



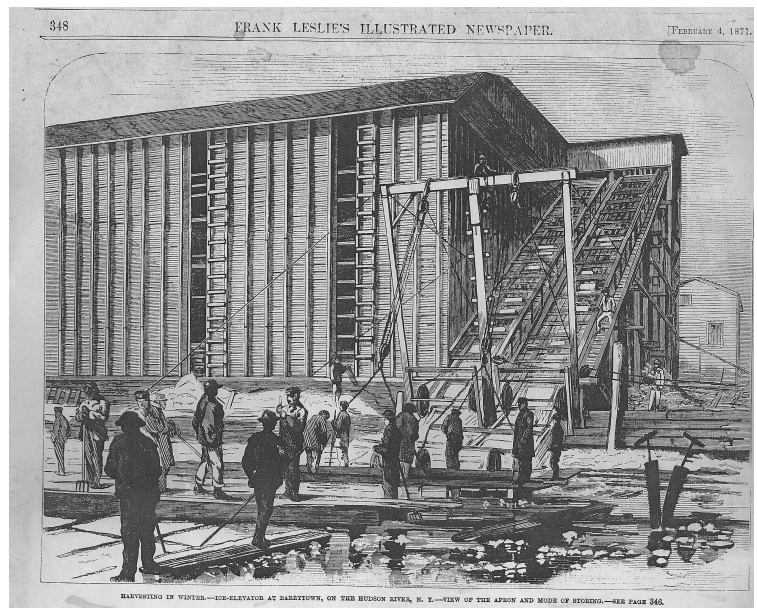
# NEWSLETTER

## ICE HARVESTING EXHIBIT AT THE ELMENDORPH

### “A Cold Way to Earn 1.50 a Day”

Don't miss our wonderful new exhibit, “Ice Harvesting on the Hudson, 1880-1920,” in the upstairs gallery at the Elmendorph Inn. Researched and prepared by Larry Thetford with help from Tony Rohmeier and fifth-graders Evan Rohmeier and Chris Donahue, the display includes a fascinating array of implements from this long-gone industry that once gave our region the title ‘Ice Port’ of America. Beautifully crafted miniature dioramas show how block ice was harvested from the Hudson, packed into huge icehouses and shipped to New York City and as far away as South America. Detailed labels and images offer glimpses of the hardships endured by the ice harvesters and their horses as they engaged in this chilling and perilous work.

“Ice Harvesting” is open 10am-4pm every Tuesday in May; 2-4pm, Saturday, May 11 (Apple Blossom Day); 1-4pm, Sundays, June 2 and 9, and whenever an EBHS or FOE event is scheduled at the inn.



One of two large icehouses in Barrytown that held up to 60,000 tons of block ice and employed 250 men, many of them local farmers seeking winter income. The icehouse burned down in 1908.

*Courtesy EBHS*

### Upcoming Events!

(All at the Elmendorph Inn)

**Sunday, April 28, 3:00 pm -- Eight Sides to a Story: The Red Hook Public Library.** Historic preservationists Olivia and Chris Brazee reveal our octagonal landmark's secrets.

**Sunday, May 19, 4:30 pm -- EBHS Annual Meeting** followed by a culinary ‘Taste of History’ presentation (see inside).

**Sundays, June 2 and 9, 1:00-4:00 pm -- Elmendorph Open House** featuring Diana Louie and her antique quilts, the new exhibit on Hudson River ice harvesting, and displays of local Civil War memorabilia; part of New York State's ‘Path Through History’ heritage weekends.

**Sunday, July 14: 3:00 pm -- Dutchess County Historian William Tatum** discusses why “public history” is so important in the 21st century.

# President's Letter

Before winter leaves us for good (fingers crossed!), "neither snow nor rain nor heat" should keep you from visiting the marvelous new exhibit on Hudson River ice harvesting, on the second floor of the Elmendorph.

For those of you who missed our winter programs, videos of them are available on our Web site. In February, genealogist Mary Janson shared her tips for tracking down those skeletons -- and others -- in the family closet you've been dying to learn about.

In honor of Women's History Month (March) RHCS history teacher Jen Huber painted a delightful historical portrait of women of Red Hook, quoting extensively from EBHS archival material.

This coming Sunday, April 28, NYC historic preservationists Olivia and Chris Brazee will delve into the rich history of our unique octagonal treasure - the Red Hook Public Library. A tour of the library will follow.

For budding archivists, the Greater Hudson Heritage Network is sponsoring a hands-on workshop Monday, April 29, at the Elmendorph Inn on how to organize a document collection (see below). If you're interested in volunteering in our archives room, this would be very helpful.

Make sure to visit us on Apple Blossom Day, May 11, 2-4 pm, and on the first two Sundays in June from 1-4 pm. The June Elmendorph Inn Open Houses will feature

Diana Louie and her display of antique quilts.

Lastly, the committee researching the joining of the Historical Society with the Friends of Elmendorph is developing a plan to formally consolidate the two organizations. We will present the proposal for your vote at the May 19 Annual Meeting, so please plan to attend (see back page for further information).

Following the business meeting, culinary historian and author Gary Allen (<http://justserved.onthetable.us>) will highlight the Dutch food traditions that shaped the early food history of the Mid-Hudson Valley, and offer samplings from early Dutch recipes.

If you haven't done so, please renew your EBHS membership for 2013, using the form on the last page. Check your mailing label for your current status.

As always, thank you for your support!

## Board of Trustees

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**Archives Notice:** The Archives Room will be open **Tuesday mornings only** (10:00-12:30) in June and will be closed for July and August, reopening in September. You may contact us at 845-758-1920 or [redhookhistory@gmail.com](mailto:redhookhistory@gmail.com).

**Let's Talk About Processing an Archival Collection**, Monday, April 29, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Hands-on training workshop sponsored by Greater Hudson Heritage Network. Register at <http://www.greaterhudson.org/>. \$10 GHHN members, otherwise \$15.

## Annual Meeting and 'Taste of History'

The 2013 EBHS Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at the Elmendorph Inn.

4:30 p.m. Welcome and Business Meeting

5:00 p.m. Culinary historian and author Gary Allen - "A Taste of History" talk and tasting (\$10 per person)

The Business Meeting agenda will include the proposed consolidation of the Historical Society and the Friends of Elmendorph. Please plan to attend or fill out and mail in your proxy (below). No reservations are required for the 4:30 pm Business Meeting.

Gary Allen follows the Business Meeting with his presentation on Dutch food traditions and a tasting of such Old Dutch staples as Cheese and Apple 'Taerts', Theerandjes (honey bars), Krakelingen (sweet pretzels). Reservations required; \$10 per person.

Please mail your proxy or 'Taste of History' reservation to **Carol Annas, 125 Deer Run Road, Red Hook, NY 12571**. Make your check payable to Egbert Benson Historical Society.

All reservations must be received by **May 10**.

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### PROXY

(for Sunday, May 19, 2013)

I will NOT attend the Annual Meeting of the Egbert Benson Historical Society. In my absence, I hereby appoint the President, her deputy or \_\_\_\_\_ to act as my proxy to vote on all matters that come before the membership on May 19, 2013.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### RESERVATIONS

EBHS 'A Taste of History,' Sunday May 19, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

\$10 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Form 2013

**The Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook**

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail rather than regular mail.

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Dues: \_\_\_ Individual \$15; \_\_\_ Family \$25; \_\_\_ Student (under 18) \$5; \_\_\_ Contributing \$50

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**Benefits of membership: Newsletter subscription ~ Advance notice of monthly programs ~ Satisfaction that you support the collection, preservation and dissemination of the Town of Red Hook's rich history.**

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