



Indonesian Heritage Society

Evening Lecture Series

February - March 2001

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 PM
13 February through 27 March 2001

Erasmus Huis
Next to Dutch Embassy
Jl. Rasuna Said, Kav. S-3, Kuningan
525-2321

27 February 2001

Asia In Those Days: The Social Life of Europeans in Asia in the 16th Through the 19th Centuries

Thomas Brandt

Author Thomas Brandt will take us on a fascinating journey into the past, filled with amusing comments and European impressions of 16th through 19th century Indonesia. Share in the atmosphere of the social life of those first European traders, missionaries and official representatives in this tropical paradise of that time long ago. Thomas will also describe the hardships of the time, including the long voyages and life in environments so dangerous they were called "graveyards for Europeans." He will share comments and opinions from period newspapers that seem remarkably relevant to today's issues.

6 March 2001

Indonesian Textile Traditions - Rich and Famous

Barbara Johnson

The Indonesian archipelago is renowned among textile enthusiasts as the home of extraordinarily rich textile traditions. Simple to very complex techniques are utilized to embellish cloths that are worn or used as integral components of life cycle rituals. Barbara Johnson will survey the amazing variety of Indonesian textiles and techniques, review some of the motifs and symbols which are incorporated in these textiles, and address the role that textiles have historically played in traditional life ceremonies and their changing role in Indonesia today.