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Press Release for the Zadelwerkplaats

Meesterlijk 2016 Design and Crafts

For 3 days in November, the Westergasfabriek turns into a "City of Design,” and the Zadelwerkplaats will join this year forthis inspiring event! The "Zadelwerkplaats” is the *only* saddlery in Amsterdam and includesa small horse museum! Discover the 'forgotten' craftsmanship of saddle making, tack bridle-making and saddle restoration and repair. Also gain a glimpse into historical horsemanship.

Whether you are interested in design, craft or horses themselves, my research will be illuminating and helpful. I cover topics from the construction of saddles and bridles to the processing of vegetable tanned leather to adapting saddles to the anatomy of different horses.

‘The Natural Art of the Riding Saddle,’ which I will present during this event, will show my realisation of my concept for a hand-made, close-contact saddle, customised to each unique horse, and which features a good bio-mechanical back-fit and optimal distribution of pressure for the horse.

“The Natural Art of the Riding Saddle" is a combination of traditional craftsmanship and modern, 3D modelling. During Meesterlijk, I will show how to craft my design. For the welfare of horses, it is very important that the heritage of craftsmanship and quality of materials in saddle making and leather processing be once again a top priority.

Please come visit me at my stand number 71!