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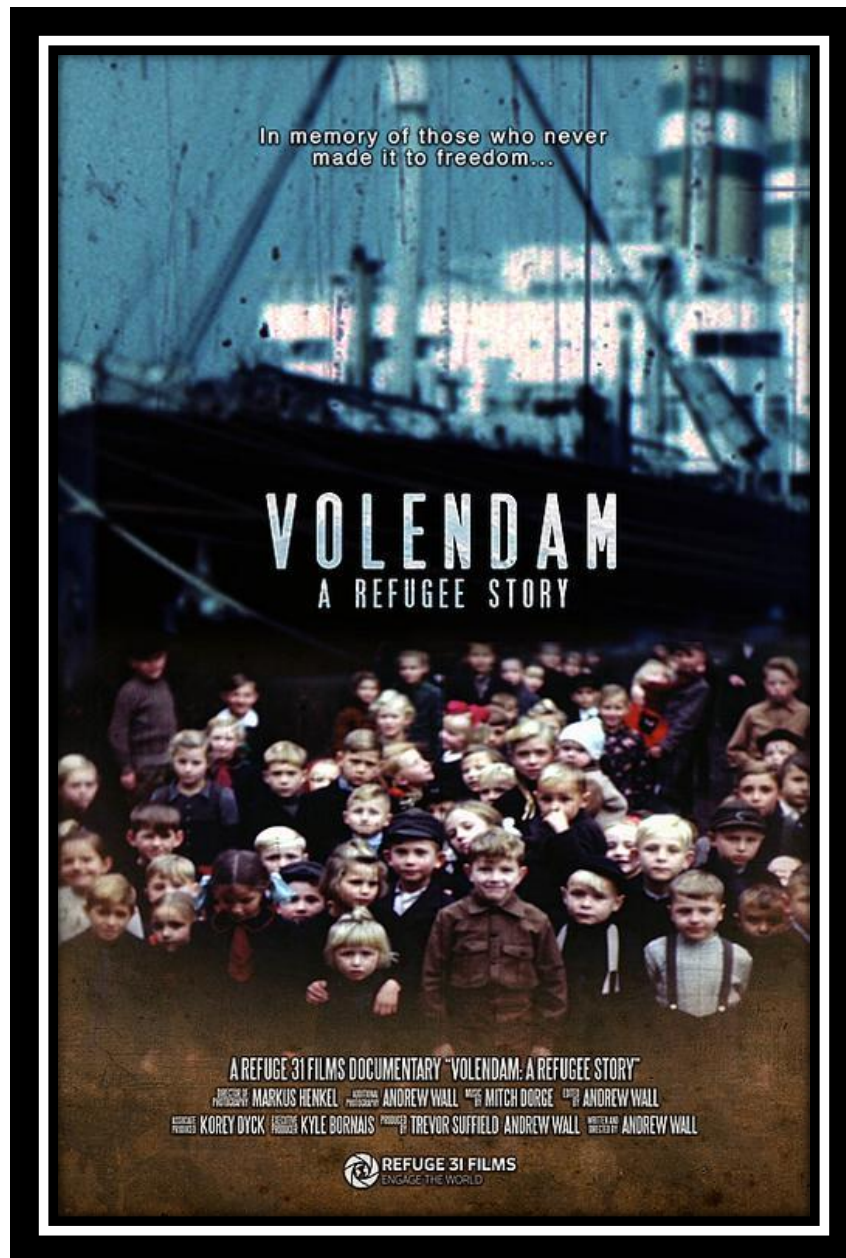
2021 Virtual Spring Conference on Zoom

Date: Saturday Apr 24, 2021

Time: 2 PM

Volendam: A Refugee Story directed by Andrew Wall - 84 min film
Commentary and Q & A to follow with Historian Ted Regehr

Your host for the afternoon will be: Katie Harder



Volendam: A Refugee Story

directed by Andrew Wall

DVD, 2020, 84 min

A feature documentary examining the story of the Russian Mennonite refugees who fled west with the retreating German Army during World War Two, desperate to escape the horror of Stalin's Soviet Union.

The Mennonites, with nowhere to go, would end up stranded in refugee camps throughout Holland and Germany in an unfolding two-year saga. Eventually, a risky plan, involving the American Military, multiple governments, aid organizations and the Queen of the Netherlands would come together. It all would hinge on an old transport ship called Volendam..

Told through personal interviews, reenactments and never before seen archival footage, production began in 2018 and included travel to the Volendam and Neuland Colonies in Paraguay.

WINNER: Best Feature Documentary at the Winnipeg Real to Real Film Festival – Feb 20 – 23, 2020

