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NEW: PRETTY DUTCH

It's high time we took a fresh look at the magnificent porcelain produced in the Netherlands in the 18th century. Far from being old-fashioned, these are exquisite designs that attest to craftsmanship of the first order. Designers and artists working today cite it as an inspiration and specialists are shedding new light on it. You can see the original items in the Princessehof national ceramics museum and read about them in the accompanying OIO book 'Pretty Dutch'.

Exhibition: Pretty Dutch, April 22nd – October 28th 2007, Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Grote Kerkstraat 11, Leeuwarden, Netherlands
<http://www.hollandsporselein.nl>

* Pretty Dutch. 18th Century Dutch Porcelain / Ank Trumpie (ed.) / design Ben Lambers / Dutch-English / ISBN 978 90 6450 632 1 / euro 38.50
<http://www.oiopublishers.nl/catalogue/book.php?id=632>

NEW: GROUND-UP CITY

Playgrounds have come of age and are now known as 'play networks'. The national project '40 districts' and the Rotterdam project 'Child-friendly neighbourhoods' are proof that these play networks are as relevant as ever. Ground-up City shows how they can be deployed as an urban design strategy.

On April 25th, co-authors Henk Döll and Alijd van Doorn are to engage in discussion (in Dutch) with the architect Marlies Rohmer and a number of experts at the Young Urban trade fair in Amsterdam. The moderator is architectural historian Jord den Hollander and the theme is 'the city as playground'.

Discussion: Wednesday April 25th from 10.30 at the Young Urban trade fair, RAI, Europaplein 22, Amsterdam. Although admission is free, you are required to reserve a seat at www.youngurban.nl.

* Ground Up City. Play as a Design Tool / Liane Lefavre, Döll (eds) / design Ben Laloua/Didier Pascal / English / ISBN 978 90 6450 602 4 / euro 29.50
<http://www.oiopublishers.nl/catalogue/book.php?id=602>
<http://www.dollab.nl>



NEW: VROUWEN IN DE VORMGEVING

There were Dutch women actively engaged in industrial design and applied art long before Hella Jongerius and Ineke Hans became famous. Their story has never been as fully documented as in this Dutch-language book on 'women in design'. It comes with an extensive biographical lexicon and numerous appendices including exhibition overviews.

* Vrouwen in de vormgeving. Vrouwen in toegepaste kunst en industriële vormgeving in Nederland 1880-1940 / Marjan Groot / design Piet Gerards / Dutch / ISBN 978 90 6450 521 8 / euro 39.50
<http://www.010publishers.nl/catalogue/book.php?id=521>

PHOTOGRAPHS: 64 MINUTES

The high-speed rail link between Paris and Amsterdam covers the Dutch leg of its journey in 64 minutes. Sixty-four photos illustrating this route were published in 2002 in a flip book ('64 minuten in 3 seconden'). They can now be seen at the exhibition 'Dutch Eyes' in the new Nederlands Fotomuseum in Rotterdam which was recently opened by HRH Queen Beatrix.

Exhibition: Dutch Eyes, showing until August 26th, 2007, at the Nederlands Fotomuseum in Las Palmas, Wilhelminakade 332, Rotterdam.
<http://www.nederlandsfotomuseum.nl>

* 64 minuten in 3 seconden. De hogesnelheidslijn door Nederland / Lucas Verweij, Schie 2.0 (eds) / design Joost Grootens / Dutch / ISBN 978 90 6450 456 3 / euro 19.50
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