

AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM



-- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --

Contact: Caroline Rossy
Membership & Marketing Coordinator
Tel: 215-389-1776, Fax: 215-389-7701
Email: crossy@americanswedish.org

Announcing the 10th Annual New Sweden History Conference “Native and Newcomer Medicine in New Sweden, 1638-1750” Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 At Bartram’s Garden

On Saturday, October 23rd, the Tenth Annual New Sweden History Conference will explore the medicinal practices of residents in New Sweden, as well as in the Lenape community. The program will take place from 9am to 3pm at historic Bartram’s Garden in southwest Philadelphia, and will include a tour of the Gardens with Curator Joel Fry, focusing on medicinal plants and their uses.

In this year’s program four scholars will consider the state of medicine in the New Sweden of the 17th and 18th centuries. They will discuss the nature of the medicine Europeans and Native Americans practiced, including their use of plants as medicines; the theories that supported their practices; and the actual day-to-day medical practices of colonial barber-surgeons, the practitioners most European-Americans encountered at this time. The conference’s program is below.

Program

The morning program will include three speakers.

Cara Lee Blume, Retired Archaeologist and Cultural Heritage Manager at the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, “ ‘Splendid and Miraculous Medicines’: Healing Practices of the Lenape People.”

Peter R. Christoph, Senior Editor of the documentary series, *New York Historical Manuscripts*. “The Barber-Surgeons of New Netherland—and, Probably, New Sweden.”

Joel T. Fry, Curator, Bartram’s Garden, “The Heroic Age in European Medicine, from Aristotle to New Sweden.”

After the lunch break at 12pm, which will include a display and herbal remedies sale by Meadowsweet Herb Company, there will be a concluding presentation and an optional tour of Bartram’s Garden.

Karen M. Reeds, Independent Curator and Historian, " 'This remedy universally extolled': Pehr Kalm on New Medicines for New Sweden."

This conference is a partnership between the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church, the American Swedish Historical Museum, the Swedish Colonial Society, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and the New Sweden Centre. It is supported by the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation.

Registration includes continental breakfast and box lunch. The cost is \$35 per person (\$25 for teachers and students) by October 1st; \$40 (\$30) thereafter. Make check payable to "ASHM" and include NSHC on the memo line, and mail to 1900 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19145. **Please register early—space is limited.** For more registration information and forms (including directions to Bartram's Garden), visit the Events Calendar at www.americanswedish.org or call (215) 389-1776, e-mail info@americanswedish.org.

###