

Annual report 2013
(English summary)
Snuff tobacco and spices mills
"De Ster" en "De Lelie"
and
Stichting De Kralingse Snuif en Specerijen Compagnie
De Ster en De Lelie



English Summary

It is our pleasure to offer you again a combined annual report of the mills 'De Ster' and 'De Lelie' and for the 'Stichting de Kralingse Snuif en Specerijen Compagnie De Ster en De Lelie'

The highlight this year was the presentation of the "experience fence" at 'De Lelie' by Mr Manuel Kneepkens, poet, publicist and former councilor. In his speech he talked about the nonchalant way the city of Rotterdam handles its cultural heritage. The snuff and spice mills are internationally more famous than the city itself. He closed his speech with a poem written especially for this event.

Work continued on the snuff made of the so called karrotten St. Omer No.1. The sieving of this product improved and it was possible to offer the snuff in the webshop.

The "wind powered" ground cinnamon is mainly purchased by visitors to the mill that take a box after their visit. This year four other 'mill shops' sold our cinnamon. In addition some ground spices were exported to the USA.

Also this year snuff was sold in the webshop. In total almost 107 kg of snuff tobacco was sold to clients in various countries.

To our regret we had to leave the historical 'Karrottenfabriek' next to 'De Lelie' since the management foundation had stopped their activities. By this we lost the ability to receive large groups.

This year we contacted Katz International. They were able to help us with the ingredients for our cookie spice mix.

In September the sails of 'De Ster' are replaced by the millwrights of Restauratie Werkplaats Schiedam. The old sails are from 1968 and required replacement. In addition also some repairs were made on the slewing system of 'De Lelie'.

We finish with thanking all the people, companies and organizations that supported the continuity of the mills the year 2012