

## **Zuiderzee Museum invites the neighbours**

**On Friday evening 1 April, the Zuiderzee Museum will open the outdoor season with a Neighbour Evening. All inhabitants of Enkhuizen and surroundings will enjoy free admission. From 18.00 to 21.00, they can receive a foretaste of the Year of Action, which focuses on traditional crafts. The evening has been organized in conjunction with the Museum Association and the BankGiro Lottery, and will be concluded with a large-scale fireworks show.**

Besides the residents of Enkhuizen, the Zuiderzee Museum also invites all inhabitants of the former island of Urk. 'The Zuiderzee Museum greatly appreciates the traditional bond between Urk and Enkhuizen', according to general director Michael Huyser. Residents of Urk who come to the Zuiderzee Museum in traditional costume can travel on the bus to Enkhuizen for free.

### **Performances and fireworks**

The Neighbour Evening gives visitors the opportunity to view the revamped Museum for the first time this year. They can also enjoy performances by bands and choirs from Enkhuizen and Urk, and craftsmen will demonstrate their traditional skills. The Town Councillors of Urk and Enkhuizen will make a rope together with director Michael Huyser to symbolize their co-operation. After this official opening ceremony, a fireworks show will conclude the evening.

### **Registering**

Those interested in attending this evening can enrol via [www.burenvandhetmuseum.nl](http://www.burenvandhetmuseum.nl) with the special code that is displayed on [www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl](http://www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl).

### **Programme:**

- 18.00: Outdoor Museum open to visitors
- 18.00 – 20.30: Performances and activities
- 20.00: Official opening by the Councillors of Urk and Enkhuizen, and Michael Huyser
- 20.40: Large-scale fireworks show

### **Entrance**

Visitors can enter the Outdoor Museum via the city entrance on the Wierdijk or via the services entrance on the Kooizandweg. Cars may be parked on the Enkhuizerzand (follow the signs for *Sprookjesland*) or at Enkhuizen railway station. Residents of Enkhuizen are advised not to come by car. For up-to-date information, see [www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl](http://www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl).

### **About the Zuiderzee Museum**

The Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen is oriented toward art, culture and heritage around the former Zuiderzee area and the present and future IJsselmeer. As a result of its activities, approach and co-operation, the Museum has generated international allure and a broad public reach.

Communities, crafts and water are the central features. The Museum consists of an open-air collection in the form of an outdoor museum, and an indoor museum with a large number of exhibition areas for the presentation of the permanent collection and for temporary exhibitions. In addition, the Museum organizes regular presentations at home and abroad.

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