

# De Nieuw Nederlansche Mercurius



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**May 20, 1995:** “Fiddle Up a Barn Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” at the **Dutch Barn**, Gate 3, Brandle Road, Altamont Fair Grounds; soon to be the permanent home of the Old Songs Festival. The barn came from Montgomery County, and was carefully taken apart, repaired and reassembled on the Altamont Fair Grounds. The opening ceremony will be followed by a concert, covered dish picnic and a country & contra dance. Contact Andy Spence at [518] 765-2815 or write to Old Songs, Inc., P.O. Box 399, Guilderland, NY 12084.

**May 26, 1995:** Talk by Charles T. Gehring entitled “Trade and Colonization 1609-1664: The Dutch in North America” at the History of the **Fur Trade Conference** being held at St. Mary’s University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For further information contact Bill Wicken at [902] 420-5668 or 496-8140.

**June 2-3, 1995:** Conference on New York State History at SUNY Brockport. Charles Gehring will comment on papers in the session

on “Empire and Frontier” and Martha Shattuck will be moderator for the session on “Women and the Workplace.” For reservations write Stefan Bielinski, Conference on New York State History, 3093 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; [518] 474-6917.

**June 11:** Friends of New Netherland event featuring tours of Dutch properties (including a Dutch barn) in the mid-Hudson region around Peekskill and Beacon, as well as presentation of the 1995 Kenney Award. For further information contact Friends of New Netherland secretary, Hennie Newhouse, at [518] 486-4815.

**June 24-25, 1995:** Blauvelt Family Reunion in Warwick, New York. Contact Jean C. Anderson at [914] 987-7718 if you are interested.

**September 16, 1995:** 18th Rensselaerswijck Seminar on the general theme of relations between New Netherland and New England. Speakers and other details will appear in the August *Mercurius*.

**October 19, 1995:** Interdisciplinary **Symposium on 17th-Century Dutch Art and Life** at Hofstra University. An exhibit of

drawings by 17th-century Amsterdam artist Jan Luyken will coincide with the symposium. For a brochure or further information, contact Prof. Donna R. Barnes, Dutch Symposium Coordinator, 124 Hofstra University, Mason Hall, Hempstead, NY 11550-1090

## Research Interests

Since 1990, archaeologists in Anne Arundel County, Maryland have been excavating house sites related to the 1649 Puritan settlement called “Providence” or “Severn.” This settlement later became known as “Arundelton” and eventually “Annapolis” and is now the state capital. One of the most surprising aspects of the archaeological discoveries has been the amount of Dutch material culture which has been recovered. Not only are there numerous clay tobacco pipes and ceramics of Dutch origin, but there are extensive amounts of Dutch architectural artifacts. One site had a Dutch pantile roof, a Dutch yellow brick firebox, painted decorated “Delft” tiles, and Dutch green and yellow glazed floor tiles. We have no historical documents which can shed light on the situation. If anyone encounters