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Orange tulips honor the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's arrival in NYC.

## *Tulips draw attention to Park Ave*

Each year the blooming of the "Park Avenue tulips" signals the arrival of spring. This year the tulips will be orange in honor of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's arrival in New York harbor as captain of the Dutch East India ship, "The Half Moon."

The Fund for Park Avenue's annual planting of tulip bulbs was done last fall with the quadricentennial anniversary of Hudson's voyage in mind.

Blushing Apeldoorns, a Darwin Hybrid introduced into the U.S. in 1951, were selected and will be on display on the Park Avenue Malls from early to mid-spring. Van de Wetering Greenhouses in Long Island has planted bulbs each year since the 1950s.

"The sight of tulips on Park Avenue is the first sign of spring for many New

Yorkers," says Barbara McLaughlin, President of The Fund for Park Avenue. "This is an important anniversary for our city and The Fund is thrilled to mark it in such an exciting and uplifting way."

Because many are unaware that the all of the work on the malls is all privately funded, The Fund hopes that the orange tulips will help draw attention to its mission which is to plant, light and maintain the trees and flowers on the Park Avenue malls. The Fund also hopes to attract new donors. McLaughlin said, "So many people have great Park Avenue memories and feel connected to it. Contributing gives them a sense of ownership."

For more information, please visit [www.fundforparkavenue.org](http://www.fundforparkavenue.org)