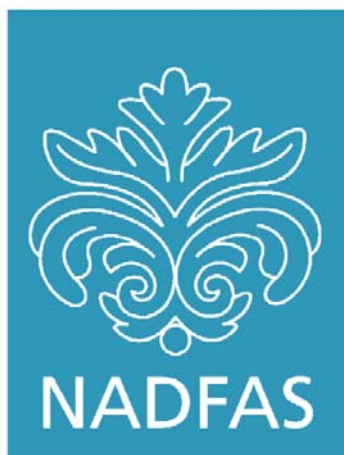


DFAS of The Hague 10/2009 NEWSLETTER



After the summer break, we welcome all our members to the 2009-2010 season.

Once again Jane Choy has arranged an exciting series of lectures. All of our members will have received the new Programme. Please take an extra copy to pass on to friends who you think might be interested in becoming DFAS members or bring them along to lectures you think might be of special interest.

Words from the Chairwoman

By Jane E. Choy-Thurlow

I look forward to welcoming members and friends old and new to the start of our 19th DFAS season on the 6th of October. Our opening lecture, "Collecting the 20th Century," will be given by the BBC Antiques Road Show expert Paul Atterbury, who will give us the opportunity to bring items we consider to be possible antiques of the future. Will the Warener resemble the Antiques Road Show with lines of people holding precious objects? This will be an exciting evening!

The other lectures we have planned promise to be equally interesting, ranging from Queen Victoria, diamonds, panoramas, house and gardens of Bordeaux region, splendours of North Africa, grandfather clocks and glimpses of classic ocean liners. We are also busy planning other activities such as a private tour of behind the scenes at the oldest auction house in The Netherlands, the Venduehuis, and a special preview of the major bi-annual sale. Please check our website www.dfas.nl for further information.

Being part of an expat organization always means meeting new friends but it also means saying goodbye. One example is that of our patrons, His Excellency the Ambassador of the United Kingdom, Lyn Parker and his wife Jane Walker. Our editor took the opportunity to interview them before they left. We will miss them and their support. But we look forward to welcoming our new patron His Excellency Mr. Paul Arkwright to The Netherlands and to DFAS.

DFAS depends on many people. So I would like to give a special thank you to our sponsors of last year de Boekenmarkt and Kelly's Expat Shopping. I hope you will all visit them!

The Committee put a lot of deliberation into providing programs that would appeal to members and friends and I would like to thank them for their dedication and their partners for their support and understanding. We like to plan things that are appealing to our members and so we always love to hear your ideas comments and suggestions, so please approach any of us.

As our founder Patricia Fay said, "Above all NADFAS must be fun." So with these words in mind, I invite you to another exciting and fun DFAS season!



His Excellency the Ambassador of the United Kingdom Lyn Parker and Jane E. Choy Thurlow

DFAS/NADFAS

**Cultural Centrum Warener
Kerkstraat 75,
2242 HE Wassenaar**

Doors open at 19.15 and the lectures begin promptly at 20.00. The annual subscription is € 55 (€ 90 for a couple). Giro 8319836, Spoorsingel 26, 2613 BE Delft. New members and guests are always welcome. The entrance fee for non-members is €10 per lecture.

**Thank you to our sponsors
for the previous season**

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www.parimar.nl

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AXA Art

Upcoming Events

Expat Day @ ARTI09

Thursday 8 October

During the fourth edition of ARTI09, the art, design and taste fair, the organisers have decided to create a special Expat day which will have a special Dutch flavour.

The special program for the Expat Day includes an art lecture, tours around the fair, music and food and more.

- **10.15 Art Lecture (Odilon Redon and Emile Bernard - symbolism)**
- **15.00 Opening Art Fair**
- **16.00 - 22.00 Art Tours**
- **17.00 - 22.00 Live Music, wining and dining**
- **20.00 The Expat Life (Play)**
- **22.00 Close Fair**

ARTI09 is being held, from Wednesday 7 October to Sunday 11 October. In recent years, ARTI09 has developed into a modern and refreshing fair for art lovers and collectors alike.

During ARTI09, approximately 40 galleries and design studios from the whole of the Netherlands will be displaying their work. Typical of the art fair is its qualitative offer of art and design for a wide group of art



Don't Let the Curtain Fall

Donate or Sponsor a Piece of the Painting of Your Own Choosing

The DFAS committee wishes to bring a local situation to your attention. The well-known historical Panorama Mesdag, (Zeestraat 65, 2518 AA, The Hague) is in need extra funds to aid in restoration. Very few panoramas still exist, or are too fragile to open up to the public.

The Panorama Mesdag—a huge vista of Scheveningen—was painted in the 1890's. H.W. Mesdag was a member of The Hague School.

A project has been started whereby anybody can support the funding programme. The Web site, www.panorama-mesdag.com shows how to donate as little as €5, rising to hundreds and thousands, should you wish. The person donating then comes to sponsor their personal choice of a portion of the canvas.

Our lecture on 12 January 2010 will highlight panoramas as an art form and will be followed by a tour of the Panorama Mesdag, one of the last remaining panoramas.

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Upcoming Events Continued

lovers and collectors. The following galleries, among others, will be present at the fair: Wanrooij Fine Art, The Obsession of Art, Galerie Noordeinde, Artitled, Villa del Arte Galleries, Galerie Beeldkracht, Galerie Annee and Smelik & Stokking. This year, ARTI is expected to attract 9,000 visitors.

Venue: ARTI09, Fokker Terminal, Binckhorstlaan 249, The Hague.

Opening: The fair will be open to the public on Wednesday 7 October (6 pm - 10 pm), Thursday 8 October and Friday 9 October (3 pm - 10 pm), Saturday 10 October and Sunday 11 October (11 am - 6 pm).

Special Offer: The special entrance fee is € 8 euros for DFAS members. To receive this special offer our members need to reserve with The Hague On Line in advance by sending their names and stating DFAS member to billy@thehagueonline.com.

For more information visit www.TheHagueOnline.nl



Venduehuis The Hague

Private Tour and Special Sale Preview

DFAS members will be hosted for a special afternoon at The Venduehuis on 30 October at 14:00. The Venduehuis is the oldest auction house in The Netherlands. Its half-French name originates from the Napoleonic era. It was founded in 1812 as an initiative of notaries of The Hague and is located on the Nobelstraat in the stately building parts originating from the 15th century.

Our visit will allow us to see behind the scenes in an auction house. After refreshments in the "Aktekamer," we will have an introduction explaining the history of the auction house, the "do's and don'ts" of taking part in an auction and a preview of the bi-annual sale of quality goods where the halls will be full of irresistible objects. A discount priced catalogue will also be available.

Cost: €15 for members and €17.50 for non-members. For questions and reservations, please contact Mrs. Sue Bridgwater, 071-561.5209

BRIDFAS Study Day

DFAS members are invited by the Brussels society for the 2009 BRIDFAS Study Day on Saturday, 14 November 2009 in London. The subject is the British Museum's exhibition "Moctezuma: Aztec Ruler." The program commences at 09:45 and continues through 16:30. The day includes a private: coffee, DVD screening, lecture, lunch, tea as well as timed admission tickets. Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to/from London. The fee of €50 per person covers all activities on site at the British Museum. There is a limit of 35 persons and the deadline to register is 10 October. For more details and to register see the www.BRIDFAS.org.

Reading list for November lecture 2009

"Queen Victoria: Success through portraiture and her struggle for the throne"

Abrams, Harry, Franz Xavier *Winterhalter and the Courts of Europe* (National Portrait Gallery, 1992)

Eisenman, Stephen P. and Thomas Crow, *Nineteenth-Century Art: A Critical History* (Thames and Hudson, 2007)

Hibbert, Christopher, *Queen Victoria: A Personal History* (Harper Collins, 1997)

Fulford, Roger, *Royal Dukes: the Fathers and Uncles of Queen Victoria*, revised edition (Collins, 1973)

Longford, Elizabeth, *Victoria R. I* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1964)

Paterson, Michael, *Brief History of Life in Victorian Britain* (Robinson, 2008)

Plunkett, John, *Queen Victoria: First Media Monarch* (Oxford University Press, 2003)

Strong, Roy, *The Victorian Painter and British History* (Pimlico, 2004)

Treuherz, Julian, *Victorian Painting* (Thames and Hudson, 1993)

Warner, Marina, *Queen Victoria's Sketchbook* (Macmillan 1979)

White, Jerry, *Victorian London* (Jonathan Cape, 2007)

Williams, Kate, *Becoming Queen: How a Tragic and Untimely Death Shaped the Reign of Queen Victoria* (Hutchinson, 2008)

Woodham-Smith, Cecil, *Queen Victoria: Her Life and Times* (Hamilton, 1972)

