



## Museum-farm Goemanszorg

Discover and experience the origins and history of Schouwen-Duiveland

Museum-farm Goemanszorg is located on the edge of the ring village of Dreischor and is housed in a monumental farmhouse. Find out more about the past, present, and future of Schouwen-Duiveland here. The old barn has been converted into a spacious exhibition hall with changing exhibitions and a large collection of tools in the attic. In 2023, the temporary exhibition 'Draft horse, strength and tradition' will be shown here. It is highlighting the former role of draft horses in agriculture and their contemporary role in local events such as Straô and ring-riding.

Next to the barn there is a fully furnished farmhouse from 1900, including a cozy upstairs room, an authentic box bed and a cellar with preserving jars. Here you can experience how the people lived more than a century ago.



The beautiful garden shows old agricultural crops, farmer's flowers, garden herbs and standard fruit. You will also find agricultural tools and antique farm wagons in and around the old barns.

## Residents of Goemanszorg

In the farm house you will meet Adri and Leentje Goemans. They were the last residents with this surname. They lived and worked here 100 years ago and take you back to that time.

In the photo you can see how the men were dressed on Sundays in those days.



Visit Museum-farm Goemanszorg and learn more about permanent themes such as madder, flax, the Zeeland draft horse and the geography of Schouwen-Duiveland. The museum is a popular attraction for both locals and visitors.



### **Madder**

The root of this plant provides a powerful red dye, especially loved by the rich back in the old days. With its 3000 hectares of madder, Schouwen-Duiveland was the centre of madder cultivation. With the advent of synthetic dyes around 1870, madder lost its popularity.

### **Flax**

In Dreischor, also called 'the flax village', there are numerous black, large barns that were used for the storage of flax. The flax cultivation has now almost disappeared. Linen was made from the fibers of the flax plant. Linseed oil was pressed from the seeds for the paint industry, among other things. Due to the rise of synthetic dyeing, the use of linseed oil also disappeared. Incidentally, the raw material flax is still used in the manufacture of linoleum and in artists' paints, among other things.



### **The Zeeland draft horse**

Before the mechanization of agriculture in the 1950s, draft horses were used in various agricultural tasks, including ploughing and harrowing the land and as a pulling force for farm wagons. Nowadays The Zeeland draft horse is still bred for local events such as ring-riding and Straô. This last event takes place every spring in six different villages on Schouwen-Duiveland. With great interest the beautifully decorated horses ride in a parade from the villages to the beach to clean their legs and hooves with sea water after a long winter in the stables. This unique tradition is on the UNESCO World Heritage List since January 2018.

### **Geography of Schouwen-Duiveland**

Due to the location of Schouwen-Duiveland, enclosed by water, the island often had to deal with the force of the water. Eventually, the islands of Schouwen and Duiveland were connected around 1600. The 'Watersnoodramp' in 1953 hit the island hard for the last time. After the completion of the Delta Works, the island is sufficiently protected against the sea for the time being.





### **Also fun to do: Ommetje Dreischor**

A walk through the beautiful ring village of Dreischor is definitely worth it. Wander over the ring road and through the streets where you will still find the typical weathered barns. Do you prefer a guided tour? Ask for the possibilities at the front desk.

### **For the children**

The youngest visitors have also been thought of in the museum. There are our special treasure hunts with a small surprise at the end. In the cozy mini farm there are enough games, craft materials and dressing up items to spend some time. You can find the quests at the reception.



### **The Museum Café**

During or at the end of a visit to the museum, you are most welcome in the Museum Café. You can order a cup of coffee or tea with homemade apple pie. And you've come to the right place for lunch. With its location on the south, it is especially nice to relax on the terrace.

### **Friends of Goemanszorg**

Has Museum-farm Goemanszorg caught your interest? Become a 'Friend of Goemanszorg' and support the museum. For more information you can contact the front desk or send an email to: [info@goemanszorg.nl](mailto:info@goemanszorg.nl).

### **Opening hours and entrance fees**

From April to early November the museum is open on Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to 5pm. Visit the website for days with special opening times and admission prices. Children up to 5 years old and museum card holders can enter for free. Special rates apply to groups and packages. The Museum Café can also be booked for special occasions.

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