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## Upcoming Events

September 13, 1997. The New Netherland Project announces its twentieth annual Rensselaerswijck Seminar. The theme this year will be The West India Company and the Atlantic World. The program begins at 9:00 in the Museum Theater at the Cultural Education Center in Albany. The morning session will feature the following talks: "Winds of Change. Colonization, Commerce, and Consolidation in the 17th-Century World," by Dr. W. Klooster, John Carter Brown Library; "A Monopoly Relinquished: the WIC and the Atlantic Slave Trade," by Dr. Johannes Postma, Mankato State University; "On Common Ground. Legislation, Government, Jurisprudence and Law in the Dutch West Indian Colonies in the 17th Century," by Dr. J. A. Schiltkamp, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. After presentation of the 1997 Hendricks Manuscript Award, the afternoon session will feature "The WIC and the Reformed Church: Neglect or Concern? A Reassessment," by Prof. dr. W. Th. M. Frijhoff, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam; and "New Netherland in the Atlantic World: Comments and Reflections," by

Dr. Joyce Goodfriend, University of Denver.

The fourth annual New Netherland Project dinner, sponsored by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will take place on September 13, 1997 in the Terrace Gallery at the New York State Museum. The dinner will follow the Rensselaers-wijck Seminar. Cocktails at 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:30.

The menu, created by Food Historian Peter G. Rose, is inspired by the cuisines of the West India Company's "other colonies." A festive start of the evening will be a Brazilian rum punch, accompanied by assorted hors d'oeuvres and followed by a four-course dinner, featuring a main course of roasted duck with pineapple, rice, beans, and vegetables. Please mark your calendar now; invitations will be sent out in August.

June 5-7, 1997. *Conference on New York State History*. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY. This year a session relating to New Netherland will be offered on Friday at 1:30 in Palamountain Hall: "Colonial Dutch New York Revisited: An Updated Historiography, 1985-1997." History, Joyce Goodfriend, U of

Denver; comment: Firth Fabend. Archaeology, Paul R. Huey, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; comment: Meta F. Janowitz.

Exhibitions, Eric Nooter, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; comment: Ruth Piwonka. Moderator: Charles Gehring, NNP. For a program brochure containing also registration and travel information contact Stefan Bielinski at 518-474-6917 in the NYS Museum; or email: <Sbielins@mail.nysed.gov> or download the conference program from the following website: [www.nyhistory.com/histconf.htm](http://www.nyhistory.com/histconf.htm)

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May 9 to September 15, 1997. The John Carter Brown Library at Brown University in Providence, RI will host the exhibit: "The Dutch in the Americas, 1600-1800." It will also be possible to visit a larger version of the exhibit in the Equitable Gallery in NYC from 22 January until the end of March 1998. The exhibit, and the accompanying catalogue (which will appear in October 1997) consist of six parts: 1. The rise of the Dutch state and the first adventures on the high seas; 2. the organization of the Dutch activities in the West under the WIC; 3. the Dutch