



Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day is an annual Canadian holiday, held on the second Monday in October (this year on October 11th) which celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year.

We have many things to be thankful for at the Dutch Canadian Centre, even though we now have new COVID regulations for the time being. Hopefully it won't be for an extended time and most of our members have had their double vaccination so the situation is not as dire as last year. Please be safe, look after yourselves and each other and we hope to see you all again soon.



National
Park
“De Hoge
Veluwe”
in fall colors

Photos: Keith Smits

EDITORIAL

by Jenny Smits
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It was nice to see some of our members again at the Dutch Canadian Centre, but unfortunately we are back to COVID restrictions. We can still get together in small groups if double vaccinated and wearing a mask. It's better than not being able to get out at all. We hope things will get better soon.

We have been printing the Dutch Touch in color since April and the feedback I have gotten is that it is quite an improvement. We will continue to do so and are back to monthly issues as well (10 per year). We thank our advertisers for supporting us throughout this pandemic and we hope our members will continue to support them as well.



After a nice and hot summer the fall weather is upon us and the fall colors are all around us. The weather has been nice enough to enjoy this colorful season. If you get a chance to take it in, the river valley is beautiful at this time of the year. Aris and I are hoping to enjoy the "herfst kleuren" in the Netherlands in October.

Take care and until next month.

Welcome to our new members!

Our membership dues are per calendar year (January-December) at the following rates:
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Please mail your membership application or renewal with your **name, address, phone number and email address** to:

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From the desk of Frank Stolk



Dear members

Well summer is officially behind us, but a nice fall has always been my favorite time of the year. The colors of the leaves are so beautiful.

You all got a phone call regarding the AGM being canceled due to a severe spike in hospitalization in Alberta, because we decided to play it safe and postpone it. As it stands now, we will continue to keep the club open by following the Alberta Health guidelines. These rules must be followed, or we will have to make the decision to close the doors for the foreseeable future.

The rules are as follows:

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We received notice that we are scheduled for our casino on Friday January 7th and Saturday January 8th 2022. A signup sheet for this event will be posted in the clubroom.

Frank

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Stitch 'N Rip Knitting Club

By Edith Van Leeuwen

Here we are again, hoping COVID-19 will be over soon. Let's all do our part. Thank you Bob Derksema and Beb van der Werf for all the yarn, we appreciate your donations very much.



We hope to have a craft sale late November together with the sewing group if it works out, wait and see.

We hope to see you again on Mondays from 12-3 pm.

Sewing & Craft Circle

By Jenny Smits

We are going to try again!

Last year we tried to get a craft sale going before Christmas, but unfortunately that had to be cancelled. So, we are trying again this year. Together with the Knitting Club we will have a sale (COVID rules permitting) on Thursday afternoon, November 25 and Saturday afternoon, November 27 in the Nordic Room. You can find a lot of one-of-a-kind items at bargain prices that will make great Christmas gifts.



So, if all goes well we invite you to come out on that Thursday afternoon or Saturday afternoon and socialize with each other and maybe pick up some great deals. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Some of the items we have for sale are shopping bags, placemats, potholders, table runners, lap quilts, rag quilts and also quite a few Christmas decorations, like advent calendars, placemats, runners, etc. and much more. Come and see for yourself or drop by on a Tuesday between 10:30 and 3:00 if you are interested.



Card Makers

By Ria Bok - 780-472-2725



Our last meeting only three of us showed up for card making. That's disappointing. We miss you and I hope a few more ladies will be able to join us again.



Our dates for the fall:
October 2, October 16, October 30,
November 13, November 27 and
December 13, which will be our Christmas luncheon.

See you in October!

Klaverjas Club

By Pieter Van Leeuwen - 780-459-5367 - phvanl@hotmail.com

We meet every Tuesday from 11:00 am until about 3:00 pm. We play three games and we invite everyone who likes to play Klaverjas for fun to come and check us out. We welcome new players. Lunch provided. Please stick to the COVID regulations!



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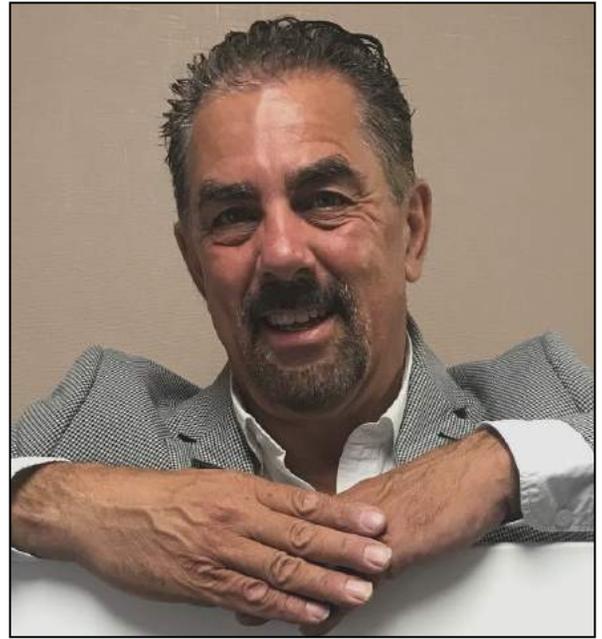
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ZUMBA

By Renie Perreault

We are sorry to have to tell you that *Sit and Be Fit* or *Zumba* will not be available for October, November and December of this year. We hope to begin again in January. We will let you know when we can start again.

Until then "*Enjoy Your Body, Use it Every Way You Can. Don't Be Afraid of It or What Other People Think of It.*"



CASINO 2022

The DCC Casino dates are: January 7 & 8, 2022 (Friday and Saturday) at Century Casino (13103 Fort Rd NW, Edmonton AB). Volunteers can sign up on the clubroom list or contact Cor Vriens at 780-478-1450.



LIGHT HORSE PARK

The official reopening of Light Horse Park which was scheduled for October 2nd has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. The park is located at 10324 85 Ave NW, Edmonton and features the statue of Anne Frank.

The DCC

The minute you step
into their inviting hall
The people in there
are already having a ball
If your mood
was a little down
and your face was wearing a frown
In a second it will pick up.

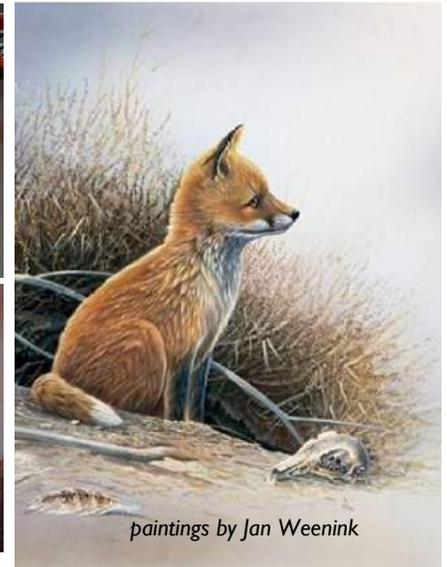
Because now
you are in the D C C
Someone in there
will always invite you in
And then that face changes
from a frown to a grin.
They will say :

“come on in and stay a while”
and now that face changes
from a grin to a smile.

The atmosphere
brings you back in time
You can see yourself walking
on an Amsterdam plein.

The draaiorgel music is playing.
Piet Putters has just changed the disk
With Dutch music filling the hall
there is just NO risk at all
Coffee is on the house
and even een *speculaasje* er bij.
Hey Jan, pak er een voor jezelf
En breng er ook een voor mij.

H. Albarda
27 08 '21



paintings by Jan Weenink

Jan Weenink is a very accurate painter with a sense of detail. He paints nature with a wide variety of animals. Still-life-like themes are regularly used in his paintings, in which birds always play an important role.

He was born in 1946 in Scherpenzeel, Gld. For many years he illustrated for the magazine *Vogels* and produced many covers for the magazine *Het Vogeljaar*. In 2000 he illustrated a collection of poems, *"De draagkracht van veren"*.

Weenink attended the Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam from 1972 to 1976, after which he worked as an art teacher. As an artist Weenink initially only worked in gouache (water colour), but after seeing the work of British painters David Morrison Reid Henry (1919 - 1977), Archibald Thorburn (1860 - 1935) and Charles Frederick Tunnicliffe (1901 - 1979) he decided to work in oil. His oeuvre comprises very detailed paintings for which he gets his inspiration from close by: the dune nature reserves in Northern Holland.



This and that to the Windmills

Hello Windmills,

Here is hoping you all had an enjoyable summer and were able to get out and enjoy what our beautiful province has to offer. We're well into autumn now and the colours are just gorgeous. It's certainly worthwhile to go out for a drive and take some pictures. The flowers in the garden by the windmill are still in full bloom and I had trouble finding an empty space to plant a few more Tulip and Daffodil bulbs for next spring.

For the golfers it was a great summer and I'm hoping it will last for a while so Roel, my husband, can get a few more games in before the snow flies.



We had some adventures traveling around Alberta this summer, meeting up with our kids and grandkids at whatever campground they happened to be staying. We visited the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller and did some fishing around Hinton, Cadomin and Edson. We also enjoyed the beach at Gull Lake and visited Slave Lake. We're always in awe watching the huge waves on the shores of this big lake.



For the first time, since Covid-19 started, soccer games were back on and we were able to watch our granddaughters play. Unfortunately the high school our two granddaughters attend in Rocky Mountain House, has once again gone back to online learning for the next two weeks. We were lucky we could watch some of their high school volleyball games before this. The Edmonton district allows no spectators at the games yet so we haven't been able to watch our other two granddaughters play volleyball yet.

At the club we thought that we could finally put the Corona era behind us. We started the season on Sept 9th with 37 people in attendance enjoying pancakes, sausages and fruit served up in the big hall. Thank you Ria, Jenny and Pauline who came to prepare everything the day before, as well as to Pat, Hans and Aris for their help in serving and cleaning up. It is pretty amazing that there are always people stepping up to help out. Congratulations to Riek who was the lucky winner of the door prize made available by the always busy ladies of the sewing group.

Just when we thought it's business as usual, the government on September 16 imposed once again more restrictions. In spite of the new measures we still saw 30 people at the club on Thursday. All wearing masks as well as signing the required paperwork indicating they have received a double vaccination and in some cases already received their third dose. But other events at the club came once again to a screeching halt. The board made the difficult decision to cancel the Annual General Meeting and BBQ scheduled for Sunday September 19. Phone calls and emails went out to notify our members, on very short notice, of this change in plans. The board decided however, since we are all vaccinated, to try and keep our facility open for the various smaller groups within the club, including the Windmills.

Looking at Europe I get the impression that life there seems to be mostly back to normal. Watching a soccer game from Stuttgart Germany the stadium was packed with supporters, no social distancing, cheering without wearing masks. Even our relatives back home were flying to various vacation destinations within the EU. I want to take this opportunity to wish Jenny and Aris a pleasant journey and vacation in the Netherlands. Hope you have a wonderful time and we look forward to your stories when you get back. A safe journey to anyone else in the club with travel plans.

Meanwhile, Windmills hang in there and take care. *Rinske*

Members Page

On our milestone birthday list last month we included Alice DeRegt but she was not supposed to be on that list. She is still much younger. Our sincere apologies, Alice.

Congratulations to Riek Stolk who won the door prize on September 9 which was donated by the Sewing & Craft Club



First visit back on Thursday afternoons this summer when COVID restrictions were first lifted



Edith, Anna, Vicky and Hans looking after the food preparation and service on September 16



Thank you Rinske for looking after the flowers at the Dutch Canadian Centre all summer. They looked great all summer long.

We congratulate everyone who has celebrated a birthday or an anniversary. If you would like to share these or other special events with our members please email me at:
dutchtouchedmonton@gmail.com
or phone 780-975-7426 and I will include it on our member's page.

Jenny



Our congratulations to
Frits & Vicky VanderKley
who celebrated their
60th anniversary in July.
Happy 80th birthday Vicky!



Happy Birthday to
Bert van der Werf
who turned 97 on
August 2



WE NEED YOUR HELP

When our Annual General Meeting was cancelled at the last minute it was a bit of a scramble to contact everyone on short notice. We had old membership lists and new membership lists, some with phone numbers, some without and in some cases with old phone numbers. We hope no one was missed.

We would like to have an updated list of all our members, complete with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. That way we will be able to contact you if there are changes in COVID-19 rules that affect our club and club events.

Can you please email us with your current information:

Name
Address
Phone number
email address



Send your emails to: dutchtouchedmonton@gmail.com
If you don't have an email address, please contact Rinske at 780-960-9758

NEDERLANDS-TALIGE SPEELFILMS—TOP 10

1. Soldaat van Oranje (1977) - Paul Verhoeven
2. Spoorloos (1988) - George Sluizer
3. Simon (2004) - Eddy Terstal
4. Turks Fruit (1973) - Paul Verhoeven
5. Karakter (1997) - Mieke van Diem
6. Zwartboek (2006) - Paul Verhoeven
7. Flodder (1986) - Dick Maas
8. De Tweeling (2002) - Ben Sombogaart
9. Antonia (1995) - Marleen Gorris
10. De Aanslag (1986) - Andrew Wilson

'Soldaat van Oranje' betekende de internationale doorbraak van filmregisseur Paul Verhoeven en de acteurs Rutger Hauer en Jeroen Krabbé. Het autobiografische boek 'Het hol van de ratelslang' van Erik Hazelhoff Roelfzema ligt ten grondslag aan de film. Onder de titel 'Soldaat van Oranje 1940-1945' is dit boek in 1971 opnieuw uitgebracht. In de film volgen we een groep studenten in Leiden. Als de Tweede Wereldoorlog uitbreekt, komt aan hun onbezorgde leven een einde. Ieder op zijn eigen manier speelt een rol in de oorlog. Uiteindelijk weten alleen de hoofdpersoon en Jacques zich staande te houden. Hoewel de film 'Soldaat van Oranje' in Nederland niet erg positief werd ontvangen, was men in de Verenigde Staten laaiend enthousiast. Waarschijnlijk heeft het buitenlandse succes ertoe geleid dat de film in 2006 door filmwereld.net is uitgeroepen tot beste Nederlandse film aller tijden.

NEDERLANDSE HITSTOP-10

Source: 100% NL

As at September 18, 2021

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Incredible | Rolf Sanchez & Kriss Kross Amsterdam |
| 2. Niks Is Heilig | Maan |
| 3. Onderweg Naar Later | Suzan & Freek |
| 4. Rendez-Vous | Metejoor, Emma Heesters |
| 5. Leuk | Antoon |
| 6. Doe Het Dan | Bløf |
| 7. Sweet Water | Davina Michelle |
| 8. Bliksem | Nielson |
| 9. In This Together | Tim Dawn |
| 10. Wat Als | Joe Buck |



Johannes Vermeer, Dutch Baroque painter (1632-1675)



Johannes Vermeer, a renowned Dutch artist during the Golden Age era, made a name for himself from his famous works including the View of Delft and Little Street. He was born in 1632 in Delft, where he would live and work his entire life.

Though Vermeer was an art dealer, just like his father, he always thought of himself more as a painter. He only worked on commission and produced no more than two or three works a year. It was just enough to support his wife and eleven children. He died suddenly in 1675.

His inspirations mainly came from where he grew up, which had a major impact on his life and career as a painter. His other famous paintings included Girl with a Pearl Earring, The Art of Painting, and Women with a Water Jug. These were his popular masterpieces when his style evolved after his experience in being a part of the Delft Painter's Guild in his hometown.

Dedicated to improving his skill, Johannes Vermeer registered as a master painter with the Delft Guild, in 1653. Although there are insufficient details in history as to the person whom he received his training from, it was recorded that Vermeer had a long-standing friendship with Leonard Bramer. As for the painting style, scholars believe that Rembrandt was one of the influences of Vermeer, as evident in his paintings during the later years.

Johannes Vermeer made only 45 paintings in his lifetime of which 35 still exist today. This probably makes Vermeer the most famous painter with such a small oeuvre in art history.

Vermeer's work was highly underestimated during his life. After the French critic Théophile Thoré-Bürger wrote a monograph about Vermeer in 1866, his work suddenly gained appreciation. There was so little known about Vermeer at that time, that Bürger decided to call him 'the Sphinx of Delft'. Nowadays the work of Johannes Vermeer is priceless. The painting 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' is also known as the Mona Lisa of the North and even inspired Hollywood moviemakers.



Meisje met de Parel

Typical of Vermeer's work is the use of the colors blue and yellow. He is also known as the master of Dutch light. Supposedly, after the reclamation of land the color of the Dutch skies changed because the swamps and lakes no longer existed and light was no longer reflected up to the sky. The mythical Dutch light can only be seen in old paintings.

A visit to the Vermeer Centre Delft is the best way to learn more about Vermeer, his mentor and the stories behind his work.

Stratje

His most famous painting the 'Girl with the Pearl Earring' is on display at the Royal Picture Gallery Mauritshuis in The Hague. The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam owns several works, including the famous 'Milkmaid'.



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Prinsjesdag 2021

Every year the third Tuesday of September marks an important day in the Dutch political calendar, as the Dutch government reveals its annual budget and the King addresses the people of the Netherlands, looking back on the past year and turning his attention to what the future might hold.

This Prinsjesdag was a little trickier than usual, not only did the COVID-19 pandemic mean many of the typical ceremonial aspects of the day had to be either scrapped or reworked, but Prime Minister Mark Rutte's ongoing struggle to form a cabinet makes it difficult for his outgoing ministers to implement any significant changes.



Speaking from the Grote Kerk in The Hague, King Willem Alexander gave his annual speech, highlighting the unrest and uncertainty the country continues to face but emphasising the fact that it “is and remains a good country to live in”. He also mentioned a number of issues the Netherlands faces, namely the inaccessibility of the housing market, the climate crisis, and, of course, the COVID-19 pandemic, recognising that these uncertainties can lead many to question what the future might hold for their families.

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LEIDENS ONTZET FESTIVAL

One of the most interesting festivals in the Netherlands is *Leidens Ontzet* (*Liberation of Leiden*). On October 3, Leiden celebrates the liberation of the Spanish siege in 1574. Each year in the week of October 3rd, the city center of Leiden changes into a big outdoor festival. The pubs set up big tents in front of their buildings with an outdoor bar and live music. There is a big traveling funfair with exciting rides and games.

But what's the celebration all about? And why does the population of Leiden eat herring, white bread, and *hutspot* during these days?

During the Eighty Years War, the city of Leiden was under siege by Spanish troops. The first siege was from October 1573 until March 1574. The city was defended by a rebel army of Dutch, English, Scottish and Huguenot French troops. The siege was difficult for the Spanish soldiers because the city defense works were strong and hard to break, and the soil was too wet and loose to dig tunnels underneath it.

In March 1574, William the Silent, the leader of the Dutch rebels, sent in an army under command of his brother, Louis of Nassau. The Spanish troops at Leiden discontinued their siege to fight the incoming rebel soldiers. The Dutch rebels were soundly defeated however and Louis of Nassau was killed. So, after a two month break, the Spanish troops returned to the city of Leiden and continued their siege. William the Silent sent a carrier pigeon to the people of Leiden, asking them to keep the Spanish out for three more months.

Relief from the siege took longer than expected. William of Orange and his rebels were met with fierce resistance. During the second siege more than 6,000 out of the 18,000 inhabitants of Leiden died of hunger and illnesses. The people of Leiden were so hungry that the mayor of the city, Pieter van der Werff, offered his body as food (the people refused).

During this period, the Prince of Orange pierced the dikes at Rotterdam and Capelle aan den IJssel, causing the seawater to flow land inwards. On the night of 2 to 3 October, the wind made the water flow in the right direction, and the water reached Leiden. Because of the incoming flood water, the Spanish troops abandoned their camps and fled. Leiden was liberated, or in Dutch "Ontzet". Hence the name "Leidens Ontzet".

A small orphan boy, Cornelis Jopperszoon, left the city in search of food. It was in one of the abandoned Spanish camps that he found a big kettle filled with a stew made from potatoes, carrots and onions. He took the kettle back to the city and told the people of Leiden that the siege had ended. Since then, this traditional meal of "Hutspot" is eaten each year on October 3rd in Leiden.



Cornelis
Jopperszoon statue
in Leiden

On the morning of October 3, 1574, a group of Rebel mercenaries named 'Watergeuzen' or Sea Beggars, sailed into the city across the flooded land. They brought with them herring and white bread for the starving people. Ever since that event, on the morning of the 3rd of October, the people of Leiden can get free herring and white bread at the Waag. (Raw herring is a traditional Dutch delicacy. It is eaten by grabbing them by the tail and dipping them in onions, or by putting them on a piece of bread).

During the festival there are many festivities such as live music, theatre, and a big street market. But one of the highlights is the big parade. Thousands of people watch on the side of the road to watch the incoming people and floats.

Did you know

- Leiden: Sleutelstad (Key City). So named after the City's Patron Saint St. Peter, who carries the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
- In Leiden, in the Hortus Botanicus the first tulip on Dutch soil was planted in 1593. The tulip is now a Dutch symbol and the Hortus Botanicus is a tourist attraction with plants from all over the world.
- Leiden's number of canals are only second to Amsterdam and the city has 88 bridges to cross these canals.
- President Barack Obama's ancestors lived in Leiden and went to the US as pilgrims. Also Presidents D. Roosevelt, Grant, Coolidge, Taylor and Bush have ancestors who were Leiden's pilgrims.
- The "Leidse Schouwburg" is the oldest theater in the Netherlands that is still used today. It was built in 1705.
- Leiden University (commonly abbreviated as LEI; Dutch: Universiteit Leiden) is a public research university in Leiden, Netherlands. Founded in 1575 by William, Prince of Orange as a reward to the town of Leiden for its defense against Spanish attacks during the Eighty Years' War, it is the oldest institution of higher education in the Netherlands.

HUTSPOT RECIPE

Ingredients:

Onions
Carrots
Potatoes
Butter and milk
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

- Dice & boil onions and carrots 20 minutes.
- Drain.
- Boil peeled and quartered potatoes 20-25 minutes, until tender.
- Drain and dry thoroughly.
- Add onions and carrots and mash well.
- Add salt, pepper, butter and milk.
- Mix.
- Heat everything together and serve hot.



Dutch Herring Salad Recipe

Ingredients:

2 herring fillets
2 apples, chopped very fine
4 potatoes, cooked and cubed
4 beets, cooked and cubed
1 tbsp minced onion
4 tbsp vinegar
2 tbsp sugar
1/8 tsp black pepper
1/2 cup sour cream
1 hard boiled egg, sliced
parsley

Directions:

Cut herring into bite sized pieces.
Combine fillets, apples, potatoes and beets in a bowl.
In a separate bowl, combine minced onion, vinegar, sugar and pepper.
Toss salad ingredients lightly and gradually add dressing, mixing thoroughly.
Carefully fold in sour cream.
Garnish with egg slices and parsley.
Serve thoroughly chilled.





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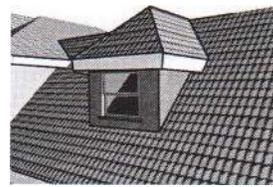
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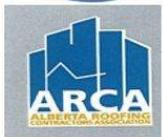
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