

Zuiderzee Museum depot opens its doors to the public

From Monday 2 February to Saturday 21 March, the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen offers the opportunity to get an inside view of its Krabbersplaat depot. The Museum exhibits exceptional items from its collection in rooms that are not normally accessible to the public. In addition, it will be possible to watch various interesting activities, such as restorations and preparations for exhibitions.

The Zuiderzee Museum administers more than 24,000 objects, predominantly from the period prior to the enclosure of the Zuiderzee. For some years, however, the Museum has also been collecting contemporary expressions of art and culture that are connected with or inspired by the rich traditions of Dutch culture. Apart from valuable paintings and drawings there are objects to be admired such as beautiful pieces of furniture, glassware, ship models, regional traditional costumes, footwear, textiles and painted cabinets.

Activities

Various activities can be viewed during the opening hours of the depot, such as the refiling and stacking of a large number of objects from the successful exhibition *Treasures of the Zuiderzee*, or activities connected with the preparations for the fashion exhibition *Gone with the Wind*. In February you will have the opportunity to see restorers at work. A number of paintings, including the recent acquisition *Volendammers* (1916) by Georg Hering, will be given a thorough cleaning. On Tuesdays Bram Klaij, a builder of ship models, will be at work building a herring lugger.

Guided tour

During the weekend, guides and experts from the Museum give guided tours in the depot, with explanations of how to preserve objects etc. You will hear the stories behind more than 35 remarkable items, such as the dress worn by a boy from Marken, the portraits of Leendert and Aaltje Spaander, Staffordshire dogs, and a wooden Wendy house.

Admission fee, location and opening hours

The Krabbersplaat depot, which is situated on a corner of the car park near the Enkhuizen-Lelystad dike (Zijlweg 2) in Enkhuizen, is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from Monday 2 February to Saturday 21 March (inclusive). Tickets to the depot cost € 5. Parking is free and there are plenty of parking spaces.

Museum

We regret that during the weeks that the depot is open, the Museum itself will be closed to enable the fashion exhibition *Gone with the Wind* exhibition (22 March to 22 November 2009) to be set up in that period. The Museum Park, however, will remain open as usual, as will the library on weekdays from 1 to 5 p.m. For a visit please go to the reception desk, Wierdijk 17 in Enkhuizen.

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