

ECHOES

NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH

WINTER

2006

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

KUDOS, KUDOS

It's always nice to thank someone, so I'll start with **Bev Teator** making a donation of lap robes to the Baptist Home in Rhinebeck back in November, and doing it in the name of the Friends of Elmendorph. Very nice Bev, and thanks from the board. We received a nice thank you letter from the Home. Thanks to **Jim and Rebecca Hegstetter** for pitching in more than expected to make our November Carriage Barn Shop Donor Thank You Party (say that 3 times fast!) a rousing success. And thanks also to the **local vendors** who donated party items to the event. Many thanks to all **our donors** also, and I'll take this opportunity to ask for others who are so inclined, to think of us in your charitable giving. See inside for a photo of the board and shop leaders with the plaque we had made, listing some 260+ donors. It is hung in the new shop. If you make a donation now, your name won't be on the plaque, but stop by and we'll arrange for you to sign a rafter in the attic. Lots of names up there! That was a highlight of the donor party. Thanks to **Larry Thetford** for pulling that together. Thanks too, to **Dave Brown** for running a very successful auction, with Larry and most of the board pitching in. Thanks to a few new donors during the slow winter months—**Stanya Jimenez**, the **Red Hook Chamber of Commerce**, and we received a high-end wool carpet from **Noreen Seabrook Marketing** on N. Broadway that will probably find itself in our next auction. Since I'm on a 'thank you' roll.....how about we all give a hearty thanks to **Mary Kelly and Madeline Klein** who are ending their current six years of board membership. There's an article about their Elmendorph years inside, and look for a photo of Mary and yours truly carrying the Elmendorph banner in last September's Hardscrabble Day parade. I'm getting in better shape, but in that event she walked my butt off!!! Hang in there, you two. We want you back after your 'break'. Speaking of Hardscrabble Day, thanks to **Bob McKeon** and his team, for pulling together all the farming participants who displayed their 'wares' at the Elmendorph site during that event. Did you notice Bob's daughter and their horse in the parade, dressed out in **authentic Indian garb**? Thanks to **Larry Thetford** for loaning that to us.

RENEW & HELP

This issue announces our **annual dinner meeting** to be held on March 27. It also includes a **renewal envelope** that we hope everyone will fill out and mail immediately. For the first time, we are asking for your **email address**. Please add it to your renewal info. We plan to use this as an easier way to announce little projects we are working on. We feel there may be a number of members who would be willing to work on specific tasks but cannot be involved in ongoing commitments. We want to explore this resource. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

JOIN IN THE FUN

So, what's on the burner for the 2006?..... We're updating our website. Didn't know we had one? Well, it's been experimental til now, but we should have it active soon — www.Elmendorph.org. An updated brochure is in the works. We are also updating the rates that are charged for use of the inn, and this is more complicated than you may realize. Last season we installed the new sign for the Carriage Barn Shop. This spring we hope to finish the design and install a new sign in front of the inn itself. There are some maintenance projects that are a little overdue, and we want to redesign the front porch and ramp of the shop. One of the first projects will be some functional improvements in the shop allowing for easier handling and sorting of donated items. This change will also support the way we organize our **yard sales**, which we want to run more frequently. I think we will be busy. **Care to join in the fun?**

Bill Hammond, President



NEW CARRIAGE BARN DONATION PLAQUE
MOUNTED ON INTERIOR WALL OF SHOP



CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE MAKING
OLD STYLE TREE DECORATIONS

2005 EVENTS AT THE ELMENDORPH

By Larry Thetford

The Elmendorph teamed up with the Town Agriculture and Open Space Advisory Committee to set up live animal cages and local farm produce tables. We had a horse, cow, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and geese which were a big attraction, especially for the children. Under the direction of Mary Kelly, the apple pie-ala-mode sales were the best ever. The ice cream is donated every year by our neighboring Stewarts Store and the apples from John Hardeman and Ken Migliorelli. The Inn also hosted more local meetings in 2005 than it has in the past, which is the way the building was utilized in the early days. However we will probably need to revise the rate of requested donations for inn usage since the cost of utilities and services has significantly increased.

The Christmas Open House was well attended and the decorating crew of Martha Hlavac, Donna Manghini, Dee Karpel, Madeline Klein, Barb and Bob Beliemberg, and Franca Cooper made the Inn look and feel very seasonal. Children decorated the tree with traditional strings of popcorn and cranberries and hung with gingerbread santas. Ellen Phelan and crew baked their traditional breads in the old bee hive oven while Richard Coons brewed his annual batch of mulled cider.

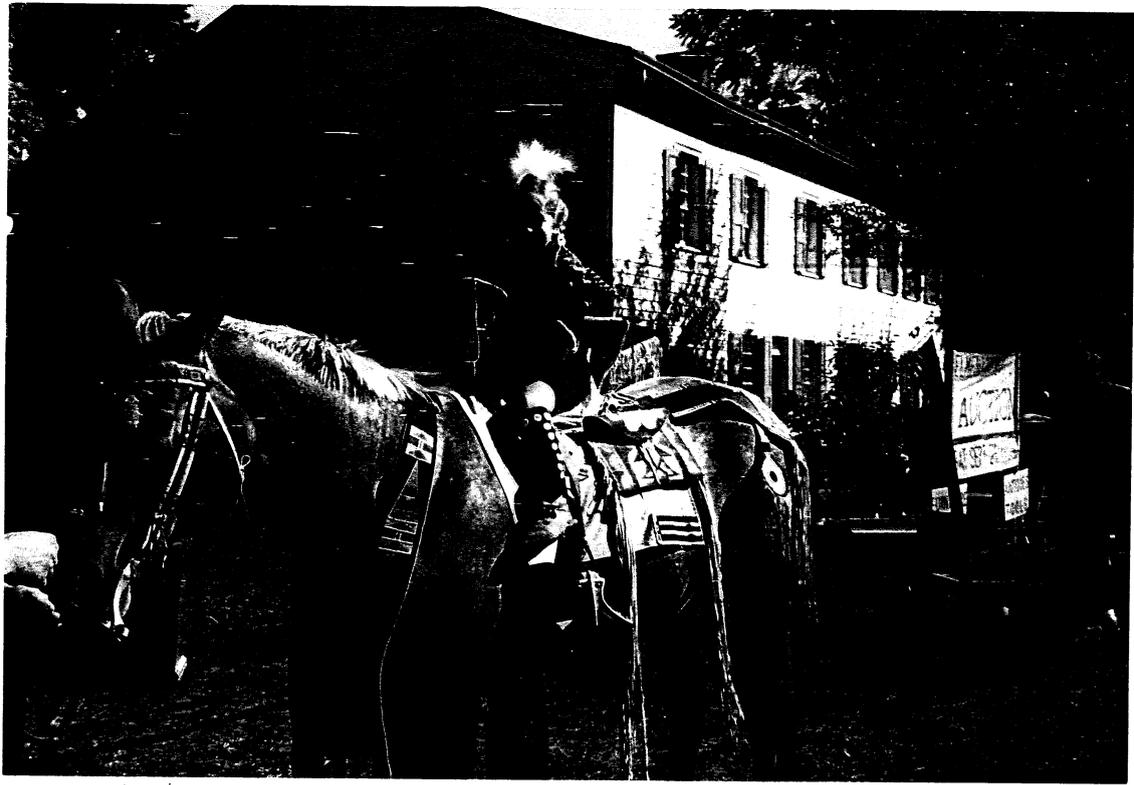


THE CHAPEL BELLES PERFORM AT
THE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



THE RED HOOK HIGH SCHOOL QUINTET PERFORMS
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ALAN VANNESS AT THE
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE





KATIE McKEON AND PET HORSE DRESSED IN CROW INDIAN OUTFIT ENTER HARDCRABBLE PARADE REPRESENTING THE ELMENDORPH

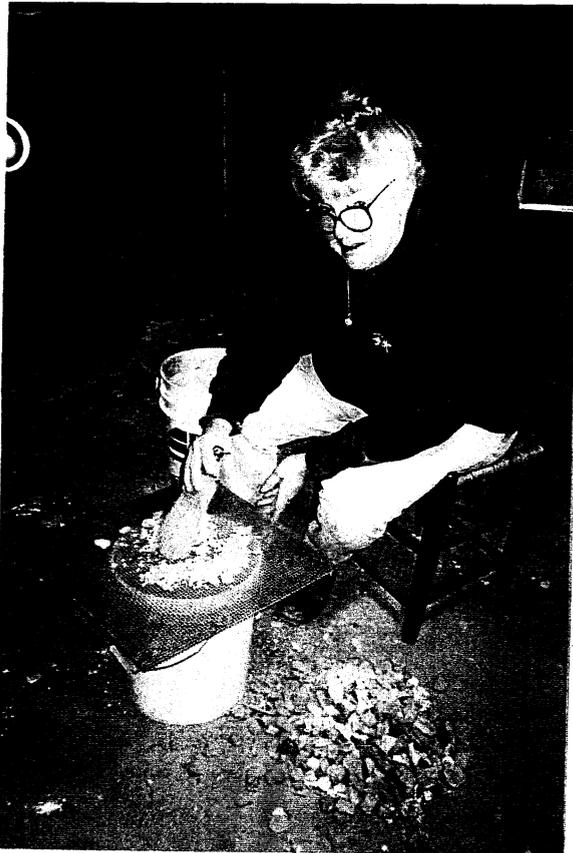


RICH BIEZYNSKY OF NORTH WIND FARMS SHOWING OFF HIS PRIZE WINNING FOWL

We have two board members whose terms are up this year.

Madeline Klein has volunteered for six years on the board. In addition she has been an active member of the Friends for many, many years and has been involved in everything from archaeological work to serving as the treasurer for four years. She's always there to help decorate for the Christmas Open House, setting up tables for meetings, serving and cleaning up. Madeline is also a member of ther doll club which meets regularly at the Inn. Thanks, Madelin for everything you have done over the years.

Mary Kelly has also served on the board for six years during which time she also served as the board president for two years. Mary has always been a hard worker and extremely dependable. She has always taken the responsibility for organizing and coordinating the apple pie baking by many of the other members and then selling pie ala -mode at hardscrabble Days. Mary is also a member of the spinners club which meets regularly at the Inn.. We'll miss you on the board, Mary, and hope you will continue with the hardscrabble activities.



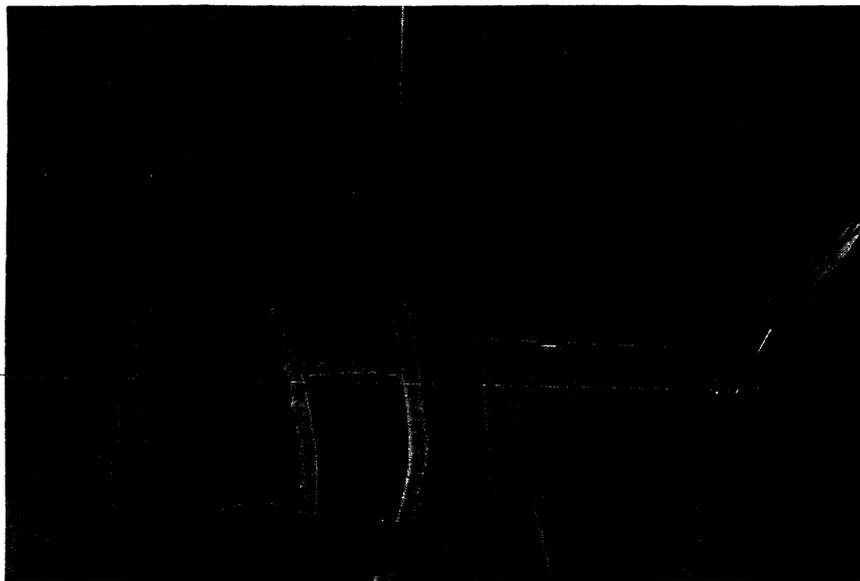
MADELINE KLEIN DOING SOME
ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK DURING
THE RESTORATION PHASE OF THE INN



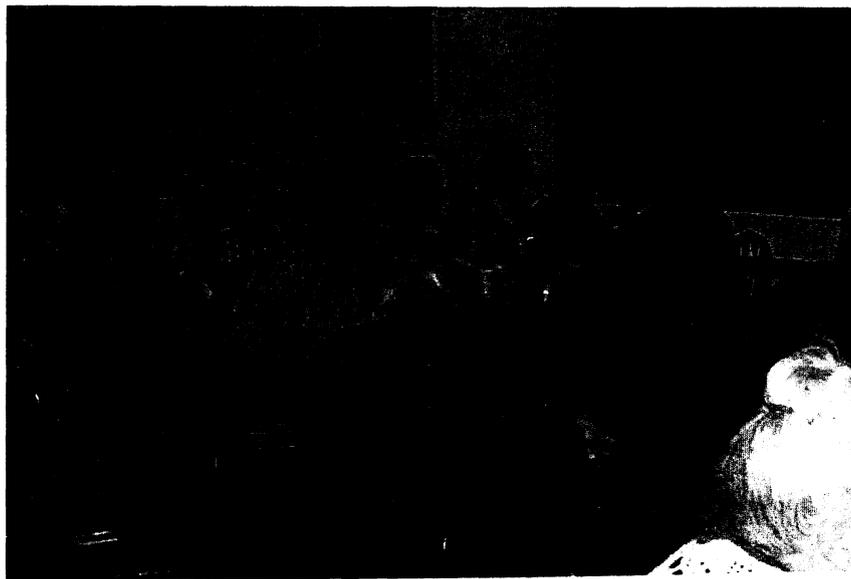
DIRECTOR MARY KELLY AND PRESIDENT
BILL HAMMOND CARRY THE ELMENDORPH
BANNER IN THE HARDSCRABBLE PARADE



KIM KEIL OF KEIL EQUIPMENT CO. PRESENTS A
DONATION TO THE CARRIAGE BARN SHOP PROJECT



AVA ROSE KREIDER-MELLER MAKES A DONATION ON
BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH



DICK AND CARLEEN BARIGHT CONVERSE WITH BARBARA
AND BOB BIELEMBERG AT THE 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. will be held on Monday, March 27, 2006 at the Elmendorph Inn, North Broadway, Red Hook, NY. The meeting will be preceded by crackers, cheese, and punch at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner at 6:45 PM.

Please send your proxy and / or dinner reservations to Carol Annas, 51 Aspinwall Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571 (845) 758-8154. All reservations MUST be made by March 20, 2006. You may choose to attend the annual meeting and program without attending the dinner. Please let us know so we can arrange seating for you. **Please make checks payable to RENNERS.**

Our featured speaker for the evening will be Marilyn Hatch of Rhinebeck who will describe the restoration activities on the Historic Palatine Farmstead located on Route 9 between Red Hook and Rhinebeck. This farmstead has been in the same Nehr family through the female heirs since the 1700s. The house has never had any plumbing nor central heat and very little recent electric. The barn has MD 1770 carved on the first internal anchorbeam.

NOW MAY BE THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2006. PLEASE CHECK THE DATE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL. YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE IN THE YEAR SHOWN ON THE LABEL. AN ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

-----PROXY-----

(For 3/27/06)

I will **NOT** attend the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH. In my absence, I hereby appoint the President or his/her deputy or _____ to act as my proxy to vote on matters that come before the membership on March 27, 2006.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

-----DINNER RESERVATIONS-----

\$16.50 Per Person
March 27, 2006

MENU

Rolls and Butter
Chicken Fricassee
Beef Rouladin

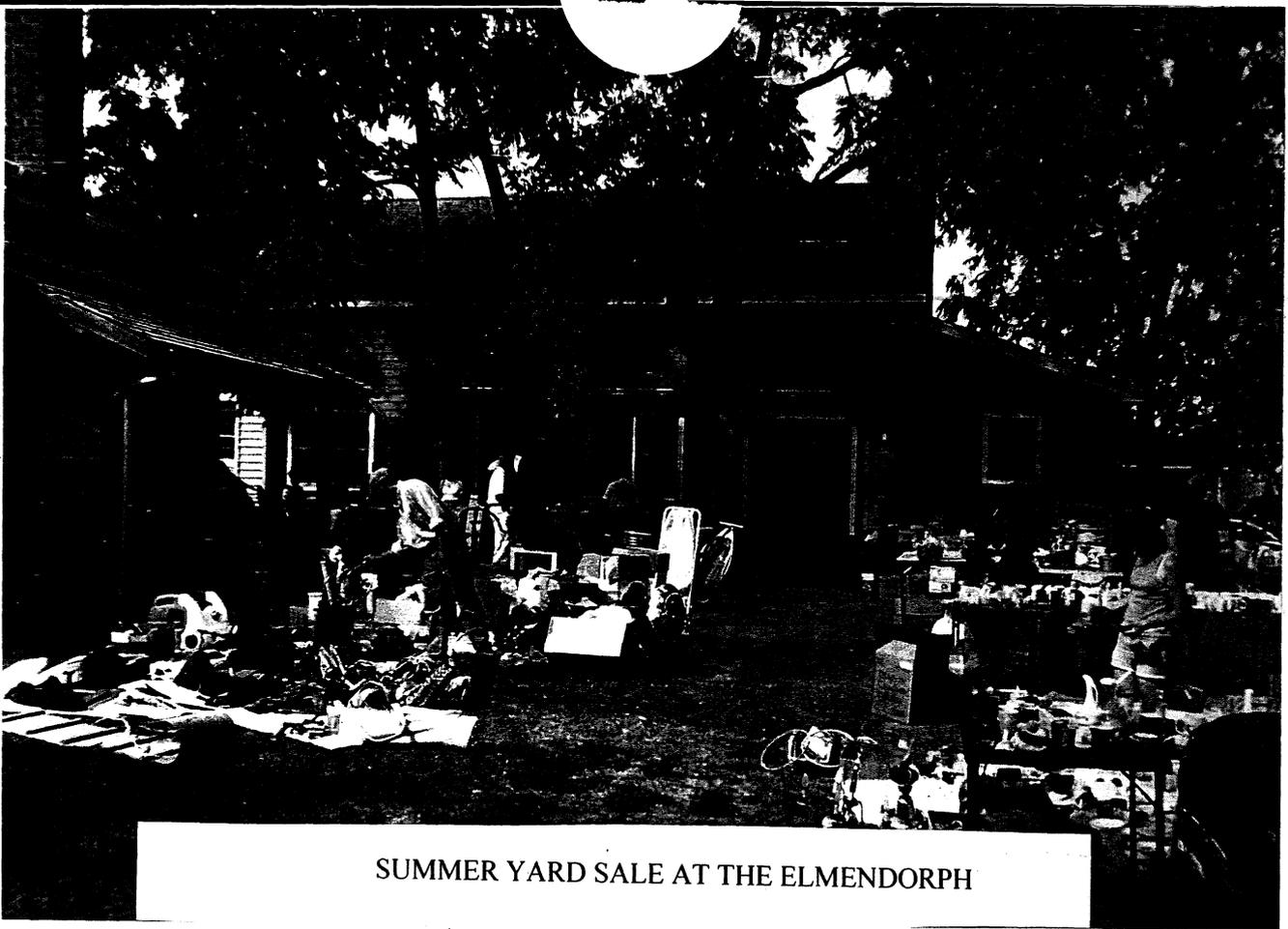
Zucchini with Fruit and Nuts
Potatoes O'Brian
Orange Bavarian Cream with Strawberries & Chocolate Cup
Coffee and Tea Service

Name _____ Amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Please send your proxy/reservations to CAROL ANNAS, 51 ASPINWALL ROAD, RED HOOK, NY 12571

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SUMMER YARD SALE AT THE ELMENDORPH

PLEASE NOTE: With respect for the rights and convenience of the IGA shopper, please observe the parking signs at any Elmhurst event. You are requested to park in the George Cole Auction parking lot just North of the IGA.

Inkeeper Bob Bielenberg

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