

Advance Publicity for “The Netherlands – The Land the Dutch Made”

It's said that the Lord made the whole world ... with one exception. The Dutch made the Netherlands, reclaiming much of the land from the sea. We will talk a bit about the history and geography of the Netherlands and then see how the Dutch actually create new land. Then we will visit Amsterdam and a number of other picturesque towns, complete with visits to famous art galleries to see beautiful paintings by artists like Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Vermeer.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “I like to look at a place and imagine how it changed through time – who once lived there and how the residents live now.”

The photo below shows a sea of grass where there was once a sea of water. The Dutch have managed to reclaim huge new farming areas from the sea by surrounding shallow seas with dykes and then pumping out the water. And always conscious of the environment, the bicycle has become their favourite form of transportation. Come and spend a pleasant hour with me in the beautiful Netherlands.

