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Newcomers ready for Dutch costume sale

If you are starting to make plans for Tulip Time, your thoughts probably include a costume.

For anyone in need of a new or different costume, the Holland Area Newcomers will be hosting its 63rd annual Dutch costume resale next week.

The sale started more than six decades ago when people new to Holland wanted to participate in the Tulip Time festivities and needed costumes. The Newcomers group has continued hosting this sale as a service to the community.

The sale is a two-day event at the Holland Civic Center, beginning on Monday when sellers can bring new or gently-used Dutch costumes from noon to 6 p.m. Costumes must be freshly laundered, on a wire hanger, and require a \$5 service charge payable on Thursday. Sellers set the price, and Newcomers handles the rest.

On Tuesday, the sale will last from 5 to 8 p.m. Hundreds of costumes in all sizes and styles will be available for purchase. Cash or check with a driver's license are accepted.

Newcomers has several local seamstresses who sew new costumes for this event, many of whom will be on hand to help answer questions about costumes during the sale itself.

Anyone dropping off a costume to sell, will return to the Civic Center on Thursday to pick up their payment or costume (if it doesn't sell).

For more information about the costume resale or Holland Area Newcomers, visit hollandnewcomers.com.



Shoppers search the racks for Dutch costumes at a previous resale. Dennis R.J. Geppert/Sentinel Staff

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