

Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum

Dutch Trade Beads Drop-In Activity

In the 1600's, the Dutch traded beads to the Iroquois Indians in exchange for furs. By 1621 the Dutch West India Company was established and focused settlement and trade on the Hudson River. A very high value was placed on blue beads, as it reminded the Indians of the color of the sky. Dutch beads traded in the northeast were tubular and larger round necklace beads.

Participants will have the opportunity to create their own Dutch trade bead necklace. A simple exhibit on the history of trade beads will be displayed. The Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum will bring all the supplies, table, and tent needed for this drop in activity. Two museum teachers will conduct the activity. The fee is \$120 for the first hour, \$90 for each additional hour.

Drop-In activities are ideal for large groups and community gatherings such as fairs and festivals. To schedule *Dutch Trade Beads*, contact the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum at 346-1764 or e-mail scheduling@thetravelingmuseum.org

