

# Newsletter

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## Word from the Acting President

As many of you may know by now, Magalie van Voorden had to step down as president for personal reasons. I take this opportunity to again thank her for her work for the NCA and wish her well.



In the past few months we also had to say goodbye to Jeannet Tobij, our very committed committee member for many years. The NCA will surely miss both of them. Since being the Vice President, means stepping into the Presidents role when needed, that is what I did.

Luckily Willy Rijkeboer, who was the former Vice President came back to Singapore and took up her old role. Having said this, we are looking for new committee members. We have many new ideas but need people to help get this started. The more people, the nicer it is and the less work for everyone involved.

**Please come forward and help. If you are interested just email us at [info@nca.org.sg](mailto:info@nca.org.sg)**

You hopefully have noted that there are more changes in the NCA. We are embarking on many new and interesting roads, one being the screening of the film *Gooische Vrouwen*, which was a great success. (see the write up).

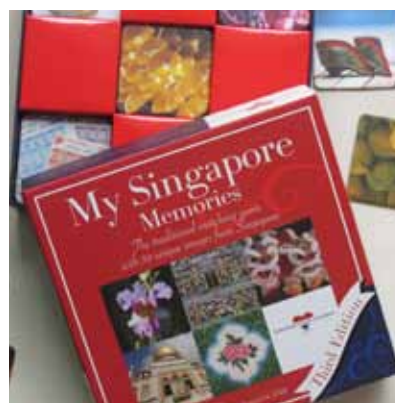
The other is our Facebook page. We have many more ideas to modernize the NCA but need help getting them off the ground, so feel free to contact us if you want to get involved.

Warm regards,  
Ineke van Praag

## Membership fees

Our annual membership year runs from September to September, as the majority of our expats seems to arrive or leave in the summer.

For the first time this year we have increased our fees to S\$65 per person/family for both new and renewing memberships. New members may choose a free gift: either our NCA Birthday Calendar or our NCA My Singapore Memories Game.



Additional donations are more than welcome anytime during the year. Please note that all membership fees and donations go directly and entirely to the various charities we support in Singapore. You can pay by cheque or bank transfer. To renew your membership, we can also add it to your Dutch food order that you pick up at the NCA Christmas Fair on November 17th.

Download the membership form on our website [www.nca.org.sg](http://www.nca.org.sg), which includes payment instructions for your convenience. **Please send in your renewal by the end of November**, since in December we allocate our funds towards the different charities.

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### NCA committee

#### Acting President

Ineke van Praag

#### Vice President

Willy Rijkeboer

#### Treasurer

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#### Secretary

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#### Membership

S\$ 65 annually

(feel free to donate more)

#### DBS Bank

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**All amounts go directly to our charities and every donation is welcome and much appreciated!**

The NCA reaches out to the elderly, the chronically ill, the physically and mentally handicapped and orphans and children of disrupted families in Singapore, in terms of financial support and voluntary work.

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## This Holiday Season: 'Have fun & shop'

It has been said that: "It is better to give than to receive". But most important: **HAVE FUN & SHOP** is about supporting people in need. Choose an **original and meaningful** holiday gift for family or friends via our website and sponsor our charities directly! Depending on how much you wish to spend, gift prices range from S\$ 10 to S\$ 175.

Or, if you are hosting a party or event this holiday season and would prefer to support the NCA you can ask your guests to make a donation to Have Fun & Shop in your name rather than bringing along a gift. It is a wonderful way for you and them to do something really meaningful for those in need.

### How does it work?

1. Go to our website on [www.nca.org.sg](http://www.nca.org.sg) and click on the 'gift' you choose to give.
2. Provide us with the contact details of the person you want to give the present to and your own contact details by filling in the order form.
3. Transfer your donation amount to the NCA by bank, cheque or cash and we send an e-mail to the person you are giving the present with an image of the gift you selected along with your personalized message as a special remembrance!

*The NCA has chosen to support the following charities with Fun & Shop:*

*The Breadline Group, H.O.M.E., Good Shepherd Centre, Boys' Town, The Society for the Physically Disabled, Sunbeam Home, Students at the Singapore Polytechnic, Sanctuary House and the Singapore Leprosy Relief Association (SILRA).*

Shopping Bag (S\$ 60)  
Breadline Group



One Month of Education for  
Polytechnic Students (S\$175)



Play Dough (S\$ 20)  
Children's Society



Baby Shower (S\$ 50)  
Sanctuary House



Lesson 'The School of Tomorrow'  
(S\$ 75) Boy's Town



Sewing Kit (S\$ 45)  
Good Shepherd Centre



Cleaning Supplies (S\$ 15)  
H.O.M.E.



Transport Fee (S\$ 10)  
Society for the Physically Disabled



Medicine (S\$ 30)  
Singapore Leprosy  
Relief Association



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## Monthly Lunches

In the past we have held two well-attended lunches and we are planning on continuing this theme. It is a great way to connect with others, find new friends or pick up some new recipes.

How it works is very simple, we send out an invitation, with dates and what kind of lunch it will be: a Salad Lunch, a Soup lunch, a Sandwich Lunch or whatever we can come up with.

You could either prepare a small dish of your favorite recipe, print the recipe for all attending and donate S\$10 towards the NCA, or you could join us without food and enjoy a nice lunch, receive the recipes and donate S\$20 towards the NCA.



The host will serve beverages, salad and bread. We hope to set our table for 8-12 people and continue these lunches on a monthly basis with a varying menu. If you would like to host one of these lunches or have a great idea for a lunch theme, please let us know at [info@nca.org.sg](mailto:info@nca.org.sg).

## Get together at the Ambassador's Home

On Friday October 21st Barbara Jansing, wife of the Dutch Ambassador, organized a get-together at her home, which was open that morning to all Dutch people in Singapore who had registered.

There was a large crowd on hand, including guest speaker Caroline Mars from the platform Dutch Artists in Singapore (DAiS), who gave a presentation about her life and works.

Caroline is also a Committee member of the NCA. Before she moved to Singapore 2 years ago, she also lived in Japan and Hong Kong. In Japan she took lessons in Ikebana, and while living in Hong Kong she studied Chinese painting, including calligraphy.



In the Netherlands she completed her education at the Kunstacademie (Art Academy) Leiden. Especially the Asian influences are most prominent in her beautiful works, using nature as her focal point for inspiration. She is asked to exhibit her paintings regularly and has had works hanging in international art exhibitions in New York, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, New Delhi and Singapore. You can find more information about Caroline and her work on her website [www.asianelements.nl](http://www.asianelements.nl).

### SINTERKLAAS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances the NCA **will not be able to offer Sinterklaas visits** to our members' homes this holiday season. We regret that this special event will not be organized by us this year and hope that you can find a plausible reason to tell your children.

If anyone wants to step forward to help us organize the visit of Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet to Dutch families homes in Singapore in the future, please contact us. The organization includes a great deal of logistic planning, like liaising with the families to schedule times, arranging and washing costumes, putting make-up on Zwarte Pieten en Sinterklaas, collecting info about the children, finding a suitable driving route, and actually driving the Sint and Pieten from home to home.

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## Paper Tweets ... did you know that...

*The NCA Newsletter is taking on a different format.*

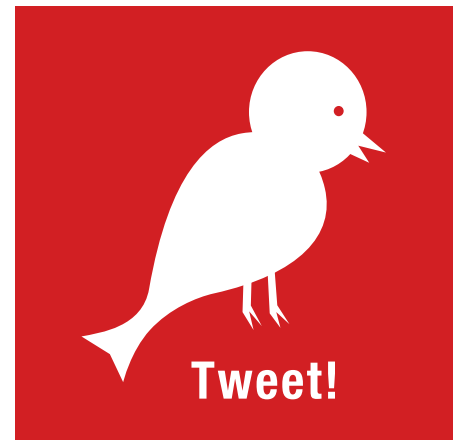
Aside from some brief articles, we are dedicating most of our Newsletter to 'Paper Tweets' filled with small bits of information. We hope you find this format easier and more enjoyable to read.

*We are looking for enthusiastic members to run sub-committees*

For various important projects, such as arranging monthly workshops or trips for our members. Also, once a year we need to get out Sponsor letters (the letters themselves will be provided), and follow them up with companies, which is a project that we could really use help with.

*NCA has a Wonderful Webmaster*

Our sincerest thanks to our loyal webmaster, Jasper Rijkeboer, who keeps our site up-to-date and up-and-running. Jasper is the son of NCA Committee member Willy Rijkeboer, and he often donates his weekends to helping us. We really appreciate everything you do for us Jasper - we know how much work you did just in the past months alone - updating the site for everything surrounding our Charity Christmas Fair and the Gooische Vrouwen event.



*The NCA now has a Facebook page*

Yes, we have entered the age of social media! Designed by our own Treasurer Anita Jansen. Want to become friends of NCA online too?

Follow us at: <http://www.facebook.com/nca.singapore>

*The Gooische Vrouwen Event was a huge success!*

The event netted the NCA nearly \$3.500! Our warmest thanks go out to the Gooische Vrouwen Committee: Magalie van Voorden, Young-Min Bouman, Charissia van Lelyveld and Sylvana Postmus. Also our sincerest thanks go out to DJ Mark for making the after-party such a success.



*You can now start ordering your Dutch food products in advance*

The order form was emailed to you last week and will also be up on our website starting the weekend of November 4th for non-members to place their orders. The availability of items is on a "first come-first serve" basis - so order early and avoid disappointment!

*You can order our new collection of holiday and blank cards.*

Each card set contains 5 cards (of the same design) plus envelopes. It's possible to print your personal or company logo on the cards, please check our website for more info. The order form is up on our website too. You can also come to our Christmas Fair to pick them up.



*We are looking for Christmas Fair volunteers!*

To help us with the setup for the Fair on November 16th, on November 17th, the Fair day itself, and to bake for our popular cake stall (baked goods to be sold on November 17th). If you can help out a few hours on either of those dates we would be very grateful!

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## *What to do when you have things you want to donate?*

If you have items to donate during the year (e.g. clothing or household goods), please contact the charities we support directly. The NCA Committee is not able to take these goods in **-UNLESS** it is May and we are collecting for our annual Garage Sale- but we know several addresses that should be happy to arrange pickup.

## Try contacting one of the following:

Boys' Town - <http://www.boystown.org.sg>

Polytechnic Students – [www.sp.edu.sg](http://www.sp.edu.sg)

Good Shepherd Center – [www.gspartnership.org](http://www.gspartnership.org)

Society for the Physically Disabled - [www.spd.org.sg](http://www.spd.org.sg)

The Breadline Group - <http://www.breadlinegroup.org>

Sanctuary House – [www.sanctuaryhouse.com.sg](http://www.sanctuaryhouse.com.sg)

Singapore Leprosy Relief Association - [www.silra.org.sg](http://www.silra.org.sg)

H.O.M.E. - [www.home.org.sg](http://www.home.org.sg)

(Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics)

## *There's a SILRA meet and greet coming up*

The Committee is setting up a meeting in the coming weeks with SILRA (Singapore Leprosy Relief Association) for us to learn more about them on a personal level. We will let you know what we find out in our next Newsletter.



## *About Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)*

*The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a registered animal welfare charity. Our two main objectives are to promote kindness to animals and to prevent cruelty to animals. Relying mainly on donations from the public and fundraising, the Society provides various animal welfare services including a 24 hour emergency service, cruelty investigation, education programme for schools and organisations, a sterilisation voucher programme for strays as well as running an animal shelter for abused and abandoned pets and strays. For more information, visit <http://www.sPCA.org.sg>*

The NCA supports people in need. However we understand that these pets need a loving home too. So if you can - open up your heart this holiday season (or anytime during the year) and come pick out a deserving pet for companionship. These pets are also great for teaching kids about responsibility and caring for others. So everyone wins.

## *NCA has a Dutch Design Connection*

The layout of our Newsletter, flyers, posters and what not are made possible by Corine Regelink, who relocated to Holland in 2010 but helps out via email. Many many thanks Corine!!

## Special thanks to our sponsors



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## Don't forget: The NCA Christmas Fair!



### THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

ALL NCA PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL SINGAPORE CHARITIES

EXCITING CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS \* CHRISTMAS TREES & DECORATIONS

COOKING DEMO \* TASTY CHRISTMAS BITES \* FESTIVE CHRISTMAS TABLE

SETTINGS \* PERFORMANCES & LIVE MUSIC \* LUCKY DRAW \* CHRISTMAS

LUNCH SPECIAL \* WINE TASTING \* EVENING WEAR FASHION SHOW

10 AM - 5 PM \* 17 NOVEMBER \* HOLLANDSE CLUB, 22 CAMDEN PARK



Netherlands Charity Association Singapore

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