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FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH



Summer 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our nation's leaders have emphasized there is a great need for volunteerism in our country. In Red Hook, our little corner of the world, we have an immediate need to fulfill the restoration process started twenty years ago at Elmendorph Inn. This project, an entirely community based one, depends on the involvement of each and every one of us in order to succeed. The spirit of restoration simply cannot, nor should not, be the sole responsibility of a few core members.

This old Inn is not a museum, but instead a nucleus for the community, linking the past with the present, old friends with new, and leaving a legacy for posterity.

As with any ambitious project, the obstacles are great, the possibilities are varied and the solution lies within each and every one of us. As a member, you have shown your enthusiasm and support through your annual dues and have in many cases, shown your support for various activities at the Inn throughout the years.

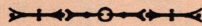
In the following pages you will read about the progress in the restoration project. You will also be introduced to our three new board members. Mark your calendar for contributions to and attendance at the July auction, our major fund raiser for the year.

Let's enjoy working together for this important goal!

Sincerely,
JOAN LEWIS
President



RESTORATION COMMITTEE



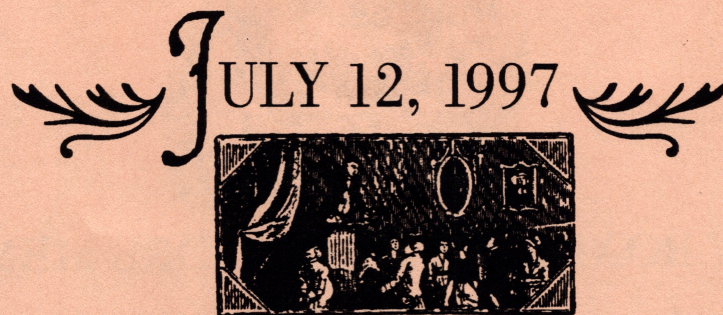
FOR 19 years, they've lain in trays and carton lids, gathering dust. Bones, neatly laid out and sorted, a row of chicken bones, a row of ribs, found in the crawl space under the South Room as work began to repair the deteriorated sills and posts of the shabby old building on North Broadway. Other boxes hold dusty bags of dark green bottle fragments, chunks of yellow-glazed earthenware, chips of blue and white porcelain and white clay pipe stems and bowls, stained black by tobacco smoke 200 years ago.

As I brush away the accumulated dust and repackage this fragile record of 18th-century life in the Elmendorph Inn, discarded before the South wing was added in 1803, unearthed in 1978 and carefully collected by Craft Construction carpenters and studied, classified and recorded by Bruce Naramore, Cynthia Morrison and nameless other helpers, I feel once again the thrill of discovering what those long ago citizens ate, drank and smoked as they discussed the course of war and the politics of our new nation.

And I reflect on the enthusiasm and dedication of Rosemary Coons, Betty Blair Eggert, Joe Zelinski, Clara and John Losee, Lillian and Herman Gorgens, Joe O'Brien, Helen Garlinghouse, Shirley and Doug Brown, Sheryl and Jim Gold, Joe and Ardeth St. John, Barbara Field, Dick Barrett, Lottie Kittner, Paul Fredericks, Elivira and Frank Nuccio, Elliot Lindsley, Harold Fell, Ed Fisher, Bill and Harriet Johnson, Patsy and Bill Walsh, Bob and I, and countless others who dreamed that the ancient Inn would one day rise from desolation and once again become a busy community gathering place. As we clear the second floor chamber storage rooms, organizing those precious artifacts in identical labeled storage boxes, preparing for the electricians and the heating and fire alarm installers who will start the first phase of second floor improvements, we rejoice that some of those early supporters are still active and joined by many new friends who have helped us move from basement repairs to second floor restoration.

Special thanks to Larry Thetford, Jack Lewis and Pete Lawson for beginning the second floor project with the dirty, dangerous removal of deteriorated ceiling plaster and lath. Larry and Bob Bielenberg put the finishing touches on the white painted floor boards which form the ceiling of what will become the Rosemary Coons Historical Archive Room. By the time you read this, we will have new electric service and heat on the second floor and a state of the art fire alarm system installed throughout the building. Finish carpentry and replastering of the first phase of second floor restoration will have to await the results of our July auction and a season of sales at the Elmendorph, Etc.. As always, your support will make it happen!

-Barbara Bielenberg



6TH BIENNIAL BENEFIT AUCTION

(Under a tent behind the Inn at 12:00 Noon. Preview begins at 10:00AM.)

ONCE again the FOE will be hosting a benefit auction with proceeds going towards the restoration of our 2nd floor. (See restoration report in this issue). The success and credit of our past auctions goes to our generous friends with the great volume and quality of donated items given. Last time around we were very fortunate to receive the contents of a Tivoli residence along with an abundance of very attractive saleable items.

What kind of items are we looking for this year? For starters; furniture, clocks, lamps, porcelain and glassware, paintings and prints, mirrors, frames, quilts and assorted textiles, toys, sporting goods, tools, 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*.

Please detach and save the clipping below. Also keep us in mind if you know of anyone who may be moving and/or are looking to "downsize" their inventory of possessions. Pick up/delivery is available.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON JULY 12TH!



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. \$_____

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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

TOM CORDIER - Tom and his wife Lydia, a schoolteacher at Mill Road School, have four children and have lived in Tivoli for twenty years. He was raised in western New York outside of Buffalo. Tom is a graduate of Marist College with a B.S. in Business. He retired from IBM in 1992 after thirty years. Tom is presently Deputy Mayor of the Village of Tivoli and has held office for 2-1/2 years. Additionally, Tom is involved with the following organizations; Lake George Water Quality Committee, Cornell Cooperative Extension CRD Committee, Eggbert Benson Historical Society and the Red Hook Hudson River Valley Greenway Committee.

LINDA GREENBLATT - Linda was raised on a farm near Bethel, New York in Sullivan County. She received a B.S. and M.S. in Secondary Education from SUNY New Paltz. Linda has taught Social Studies at Red Hook Central for twenty-six years, currently teaching American History. She is passionate about the Civil War, plus American government and politics. Linda has taken over 1000 students to Washington, D.C. in the past ten years.

STEPHEN LAWSON - Stephen is a seventh generation resident of the town of Red Hook. He is a graduate of Red Hook Central School and has a M.F.A. in Graphic Design from SUNY Purchase. Stephen currently runs the art department for Tri-State Associated Services in Kingston, where he has been working since 1991. He is involved with The Hudson Macintosh Users Group (THUG) and is a member of The Society for the Apprehension and Detention of Horse Thieves.

ELMENDORPH, ETC.

The shop opened for the season on Apple Blossom Day and in spite of the cold rainy weather many old friends braved the elements and came to shop.

We will be open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We usually meet Tuesday mornings to clean and restock the shop and would like to receive donations on that day as well as on the days when the shop is open.

THE SHOP IS STOCKED WITH BARGAINS AGAIN THIS YEAR.

Attention grandmothers.... We have folding high chairs to keep at your house. Also, toys and baby equipment galore. Please let us know if you are looking for a particular item by leaving a message on the office machine 758-5887, or stop in the shop. We are determined to earn our share of the revenue needed to start on the next phase of the restoration.

-Shirley Brown

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1997

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Appell
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for the Rosemary Coon Archive Room
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Lois and Ed Howson
Mrs. Margaret Larsen
Dorothy Segnit

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Leach and Family



HISTORIC NOTES



WITH all the talk about "campaign reform" and the high cost of winning elections it is interesting to note the importance that taverns are said to have played in the founding years of our country. John Adams, sitting in a tavern in the evening wrote, "You will find the house full of people, drinking drams, phlip, toddy" as well as "carousing" and "swearing." And "especially," one will find them "plotting with the landlord to get him, at the next town meeting and election, either for selectman or representative." He continues - the "arts of gain" had become necessary in local politics; one must "mix with the crowd; in a tavern, in the meetinghouse or the training field, and grow popular by..... agreeable assistance in the tittle tattle of the hour."

Quoted in In Public Houses. David W. Conroy, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill. 1995. pp.196-7.

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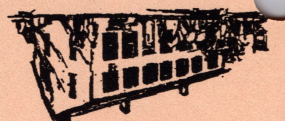
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