

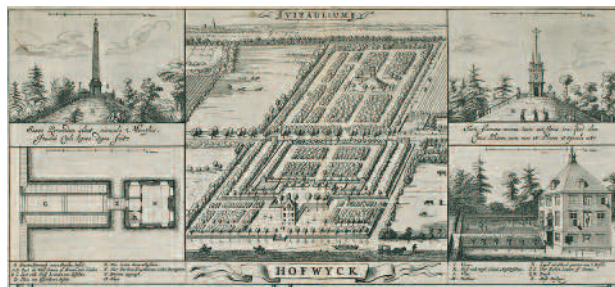
THE MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

CHRISTMAS AT HOFWIJCK

Continental members of the Magic Lantern Society recently had the unexpected pleasure of an exhibition on 'holy ground': namely, at Hofwijck, the former country house of the Huygens family. This miniature palace was designed by Christiaan's father, Constantijn Huygens in around 1640.

The exhibition came from the private collection of **Gwen Sebus**, who was asked to provide slides representing Christmas. Gwen also wanted to represent Constantijn's passion for gardening, music and astronomy, and amply filled the showcases at her disposal. Visitors could study various interpretations of Christmas in different countries and also gain a clear picture of the various techniques by which lantern slides were created. The exhibition has been hugely popular. At Christmas visitors were obliged to queue along the driveway, patiently waiting for a tour of the collection or to gain a seat at the live presentation which Gwen gave with such humour and verve. A huge achievement for Gwen and a great success for the Museum Hofwijck!

Annet Duller



CREATIVE RE-USE OF THE MAGIC LANTERN BY FILM ARTIST SARAH VANAGT

The Antwerp Museum of Contemporary Art (MHKA) holds a very particular collection of magic lantern slides and projectors. The collection was assembled by Robert Vrielynck, a notary from Bruges with a passion for all kinds of objects referring to the history and technology of the moving image. Currently, Sabine Lenk (University of Antwerp: Research Centre for Visual Poetics) is re-organising the collection in preparation for the digitalisation of the magic lantern slides in the framework of the European project 'A Million Pictures'.

To mark the upcoming workshop in Antwerp on 'creative reuse of the magic lantern' (28–30 October 2016), film artist Sarah Vanagt was invited to develop a project inspired by the magic lantern slides and projectors in the Vrielynck collection. An exhibition at MHKA (from 28 October until 13 November 2016) will display original lanterns and slides to accompany her new film. To this end, Sarah is looking for original lantern slides that conserve organic material (specimens): not only flowers, leaves, seeds and algae, but also insects and feathers (such as in the famous Carpenter & Westley series). She would welcome any information on this type of slides as well as images. Please contact Sarah Vanagt (info@balthasar.be) or Nele Wynants (nele.wynants@uantwerpen.be).



Slide 30 of insectivorous plants



Slide from the Crabtree Collection – mounted seeds of plants

NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH PROJECT 'A MILLION PICTURES'

A workshop in Utrecht in September 2015 discussed methods for photographing and documenting lantern slides. In order to test preliminary ideas, Richard Crangle has been documenting slides at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter, Sabine Lenk at the Museum for Contemporary Arts Antwerp, and Sarah Dellmann at the EYE Film Institute in the Netherlands. Low-resolution images are made available to the general public on the Lucerna database: <http://slides.uni-trier.de/>. A second workshop will be held from 14–16 April 2016 in Girona.

DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only and confirm before travelling to any venue.

2016

14–16 April

'Million Pictures' Workshop 2:
'Defining guidelines for description and cataloguing – discussing first results'
Girona, Spain;
see: <http://a-million-pictures.wp.hum.uu.nl/>

30 April

Spring meeting
Swedenborg Hall, 20–21 Bloomsbury Way,
London WC1A 2TH

4 June

Grand Magic Lantern Meeting
The Palace Cinema, Ibstock
Contact John Finney for further information

15–17 June

14th International Domitor Conference
Stockholm, Sweden; see www.domitor.org

23 July

Summer meeting
St Luke's Church Hall, Wellsway, Bath BA2 2BD

22 October

Autumn meeting
The Birmingham and Midland Institute,
Birmingham

27–29 October

'Million Pictures' Workshop 3:
'Fine-tuning criteria, launch creative re-use projects'
Antwerp, Belgium;
see: <http://a-million-pictures.wp.hum.uu.nl/>

2017

21 January

Annual General Meeting
The Musical Museum, Brentford, London

28–30 April

Tenth International Convention of the Magic Lantern Society at the Birmingham Midland Institute, Birmingham
Further information and booking details available autumn 2016.

NEW MEMBERS

Kenny Latunde-Dada	Welwyn Garden City, UK
Izaak Boone	Voorburg, Netherlands
International Panorama Council	Lucerne, Switzerland
Stephen Millen	Andover, UK
James Downs	Thorverton, UK
Shaimai Ghezal	Sassenage, France