

The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany

Fall - Winter 2010 Newsletter

Events

For all events — see contact information at right.

Our first meeting of the year will be held **Tuesday October 12th** at the First Church in Albany, 110 North Pearl Street, at **7:00 PM**. Nancy Johnsen Curran, genealogist will speak on Dutch Genealogy. Nancy is an experienced researcher working in the capital district under the name *The Continuum*. Nancy serves clients with family histories in New York State, although they live in many other places. It is said that some 60 percent of Americans have roots in New York State. Nancy brings to genealogy research a discipline instilled by many years in print and electronic journalism. Experience as a feature writer and columnist is called into play, as she presents factual history in readable, interesting form.

With a change in both day and location our Annual Membership Tea will take place at Country Club of Troy, Saturday, October 30th, 2-4 p.m. The speaker will be DSSA Associate Member, Shirley Dunn. She will be speak-

ing about her recent book *The River Indians: Mobicans Making History*.

St. Nicholas Day Dinner will be Friday, December 3rd at the University Club in Albany. The dinner this year will feature an Old



World Dutch Buffet to include Savory Pumpkin Pancakes, Red Cabbage with Apples, Bief Stuk (premium cuts of beef with a variety of sausage and potatoes), Kibbeling (deep fried nugget sized cod), asparagus and witloof (chickory) served with ham and cheese. Dessert will be stewed pears and almond pastry. We will hold our Toys for Tots drive and entertainment will be provided. Watch for future announcements to reserve your place.

The Dutch Settlers will participate in the Empire State

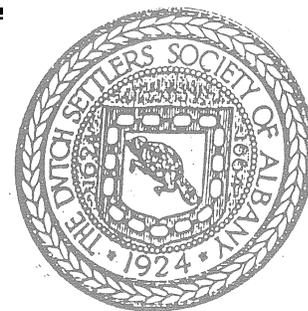
Plaza Holiday Bazaar in early December. Volunteers are needed to staff our table and sell items to support our budget.

Details are not complete, but we will hold our February Mixer at the Albany Pump Station. This casual event is a great chance to come out and meet other DSSA members, prospective members, and other individuals interested in local history.

Other Events of Interest to DSSA Members:

The "Faces of Schenectady 1715 - 1750" seminar will take place on October 15 & 16 2010. The event will be held at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave. Schenectady, NY 12305. For more information: 518-374-0263, www.schist.org or office@schist.org

Schenectady County Historical Society is presenting the seminar in collaboration with the First Reformed Church of Schenectady and the Glen Sanders Mansion. The seminar is funded by the New York Council for the Humanities and Schenectady County.



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THE DUTCH SETTLERS SOCIETY
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ALBANY, N.Y.

Our Society was founded in 1924 to perpetuate the memory of the individuals who resided there during the time that it was a Dutch Colony.

Our major contribution is to foster the study of, and to perpetuate and preserve the history, memories, memorabilia, genealogical records and virtues of the early settlers and their descendents without regard for race, creed, or country of origin. Society's Yearbooks are published studies and general information relative to the early history of this Hudson River Region previously unavailable to the general public.

The Society participates in community activities which perpetuate the history of New Netherland, with special emphasis on The Settlement of Fort Orange, which later was called Beverwyck, and the Colony of Rensselaerswyck prior to 1664, and encourages others to study and teach such history.

From the President

I hope you enjoyed the summer, even with the hot weather! Summer is a time to relax, rejuvenate and renew your commitment to your Dutch Settlers Society. With fall upon us, we are looking forward to another year of fellowship and special times.

First Vice President Jim Schermerhorn is busy planning a varied and interesting program for the year. Our year will start on October 2nd with an Oktoberfest Cruise on Lake George held in conjunction with the Albany Branch of the English Speaking Union and the Saint George's Society. We are very grateful to Glo-

ria VanDerpoel of our Society for planning this event. October 12th at 7 p.m. will be our first regular meeting of the year held at the First Church. Our speaker will be Nancy Johnsen Curran, the noted genealogist.

Do diary ahead and plan on attending our Membership Tea to be held on Saturday, October 30th at the Troy Country Club and the St. Nicholas Dinner to be held on December 3rd at the University Club of Albany. In keeping with the dinner's historic theme, the University Club will be featuring a traditional Old World Dutch Buffet containing Savory Pumpkin Pan-

cakes, Red Cabbage with Apples, Bief Stuk (premium cuts of beef with a variety of sausage and potatoes), Kibbeling (deep fried nugget sized cod), Asparagus and Witloof (chicory) served with ham and cheese and for dessert Stewed Pears and Almond Pastry.

I'm looking forward to welcoming our Members on the Cruise and at our first meeting in October.

I'll see you there!

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Welcome New Members

DSSA welcomes two new members to the organization!

Patricia A. Hickey
(descended from Pieter Van Alen)

and:

Charlotte Van Horne Squarcy
(descended from Pieter Claessen Wyckoff.



New Website Premiers

Everyone is encouraged to visit the **new** Dutch Settlers Society of Albany web site. We have the same address, www.dutchsettlerssociety.org, but our web site has been redone and new features are now available. When you go to our home page, if you haven't done so already, please "Register" with our website. The link to do this is in the upper right hand corner under the "Members Area" heading. You will be prompted for some basic information and asked to create a password. Once you register, I will send you an email inviting you to

return to our website and set up a personal profile and upload a photo of yourself if you wish.

Some new features of the website include a Calendar, where you can click on entries to see details of the event including links to Google Maps for directions to events. There is a Photo Gallery where you can view a slide show of photos as well as a Video Gallery. I have posted a video of Prince Willem Alexander and Princess Maxima of the Netherlands, when they visited

Albany City Hall in September 2009. There is also a Members Area of the website where you can communicate with other members and those interested in the Dutch Settlers Society. Again, I encourage you to become a Member of our web site or at least Subscribe to our web site by submitting your email address. A great benefit of having your email address is that I can send an "email blast" to alert you to an upcoming event, news or happening that may be of interest.