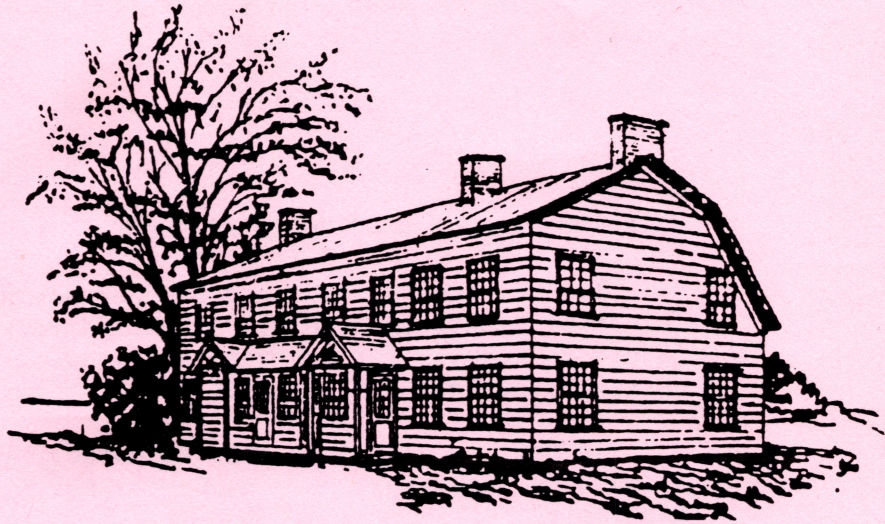


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 *Friends*  
**of ELMENDORPH, inc.**  
P O BOX 1776 / RED HOOK, NEW YORK 12571



Autumn 1989

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

The next year promises to be one of the most exciting in the brief history of the Friends of Elmendorph. The \$37,500 Environmental Quality Bond Act grant announced this Spring should shortly begin to show dividends as work gets underway on the restoration of the exterior of the kitchen ell and north facade. This grant is being matched with funds raised in the Elmendorph Etc thrift shop, last summer's Auction and your membership dues. Even more exciting is the very real prospect of restoring and opening for public use the south wing of the building. A fundraising effort has recently begun under the direction of board members Rev. Elliot Lindsley and Lottie Kittner. The response to the fundraising campaign is very successful. We hope to open this part of the Inn -- Red Hook's first Town Hall -- by the fall of 1990. To those Friends who have already contributed to the capital campaign, the Board offers you sincere thanks. To those who have yet to respond, we need your help now more than ever. Your support in the past has taken us a long way, and our mutual goal -- a restored Inn that is once again a center of community life -- is now in sight.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Naramore  
President



## ELMENDORPH ETC. SETS NEW RECORD, AGAIN!

The volunteers at the shop continue to surpass their own financial goals. SHIRLEY BROWN reports an all-time high of over \$18,000. *Thank you for your donations and support throughout the year.*

We'd like to officially welcome our newest shop helper, ELSA KREIDER. Elsa's help is especially welcomed because she can lift, pull and shove heavy items to be sold. Elsa and her husband John are new in the area.

## SHOP AND FRIENDS LOSE "GOOD FRIENDS"

We are recently saddened by the passing of a dear friend and wonderful shop volunteer, VIRGINIA APSEY, Charter and Life member. Her smile made days happier for everyone and knowing her made each of us a little better. The Board and friends extend their deepest sympathy to Lawrence.

In May, we also lost shop volunteer, THELMA RENNIE. She was a good friend and supporter. Our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Anne Wicks and family.

The Friends also lost RAYMOND PULVER, a former resident in the Elmendorph, a Charter member. He had been so helpful in describing the building as it was. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

*We will miss them all.* Donations may be made to the Friends of Elmendorph in memory of Virginia Apsey, Thelma Rennie, Raymond Pulver, or a beloved friend.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

A great part of working towards the restoration is getting to know you and those daring individuals who volunteer to serve on the Board. Even when you think you really know them, there's always something new to learn. Did you know.....

JOE O'BRIEN was born in Yonkers, N.Y. At 20 he went to New York to be an actor, but was unsuccessful, so he went into radio. (He was very successful at that!) He started on the New York City station, WNYC, then he did a brief stint on WHN and became staff announcer on WMCA in 1936. He was a sports announcer of baseball, boxing and football, and M.C. and did straight announcing. He was part of the famous Gallagher and O'Brien morning team in the fifties and was the morning personality on WMCA in the sixties, the infamous "Good Guys." Joe's life centered around the early hours in the morning as the morning personality on WNBC between 1969 to 1972 and the morning man on WHUD, Peekskill from 1972-1986. Currently, Joe works on The Concert Hall, Sundays 8-11 p.m. on WHUD. While the early bird catches the worm, early Joe caught his wife, Margaret (a former actress herself). They have three sons: Robert (commander of the Army Band in Japan), Joe (musician on the drums and guitar) and Geoffrey (poet, author, critic and editor). One can see how the arts have influenced their own family members and our family of friends. Joe has been instrumental in orchestrating past events involving music. We look forward to his continued announcements.



And here's a different announcement...(something like always a bridesmaid...) LEOCADIA (LOTTIE) KITTNER, Charter member, is serving her first time as a Board member. Hard to believe, because she has been so actively involved with so many various events throughout the years. She believes you do not have to be on a board to serve what you believe in. For her long time involvement, *thanks-a-"Lottie!"*

Entrusted with the position as Red Hook's Village Historian since 1974...ROSEMARY COONS, Charter member has filled other positions too, as president, secretary and membership chairperson. Her job as customer service representative around the corner at the Donald E. Norton Insurance Agency, has proven to be handy when trying to talk to her and get legal advice for Board decisions. As membership chairperson, she has always been adamant about enticing the young children to become involved and join the Friends. The reason for this concern is because Rosemary was trained as an "Early Childhood Teacher." She's been teaching us our history all these years as her pupils in a natural setting. While history consumes her extra time, her husband, Richard, fills the void now that daughter, Leslie, is a newspaper writer with the Daily Freeman and living on her own.

And the next lesson, finances...so skillfully honed with expedience and accuracy, 30 year resident, MARY CIOFFI, mother of three and married to John, is present treasurer of the Friends. The jingle of money has been the penchant of her infamy in Red Hook: Red Hook Central School District tax collector for 7 years, Town of Red Hook bookkeeper for 7 years, and First National Bank of Rhinebeck, bank officer for 9 years. Her involvement in the many groups in town allows her to know many people. Mary's welcomed smile and giving nature are attributes not to be "*changed*."

Only PAT MERRALL, owner of The Bookery, could change our minds and rekindle the spirit of our community day, Hardscrabble Day. Her boundless motivated energies and perseverance has made this special day a reality for many years. Mother of two late teen youngsters and wife to Richard, she manages to be the secretary of the Friends, treasurer to both the Rotary and the Democratic Club and fervent supporter of the Chamber of Commerce. We are pleased to have Pat from Binghamton, N.Y. to be a resident in our community for the past 16 years. If ever there was a special recognition, Pat would reign queen of Hardscrabble Day!

Long time commercial artist, BOB BIELENBERG, recently sold his Cold Spring house and spends more time in Red Hook when he and his wife Barbara are not at their camp in Vermont or visiting their three children. Bob's love of the past is also shared by Barbara and son, Reid. Each has made distinctive contributions in our community: Barbara as assistant site manager at Montgomery Place and Reid as restorationists for the Saugerties Lighthouse. Bob is a mobile communicator for the stretch between Fraleigh St. to the Inn on North Broadway with a twinkle in his eye and an eye for the unique. He almost bought the Elmendorph Inn to use it to sell antiques and save the building. Fate would have him and his family not living in it but living for it with joint efforts. Cataracts prevent him from driving at night, but during the day he's a driving salesman, enthusiastically espousing the virtues of the Inn and the people involved with it. Bob is the Inn's walking commercial advertisement, *who could resist!* So, if you see a man with an engineer's hat on, that's Bob.



There's always a prayer of a chance for more fundraising events with the guidance of the REV. JAMES ELLIOTT LINDSLEY. He and his wife and three children are long time residents of Germantown and active with the Tivoli community. His own home is built with the past in mind and he gives fine speeches with a mind to the past. So with zest and conviction, we are sure Elliott will lay the foundations for future fundraising events.

The plans for the building's future are being developed by BRUCE NARAMORE which coincides with the happy news of a future birth. *Congratulations* to Bruce and Sally, *much happiness ahead!* Buildings and babies are a lot of hard work, but the end result is worth the efforts. Bruce is site manager for the Clermont State Historic Site and Sally is director of the Columbia County Historial Society. And so from out of the past emerges a new beginning.. a life time of events and happenings inscribed in our memories.

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*The Inn is painted,  
Windows shine.  
Thanks to Mel,  
She looks divine.*

*White clapboards sparkle,  
Roof of red.  
Doors matching,  
WE're getting ahead.*

*More money needed,  
Don't delay...  
Send your check,  
"South Wind Fund" today!*

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"SOUTH WING FUND"

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Please make checks payable: Friends of Elmendorph



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**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!**

We are offering to our members and friends an opportunity to bid on the Snapper Snow Thrower which was donated to us.

We are using this newsletter to get the information to you as the Elmendorph Etc Shop is closed and we have no other way to market this very generous donation - considering this is the season to think...

...snow throwing.

Bids may be made for the snow thrower delivered in Red Hook or for it being picked up by bidder in Haworth, New Jersey. You may also bid both options.

**BIDS WILL BE OPENED**

December 1, 1989

Please put your bid in a sealed envelope and mail to:

**BID**

c/o Friends of Elmendorph  
P.O. Box 1776  
Red Hook, New York 12571

-or-

You may deliver your bid to:

Shirley Brown, Lottie Kittner  
or Rosemary Coons

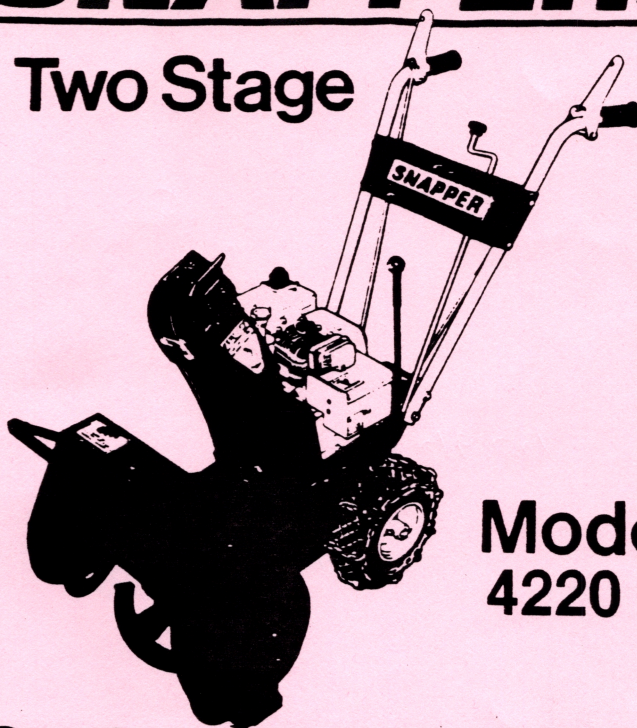
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NOON, DECEMBER 1, 1989**

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