

**AADAS 2017 Conference
Fulton, Illinois**

***Dutch (North) Americans
Agriculture and Rural Life, Past and Present***

Program

Thursday, June 15

8:00-4:00 **Fieldtrip**, Dutch American Sites in Fulton and Whiteside County led by Michael Swanson. Meet at de Immigrant Windmill (10th Ave. and 1st St) in Fulton at 8:00 am. Free Parking.

4:00-8:00 **Social Gathering** at Eagle Point Lodge in Clinton. 4301 North 3rd Street, Clinton IA 52732
Midwestern cookout at 6:00.

Friday, June 16 Agri-King Conference Center
18246 Waller Rd. Fulton IL 61252

8:30-9:00 **Welcome**

Henk Aay, AADAS President
Agri-King,
Mike Ottens, Mayor of Fulton
Bianca Oudshoff, Deputy Consul General, Netherlands
Consulate General, Chicago

9:00-9:30 **Keynote**

Janel Curry, *Time, Space, Worldviews, and Agricultural Landscapes*

9:30-10:00 **Fulton's Dutch American History**

Michael Swanson, *Dutch Agricultural Settlement in the Fulton Area*

10:00-10:30 **Refreshments**

10:30-12:00 **Session I Dutch Americans and Farming**

Chair: David Zwart

Robert Swierenga, *Dutch Muck Farming in North America*.

Don Sinnema, *Dryland Strip Farming and the V-Blade: Dutch-Canadian Innovations that Helped Stop Soil Drifting*.

Ken Bult, *Agriculture and Onion Set Growers in Southern Cook County, Illinois*.

12:00-2:00 **Lunch (catered), Business Meeting, and Tours of Agri-King**

2:00-3:30 **Session II Dutch American Rural Life**

Chair: Marten Rustenburg

David Zwart, *Is Isolation Strength? Rural Churches in Dutch America*.

Mary Risseeuw, *Pea Pickers and POW's*.

Jan Boersema, *A Hunter's Experience. Henry Takken's Memoir and the Demise of the Passenger Pigeon*

3:30-4:00 **Refreshments**

4:00-5:30 **Session III Miscellanea**

Chair: Herman De Vries

Michael Douma, *Dutchmen Pressed into Service in the American Civil War*.

Nella Kennedy, *John Henry Vanderpoel—Who?*

Huug van den Dool, *Small Biography of Dutch-American Astronomer G. P. Kuiper*.

6:30

Dinner

Fulton Presbyterian Church, 311 9th St. Fulton, IL 61252

Exhibit/Presentation

Barb Mask *Sinterklaas to Santa Claus: A Dutch-American Phenomenon*

Saturday, June 17 Agri-King Conference Center

9-00-10:00

Session IV: Church Leaders

Chair: Rhonda Pennings

George Harinck, *The Michigan years of Profesor Geerhardus Vos.*

Bill Kennedy, *The Checkered Career of the Co-Founder of the Christian Reformed Church: Rev. Hendrik George Klijn (1793-1883).*

10:00-10:30

Refreshments

10:30-12:00

Session V: Immigration and Settlement

Chair: Michael Swanson

Janet Sheeres, *The Dutch in Wayne County, New York.*

Justin Vos, *Immigration, Faith, and Family: The Story of the De Jongs.*

Henk Aay, *Environmental Commentary in Letters from Pioneer Dutch Settlers 1836-1860.*

12:00

Closing and Box Lunches