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End-of-Year NAHC Newsletter, 2023

New Amsterdam Yesterday & Today



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We are sending you our end-of-year newsletter once again with our warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. We hope you will join us often at the great programs we have planned for 2024.

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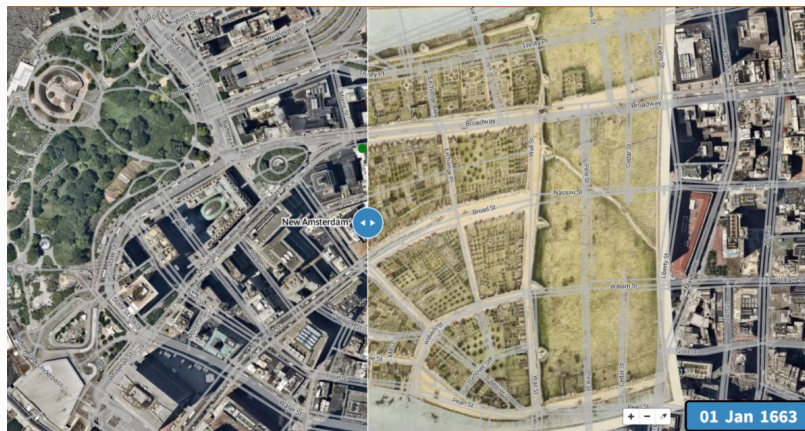
# WHAT'S NEW ON THE NEW AMSTERDAM HISTORY CENTER WEBSITE

## NEW NETHERLAND SLAVE TRADE ORIGINS, EVOLUTION, IMPACT, SIGNIFICANCE

More than 350 people tuned in to the NAHC webinar in November to hear historians Jaap Jacobs, Dennis Maika, and Andrea Mosterman, with moderator Lavada Nahon, challenge the myths and misunderstandings about New Netherland slavery and shed new light on the colony's enslaved people: the conditions of their enslavement, their relationship with their enslavers, and the inner workings of the trade in slaves. If you missed this program, view it on our website in our [Past Events](#) or click below.



## MAPPING EARLY NEW YORK AND LONG ISLAND UPDATE



Research innovations, Artificial Intelligence, and Chat GPT have helped to enhance the level of detail in the Encyclopedia and 3D Model. In December, Project Director Toya Dubin offered viewers a sneak peek at some of the 3D modeling planned for release in the spring of 2024. View it on our website in our [Upcoming Events](#).

## Coming in 2024

### THE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DUTCH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA

In the upcoming milestone year, 2024, NAHC will join with other Dutch-American and New York organizations to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Dutch settlers on the shores of North America.

### NEW AMSTERDAM HISTORY CENTER IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MAPPING EARLY NY PROJECT IS PART OF THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

#### NEW YORK BEFORE NEW YORK THE CASTELLO PLAN OF NEW AMSTERDAM

"Our 3D Model has been significantly enhanced by NAHC's 3D Modeler, Eduard Van Dijk in collaboration with Russell Shorto and the staff at New-York Historical Society. Director Charles Gehring of the New Netherland Institute Research Center has also provided significant input," said Toya Dubin, Project Manager. "It has been a real team effort, and we look forward to seeing the model in an interactive touch screen near the case displaying the original Castello Plan, affording us a rare opportunity to view it in America." The exhibit opens on March 15, 2023.

#### TULIPS ON PARK AVENUE

NAHC is proud to have worked with the Fund for Park Avenue and Carnegie Hill Neighbors in the decision to plant 80,000 orange tulips on the Park Avenue Malls from 56-96th Streets. The tulips bloom in mid-April and are one of the first signs of spring in New York. This year they will help remind the city of the foundational 400 years of Dutch heritage in New York.

#### MAPPING EARLY NEW YORK AND LONG ISLAND

**Mapping Early New York unveils new research feature.** "My Folders" is now available on the Mapping Early New York site. Registered users can save their research in an unlimited number of folders. They can research their family members, specific subjects, time periods, blocks, etc. Unregistered users will be prompted to register in order to use this feature. "My Folders" creates a way for teachers and students to use the site for assignments and homework. A major breakthrough for the project thanks to the NAHC's own Drupal Developer, Mustafa Akbay!

## Mapping Early New York

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**SAVE THE DATES**  
**March 8 and 9, 2024**

Mapping Early NY's "Wreck of the *Prince Maurice*" presentations available both online and live in Long Island. Details to follow.

## Recent Additions to the NAHC Website

### "Jersey City's Dutch Roots"



We are very pleased to announce a new addition to our website. In **READ** on our website's opening menu bar, find works by historians of Dutch America. The latest is by Firth Fabend from her recent talk "**Jersey City's Dutch Roots.**"

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### "For Two Years or Perhaps Forever"



We also invite you to read the latest posting in the series Dutch-American Stories, [“For Two Years, or Perhaps Forever.”](#)

## News from the Board of Trustees

The NAHC Board of Trustees is delighted to welcome two new trustees.

**Cynthia Bogart** is a former editor for Better Homes & Gardens magazines and was a commercial artist, who transitioned into digital and website development, marketing, and social media management with a focus on historical and traditional businesses and organizations for the last 15 years. She has served as a digital content editor overseeing many online publications, including digital magazines, articles, manuals, and social media content. She has received several awards for Digital and Content development, and she was a MassChallenge Finalist. She is a direct descendant of Tunis Gysbert Bogaert who settled in New Amsterdam in 1652 and his wife, Sarah Rapelje Bogaert, the first non-indigenous European child born in New York State in 1625 to Walloon settlers at Fort Orange, New York.

**Sandra Lazo** grew up in West Germany, Denver, Cincinnati, Houston and London. She received her S.B. degree in Economics from M.I.T. and her M.A. degree from N.Y.U., both in economics. She worked in economic consulting, with clients primarily in regulated industries such as electric utilities. While raising two sons in New York City, she volunteered as assistant treasurer of the Parents League of New York. An avid researcher into her family history, Sandy became fascinated by colonial Dutch New York after discovering that she is an eleventh-generation descendant of Cornelis Antonissen Van Slyck, who immigrated to Rensselaerswyck in 1634. She has funded NNI’s Van Slyke Article Prize almost since its inception, and supported NAHC’s presentation “The Prize Papers Collection – The Vrooman Letters” in the spring of 2023. Sandy and her husband continue to be based in New York City, and she plans to remain a “New Amsterdammer” for the foreseeable future.

Our long-time Trustee, **Casey Kemper**, one of the founders of the New Amsterdam History Center, has recently retired from the Board of Trustees. He will be greatly missed but will continue to be involved as Trustee Emeritus.

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