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SAINT NICHOLAS: THE SAINT WHO BECAME SANTA

Sunday, November 13

Presentation at 2:00 pm

Museum Open 1 to 4 pm

On Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m., Peter G. Rose, an author and food historian specializing in Dutch Colonial food, will discuss how the Dutch Saint Nicholas, or Sinterklaas, evolved into America's beloved Santa Claus.

Mrs. Rose will discuss the early history of the life of the Saint; explain the various changes in his veneration; and relate how he was brought to America by the Dutch in the seventeenth century and transformed into Santa in the 19th century. The presentation encompasses literature, religion, the fine arts, and Dutch food customs to elaborate on the story of St. Nick's generosity, which endures today.

This program is geared toward adults and will include food samples. Admission is \$10 per person (free to members), and includes admission to the museum, which is open from 1 to 4 p.m. to the general public. Register at www.jvanderveerhouse.org or call (908) 396-6053.



Photo: Sinterklaas arriving in the Dutch town of Schiedam (courtesy of Sander van der Wel)

Peter G. Rose was born in Utrecht, the Netherlands, and was educated there as well as in Switzerland. She came to the United States in the mid-1960s and worked as a



food writer and contributed a syndicated column on family food and cooking to the New York-based Gannett newspapers for more than twenty years. She has written articles for magazines such as *Gourmet* and *Saveur*, and has published eight books on Dutch food customs. She is the 2002 recipient of the Alice P. Kenney Award for her research and writing on Dutch food history. As a member of the Speakers in the Humanities program of the New York Council for the Humanities, she has lectured on historic Dutch food ways all over New York State. She illustrates her talks with paintings of the

Dutch Masters and has spoken at many museums with holdings of such Dutch art all around America. She lives with her husband, Don, in South Salem, New York, in the historic Hudson Valley. For more information about Peter G. Rose, visit <http://peterrose.com/>.

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