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“The Early American Swedish Colonial” Exhibit Coming to Toms River Library

TOMS RIVER – The Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library will host “The Early American Swedish Colonial” in the McConnell Gallery throughout the month of October.

“The Early American Swedish Colonial,” brought by history advocate Erik Burro, consists of freestanding panels depicting the history of the New Sweden colony in southern New Jersey.

The exhibit was created by the New Sweden Center in Wilmington, Delaware and the Swedish American History Museum in Philadelphia to commemorate the 375th anniversary of the New Sweden Colony.

On behalf of the Kingdom of Sweden, former Dutch governor of New Amsterdam, Peter Minuit, made land and trading arrangements with the Lenni Lenape to create the New Sweden colony along the banks of the Christina River in Delaware in 1638. Five years later, a new fort was built along the Delaware River near what is now Salem, New Jersey.

The branch is located at 101 Washington Street.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, call the branch at 732-349-6200, ext. 5100 or visit theoceancountylibrary.org/events.