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SUMMER

2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! It gives me great pleasure to devote my first column as President of the FOE to thanking everyone involved in the planning, funding, and building of our fantastic new Elmendorph Carriage Barn Shop.

I feel a review of the process might be worthwhile so all of us can fully appreciate the magnitude of this project, and thereby come to enjoy (even more) the new shop, and what it means to the organization.

So, here is my memory of the process we've worked on for the past 4-5 years: Shirley Brown and Richard Coons, our co-managers of the Etc. Shop had expressed the need for more retail space and a better functioning area. The Board finally deemed it the right time to tackle the project after the upstairs South room of the the Inn was refurbished. We reviewed their "user requirements" and recruited Larry Thetford to head up a building committee. About half of the board members were on the committee. Later, when fund-raising members were added it doubled in size. Herman Gorgens, our "resident architect" took on the task of drawing up plans that would satisfy the requirements. Later, he would assume the role of Project Manager for the entire construction process, coordinating about 6 different contractors. He came in under budget and only a few weeks over schedule, and that's while working all winter. That ain't easy folks!!

About this time, elections were coming up, and we convinced Larry he should become president and carry the torch for the project. Fortunately for us, he did so! I'm sure many of you have been officers in various organizations (including this one) and you can appreciate the "wrangling" that goes on to reach consensus on even the smallest points. Well then, you know we've had many "moments" over the past 4 years! But thankfully, it all came together and I can see a certain comraderie slowly building again, as the pressure of the project is subsiding, and we move in and get adjusted fo our new surroundings. Thanks again to Larry for hanging in there during the tough times.

Though there are always little changes that have to be made and something fixed here and there, I think we can state that Shirley and Richard and their band of volunteers (and I especially thank you, one and all) are pleased with the new facilities and especially with ALL the donations that are coming in. Whether the new building got peoples' attention, or coincidentally are "cleaning house", we have been almost overwhelmed with new items. Much of the material coming in will make for a great auction which is planned for Sept. 24th. We are also holding a YARD SALE each month which highlights items not usually sold in the shop itself. You should all take time to visit the shop and see how nice it is.

We will be having a DONORS PARTY on October 15. Everyone who has made a donation to the carriage barn will be personally invited and recognized. In the process of arranging financing for the project we carefully utilized much of our own capital and are now working under an austerity budget. Anyone who has not donated is strongly urged to do so at this time and you will be included in the party. Any extra donations at this time will also be greatly appreciated.

Remember, this is your organization, and you are doing this for the good of the overall Red Hook Community, and the Elmendorph Inn, as the historic sign out front says "IS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE" We are so happy those "activists" from 1976 did what they did. Congratulations on YOUR new facility. Let's celebrate!

Bill Hammond, President

FROM THE SHOP

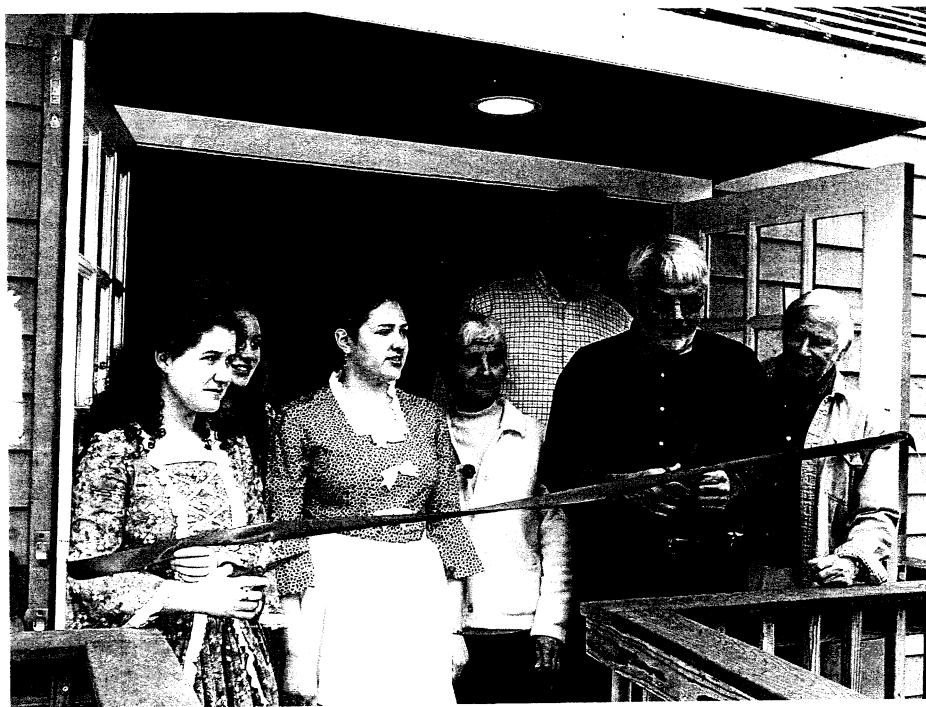
The Carriage Barn Shop to benefit the Elmendorph Inn, is now located in the new quarters. We would like you to visit our bright, new building any day from 10 - 4, Wednesday through Saturday.

We accept donations by appointment only and are now taking donations of Holloween and Christmas items. We do not accept clothing. Our projected schedule for a 1/2 price sale is August 24 - August 27. Our inventory includes glassware, house hold goods, records, books, furniture, toys, games, and bric a brac. The selection available would make good gifts for almost any occasion.

The shop could really use some new volunteers. So even if you have only a few hours a week available, please stop in and give the crew a hand.

Richard Coons and Shirley Brown

RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEW CARRIAGE BARN SHOP



left to right: Ava Rose Kreider-Mueller - Jr. Freinds, Ellen Phelan - director, Noele Litra and Shannon Perez - Jr. Freinds, Dick Baright - sponsor, Mary Kelly - director, Nick Annas - director, David Cohen - village mayor, Herman Gorgens - director.

PAST EVENTS AT THE INN

The Elmendorph building is now being utilized for more community activities just as it was during the early 19th. century.

The village boards of both Red Hook and Tivoli held a joint meeting in July.

The Town Agriculture and Open Space Committee held 2 informational meetings.

The director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the DEC Region 3 management presented a check to the village of Red Hook in the amount of 1.26 Million for the clean up of the former Perx property slated to be converted to an affordable living complex.

Marc Molinaro conducted a news conference announcing his candidacy for county legislature.

Dutchess County Historical Society

FUTURE EVENTS AT THE INN

GIANT YARD SALE - hundreds and hundreds of items on **Saturday, August 27**. Includes shop tools, garden tools, furniture, glasswear, canning supplies, books, you name it - something for everyone.

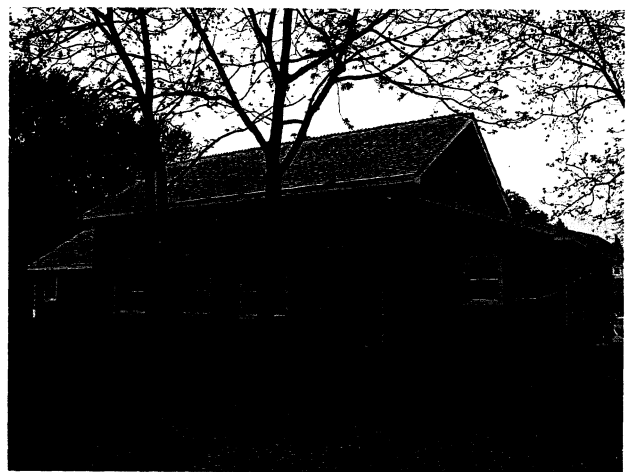
HARDSCRABBLE DAY - apple pie and ice cream, farmer's market and animals to pet on **Saturday, September 10**.

AUCTION - **Saturday, September 24**, under the tent with a food stand. We have an excellent selection of furniture, antiques, and speciality items. We have a lot of fun at this auction so don't miss out and spread the word to your friends.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - **Sunday, December 4**, Ellen Phelan will be baking her fabulous breads in the Dutch bee-hive oven in the old kitchen, 19th century tree decorating in the South room, refreshments, and tours of the building and new shop. Bring your holiday friends and family.



The Junior Friends of Elmendorph Ada Rose Kreider-Mueller, Noele Litra, and Shannon Pereza (all in 19th. century dress) present a \$1,000 check to treasurer Ellen Phelan



South side of new carriage barn

SEPTEMBER 24th, 2005

ELMENDORPH BENEFIT AUCTION

(Under a tent behind the Inn at 11:00am. Preview begins at 9:00am)

Once again the FOE will be hosting a benefit auction with proceeds going towards long term sustainability of the Inn. The success and credit of our past auctions goes to our generous friends with the great volume and quality of donated items given.

What kinds of items are we looking for? For starters; furniture, clocks, lamps, porcelain and glassware, paintings and prints, mirrors, frames, quilts and assorted textiles, toys, sporting goods, tools, and etc. Allocations of antiques and collectibles are greatly appreciated and are generally the focal point of our auctions. If you can provide a service or if your business can provide a service or donation, please let us know. Remember, all donations are **tax deductible** and **early responses are most appreciated**.

Please detach and save the clipping below. Also keep us in mind if you know of anyone who may be moving and/or looking to "downsize" their inventory of possessions. Pick up/delivery is available by calling Dave Brown at 876-2000 or Larry Thetford at 758-4145 or the Elmendorph Inn at 758-5887.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 24th.

Please detach and send

- ☐ I have at least one donation for the auction, so please call to arrange delivery.
- ☐ You can't believe the stuff I have; I better have you come over and sort trash from treasures!
- ☐ I can't spare a thing...but I would like to volunteer for a committee.
 - ☐ Food donation/sales ☐ Auction Floor Worker ☐ Pickup/ Delivery
 - ☐ Setup/Tear down ☐ Acquisitions ☐ Recorder
- ☐ Sorry, I can't help with the Auction, but I would like to make a donation to Friends of Elmendorph to help cover Auction expenses. \$_____

Name _____

Day Phone # _____ Eve. Phone # _____

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DAVID BROWN, 13 SOUTH HINTERLAND DRIVE, RHINEBECK, NY 12572 or
LARRY THETFORD, 228 SPRING LAKE RD. RED HOOK, NY 12571
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758-5887, Shirley Brown (845) 758-8604

Elmendorph Inn Carriage Barn Donations

This is how the donations will be listed on the Donor Plaque
Please check this list & contact Ellen Phelan if you wish to change the listing
(Ellen can be reached at 758-0964 or ellenp_2004@yahoo.com)

Additional donations are still being accepted and can be sent to us at Box 44, Red Hook, NY 12571!

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 Thanks for staying current!

Innkeeper Bob Bielenberg

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The Friends of Elmendorph lost one of its earliest and most valuable supporters when JOE O'BRIEN was killed in a recent auto accident. Back in the '70's when the Friends were trying to raise money to purchase and begin restoration of the derelict old building on North Broadway, Joe used his position as the popular star of station WHUD's morning drive-time radio program to publicize the Friend's special events and fund raisers. Devoted to his home in Red Hook, Joe drove down the Taconic Parkway to the Peekskill radio station early every morning and often referred to his drive and to the community he loved in his broadcasts. Joe also used his connections in the music industry to arrange concerts on the lawn at the Elmendorph. Those events brought audiences to the Inn and gave the Friends an opportunity to sell the idea of restoring the building for community use. With Joe's help a large number of new supporters were attracted to the restoration project.

Joe's late wife Margaret was one of the early volunteers working for the Elmendorph Etc. thrift shop and she and Joe even allowed themselves to be auctioned as dinner companions at a fund raising sale. We are grateful for the major contributions Joe and Margaret made to the saving of the Elmendorph Inn.