



EDITORS' GREETING

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As the world struggles with a global pandemic, as commerce, industry, and education deal with social distancing and work-from-home mandates, scholarship marches on. Internet publishing in particular continues undaunted, a touch of normalcy in an abnormal time. Our Summer 2020 issue includes a remarkably timely article, focusing on the Leiden plague hospital. After the hospital was built, it turned out (unexpectedly) that Leiden never experienced another plague outbreak. Let us take this as a good omen, but no reason to let down our guard.

This issue confirms the rich diversity of approaches now current in art history. In addition to the article that contextualizes hospital decoration, we present an essay discussing a lost devotional painting, another on a dynastic portrait for an English prince, and another offering a new understanding of a perspective box. The final paper discusses a method for identifying watermarks.

Molly Faries, Henri Defoer, “Jan van Scorel’s *Crucifixion* for the Oude Kerk, Amsterdam: the ‘finest painting in all of the regions of Flanders.’” The article identifies the composition of van Scorel’s lost *Crucifixion* for the Oude Kerk and discusses its influence.

Sara Ayres, “A Mirror for the Prince? *Anne of Denmark in Hunting Costume with her Dogs* (1617) by Paul van Somer.” The essay concerns a dynastic portrait that provides a mirror of majesty.

Jun Nakamura, “Seeing Outside the Box: Reexamining the Top of Samuel van Hoogstraten’s London Perspective Box.” The article argues that a corrective apparatus was constructed for viewing the box; it also analyzes the implications of that apparatus with respect to the box’s exterior decoration and Hoogstraten’s writings.

Hanneke van der Asperen, “Nothing Else Than Decay: Theodoor van der Schuer’s *Allegory of Human Deprivation* for Leiden’s Plague Hospital.” The painter of this little-studied canvas for the regents’ room in a pesthouse combined an evocative image of the plague with an allegory of human deprivation that refers back to Juan Luis Vives’s tract on poor relief.

C. Richard Johnson, Jr.’s “Decision Trees for Watermark Identification in Rembrandt’s Etchings” explains the decision-tree-based approach to rapid identification of watermarks in Rembrandt’s etchings and uses it to identify watermarks in seven prints in The Frick Collection, New York.

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