

Zuiderzee Museum shows colourful traditional costume from the IJssel delta

From 25 June to 18 September 2011, the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen shows its visitors a wonderful choice of traditional costumes. In the exhibition *Excellent wares – Colourful traditional costume from the IJssel delta* costumes, clothing accessories, jewellery, chatelaines and prayer books are on display. The exhibition has been compiled by Wielent Harms, who has performed research and fieldwork with regard to dressing customs in these regions.

In 2008, Harms published his findings in his book *Regional costumes of Overijssel: echoing fashions of old*, which contains a number of surprising conclusions. Regional costume, for example, was by no means always black and gloomy, but was considerably more versatile than people thought hitherto. Amongst other things, the presentation in the Zuiderzee Museum shows men's chemises as well as women's undervests from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, made of extremely diverse and colourful materials.

The regional costumes from the IJssel delta and the North Veluwe as on display in the Zuiderzee Museum, comprise traditional dress as well as examples of garments based on more recent fashions. The pieces include clothing from a private collection that has never before been on display in a museum. In addition, the Zuiderzee Museum presents objects on loan from the Kampen Municipal Museum. Particularly unusual is the collection of silver jewellery and clothing accessories from Rein Lotteman's collection, which gives a complete picture of jewellery as it used to be worn in the IJssel delta.

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 area. 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 a Museum Park, and an indoor Museum with a large number of exhibition areas for the presentation of permanent and temporary exhibitions. In addition, the Museum organizes regular presentations at home and abroad. www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl

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