New Amsterdam HISTORY CENTER

Summer Greetings from the New Amsterdam History Center

Warm summer greetings from New York!

We are delighted to share that our Mapping Early New York interactive 3D model of the 1660 Castello Plan—showing mid-17th-century New Amsterdam—continues to attract enthusiastic visitors at The New York Historical, where it forms an integral part of the acclaimed exhibition *Old Masters, New Amsterdam*.

View of the Kierstede House and trading place along the waterfront on Pearl Street. New Amsterdam History Center's Mapping Early New York 3D model. All rights reserved.

The exhibition has received widespread praise in the press, most recently in *The Wall Street Journal*, in an article entitled "Envisioning Dutch America." The reviewer applauds the remarkable way in which visitors can experience 17th-century Dutch masterpieces by Jan Steen, Gabriel Metsu, Frans van Mieris, Rembrandt, and others alongside the recreated streets and interiors of New Amsterdam. Together, they bring to life the world in which Dutch settlers built a new society across the Atlantic.

There are only three weeks left to see this extraordinary exhibition before it closes on August 30. If you have not yet visited, we warmly encourage you to do so. Don't miss the exceptional paintings from the Leiden Collection, together with the engaging *Mapping Early New York* touchscreen experience that allows visitors to explore daily life in 17th-century New Amsterdam in an entirely new way.

Meanwhile, it has been a productive summer at NAHC. Our summer interns—college students Zach Blackston, Peter Burns, and Alex Goldin, all alumni of the Collegiate School—are completing research on a remarkable range of topics related to 17th-century New Netherland.

*NAHC summer interns viewing the exhibition **Old Masters, New Amsterdam** at The New York Historical.*

Their work includes studies of two rare pairs of 17th-century millstones from New Amsterdam preserved at the West End Collegiate Church and Congregation Shearith Israel, the oldest Jewish congregation in America; the development of the town of Kinderhook; religious diversity in New Amsterdam; the role of the Heidelberg Catechism in early education; the occupations and roles in society of schoolmasters, brewers, carriers, and sailmakers; and the influence of Dutch and Indigenous concepts of representative government on the language and ideas of the Declaration of Independence.

These new essays will soon become part of the ever-growing Mapping Early New York Encyclopedia, now containing more than 20,000 historical documents and entries.

The interns have also produced a short film on St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery, Peter Stuyvesant's burial place. The film will launch our new video series, *A New Amsterdam Minute*—bringing fascinating stories from New Amsterdam's past to life in just 60 seconds. Stand by!

As you enjoy the remaining warm days of summer, we look forward to welcoming you back this autumn for an exciting season of programs and new initiatives:

October 8: European debut of the NAHC–Mapping Early New York 3D installation of the 1660 Castello Plan at the Pilgrim Fathers Church in Delfshaven, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. If you would like to join us or would like more information, please email events@newamsterdamhistorycenter.org.

October 22: Launch of the New Amsterdam Phone App, with narration by author Russell Shorto, bringing the streets, stories, and people of 17th-century New Amsterdam to life as visitors explore present-day Lower Manhattan. More information is coming soon.

October 27: NAHC Book Talk featuring Peter Mancall and Susanah Romney discussing *Contested Continent*. Register here.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Amsterdam History Center. Because of friends like you, we are able to continue uncovering, preserving, and sharing the remarkable story of New Amsterdam with audiences on both sides of the Atlantic.

We wish you a wonderful remainder of the summer and look forward to seeing you again soon!

For further information or questions about our programs, please contact info@newamsterdamhistorycenter.org.

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