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## AN EMINENT SCHOLAR VISITS US

Dr. Paul Otto is an American professor of history at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, where he has been since 2002. He has served as the chair of their History and Political Science Department since 2005. He is a noted researcher, author and lecturer in the area of Dutch-Native American relations and wampum. Otto was recognized as a Fulbright scholar in the Netherlands in 1993- 1994. His scholarship and first book *The Dutch-Munsee Encounter in America: The Struggle for Sovereignty in the Hudson Valley* led him to receive the Hendricks Award in 1998. He is a recognized fellow of the New Netherland Institute and Holland Society of New York.

He is currently working on a new book about wampum and spent most of this summer researching in the colonial northeast. In between visits to Harvard's Peabody Museum and the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., he stopped in to see us. Needless to say, we were honored to be recognized as such an important historical resource.

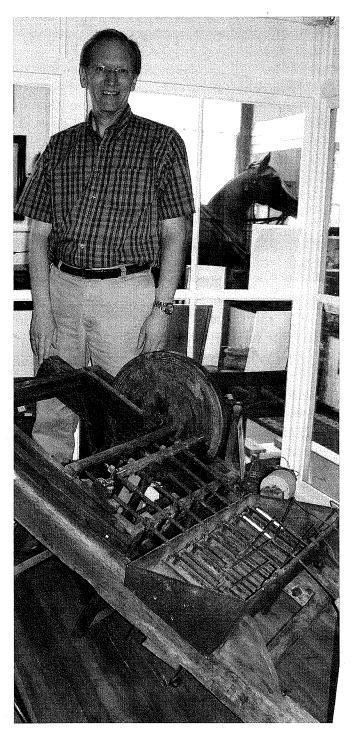
After spending most of a July day with us, he graciously offered to cover any expenses he might have incurred, such as copying costs. We thanked him, but refused. Asking instead, if he would consider sending us any information he might find at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian pertaining to the Campbell brothers' wampum business. He agreed.

A few days after he left, we received an email from him containing an attachment with almost 100 pages -

THE DUTCH-MUNSEE ENCOUNTER IN AMERICA

Check his book out in our library. Of course, our neighboring town of Monsey, NY is named for the Munsee Indians.

containing photos, descriptions and accession information about Campbell wampum at the Smithsonian. A few days after that he directed us to a site at the Peabody Museum where we were able to download additional Campbell artifacts held in their collection. We compiled all this information and it is on view in the museum as well as filed in our archives. When he returned home he sent us a



Dr. Paul Otto traveled three thousand miles to see our wampum drilling machine.

lovely thank you note and a copy of his bookautographed "For My Friends at the Pascack Historical Society". (available in our research library).

Our cup runneth over. We made a friend and learned so much about wampum at the same time. We recommend his book to you. Come and browse through it during regular visiting hours.