

Sussex Gardeners fill every room of Lewes, Del.'s Zwaanendael Museum with tulip arrangements

(DOVER, Del.–April 6, 2016)–In observation of the 2016 [Lewes Tulip Celebration](#) which will take place from April 7 through 16, 2016, every room of the [Zwaanendael Museum](#) in Lewes, Del. has been brightened with fresh tulip arrangements provided by the [Sussex Gardeners](#), a local garden group.



Wreaths made with tulips that were recently installed on the front doors of the Zwaanendael Museum by the Sussex Gardeners.

The beauty of the tulip, the most Dutch of flowers, complements the museum which was built in 1931 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the state's first European colony, Swanendael, established by the Dutch along Hoorn Kill (present-day Lewes-Rehoboth Canal) in 1631. The museum is modeled after the town hall in Hoorn, the Netherlands and features a stepped facade gable with carved stonework and decorated shutters. Museum exhibits and presentations provide a showcase for Lewes-area maritime, military and social history.

Located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del., the Zwaanendael Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., from April 1 to Oct. 31; and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from Nov. 1 to March 31. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-645-1148.



Zwaanendael Museum

In addition to exhibits and tours, the museum will be offering the following special programs during April and May 2016:

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Literary Reading. Featuring Delaware writers Liz Dolan, Larry Kelts, Maria Masington, Phillip Bannowsky, Jim Bourey and more. Part of the statewide Delaware Literary Reading Series 2016. Program at 1 p.m. on the museum's 2nd floor (entry via staircase; no elevator). Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than April 8, 2016.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Dutch-American Friendship Day. Discover Delaware's Dutch roots and learn how that connection is alive today. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

King's Day. Celebration of the birthday of King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands in a program that will also explore royal titles and Delaware's Dutch connection. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Fifth Annual Zwaanendael Maritime Celebration: "A Sailor's Life for Me." Maritime-themed activities, games, displays by local organizations and more. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

About the Sussex Gardeners:

Founded in 1937 as the Nassau Garden Committee, the 40-plus-member Sussex Gardeners are the oldest garden club in Sussex County. In addition to meeting 10 times per year and improving their gardening/flower-arranging skills, the group takes part in civic beautification projects including their third annual Rehoboth Beach Garden Tour which is scheduled for May 14,

2016.

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