



Calendar

March 1

GPS Meeting
Galway Town Hall

7:00-7:30 Social Half
Hour

7:30-8:00 Business Meet-
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March GPS Update

By Bonnie Donnan

What a winter! As we approach March, Washington D.C. has had more storms christened "Snowmageddon" and "Snowverkill", and has more than doubled our season total to date. Now we get to see what March sends; lion, lamb or both?

Our February program was a report by our members, and sailors, and boat builders, Tom Palmatier and Jon Prasek, on the voyage of the *Onrust* to New York. The boat is a replica of America's first Dutch ship, built in 1614 on Manhattan Island by Captain Adriaen Block and his crew. The original *Onrust's* explorations and mapping of rivers and harbors from the East River, and Long Island, along the Connecticut coast, to Buzzard's Bay and Cape Cod was the basis of the Dutch claim to New Netherlands. The new *Onrust* was constructed using carefully researched 17th century Dutch ship building methods and materials, including thousands of wooden nails and pegs. Jon and Tom had a beautiful slide show of

the journey, and examples of construction techniques. More of the history, adventures, and plans for the future of the *Onrust* can be found at www.theonrust.com. Projects like this living museum help to awaken an appreciation for our early explorers, and the importance of our area in our country's history.

Phyllis Keeler is chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2010-2011. The slate of nominees will be presented in April for a membership vote in May for the positions of president, vice president secretary and a board of trustees member.

The March 1st meeting will feature a program by Arlene Rhodes on our local Galway Pottery. Anyone who has Galway crocks or jugs and would like to bring them to share is invited to do so.

Remember our website www.galwaypubliclibrary.org/gps/. It now includes minutes of the previous meeting and the text of the newsletter.



A pair of truly remarkable Nathaniel Hudson pottery pieces.

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