

Saturday, January 5, 2008  
Art ambassador's guests of ACEH

Marcia De Wild and Kathy Kingsley, who traveled to India last year with the sponsorship of the Holland Area Arts Council, will speak to the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony about their trip and the art exchange between children of Holland and Dalit children of two villages -- Pipe Village and Drum Village -- in Andra Pradesh, India.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Center for Women in Transition, 411 Butternut Drive.

The Holland women will show two videos and discuss the lives of Dalit people, formerly known as Untouchables. Although the Indian constitution guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms for all Indians, Dalits generally are very poor and lack education and economic opportunity.

De Wild is a former teacher and social worker who founded Eagle Wings in 1989, a nonprofit organization offering housing and related services to people with developmental disabilities.

She is a graduate of Central College, Pella, Iowa, and received her master's degree in social work from Grand Valley State University.

Kingsley, also a graduate of Grand Valley, has been an art teacher at Holland Heights Elementary School for three years. She formerly taught art to high schoolers and adults for 25 years.

For more information about the meeting, visit [www.harmonyalliance.org](http://www.harmonyalliance.org).

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