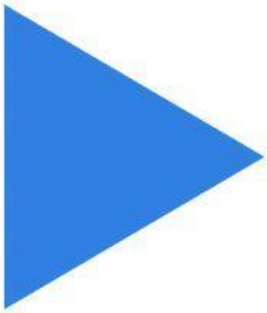
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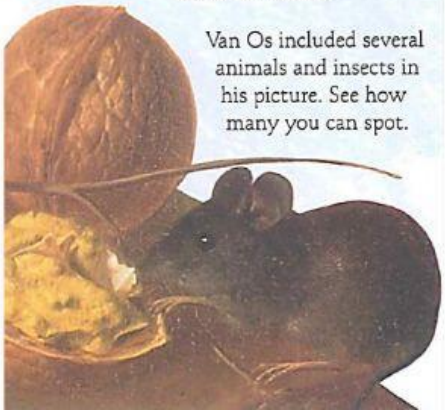


Fruit and Flowers

Some painters specialize in arrangements of fruit, flowers and other objects, known as still lifes. In 18th-century Holland, there was a fashion for still lifes showing collections of luxury items, as in the picture on the right. It contains a pineapple – then a rare, expensive fruit – and tulips, which were so highly prized that some collectors would give their life savings for a single bulb.

About van Os

Jan van Os was born in Holland in 1744. Still lifes had become very popular there and van Os painted them by the dozen, becoming known for the unusual arrangements he liked to create. His two sons, Giorgius and Pieter, became artists too. Van Os died in 1808.



Van Os included several animals and insects in his picture. See how many you can spot.

What do you like about the painting van Os painted?

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