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## **5 Dutch Days at Brooklyn Historical Society**

**Brooklyn, NY** – The **Brooklyn Historical Society** (BHS) presents the exhibit *Opening Realities and Folklore of African American Life in Dutch Colonial Brooklyn: “The Legend of Martense’s Lane”* as part of the **5 Dutch Days, 5 Boroughs** events around New York on November 12-16.

**WHAT:** The folktale “The Legend of Martense’s Lane” originated in Colonial Dutch Brooklyn and offers a glimpse into the real and perceived lives of African Americans during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The BHS exhibit *Opening Realities and Folklore of African American Life in Dutch Colonial Brooklyn: “The Legend of Martense’s Lane”* centers on a series of four commissioned charcoal drawings by William Moore Davis that illustrate the folktale. Curated by Sarah Kate Gillespie.

This exhibition is part of the “5 Dutch Days” programming that celebrates the continuous influence of Dutch arts and culture in New York City. For information on other 5 Dutch Days events, visit [www.5dutchdaysnyc.org](http://www.5dutchdaysnyc.org)

**WHEN:** Exhibit Dates: November 12, 2008 – January 2, 2009. **BHS Hours:** Mon.-Fri. & Sun.: 12 - 5pm, Sat.:10am - 5pm

**WHERE:** **Brooklyn Historical Society**, 128 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NY 11201  
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*The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS is a nationally recognized urban history center, comprised of a museum; scholarly research library; and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history.*

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