NY 12230, 518- 474-5935, 800- 342-3688, e-mail: tbbl@mail.nysed.gov. This library, a unit of the New York State Library too, has been serving state residents since 1896.

[Contributed by Peter Douglas]

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