

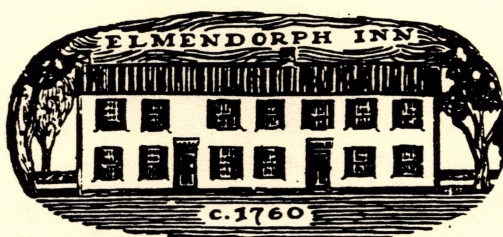
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1998

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

THE Red Hook Memorial Day parade could have been the inspiration for a Norman Rockwell painting. Pure Americana; patriotic, proud, the qualities we admire. Among the raindrops the crowd cheered, then gathered for a solemn remembrance.

Across the street from the activity stood our beloved Elmendorph Inn. With its Dutch influence, it embodies patriotic Americana as well. For three centuries it has proudly served the community through many changes.

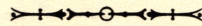
As we celebrate the restoration of the upstairs north room and gallery, home of the Egbert Benson Historical Society, the challenge to finish the upstairs remains. At the same time we are faced with necessary maintenance. Both the roof and the exterior siding are in need of scraping and painting which has been postponed for what should be the last time.

This goal of ours is a community project. It stands as a testimony to the countless people who gave a part of themselves for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
JOAN LEWIS
President



RESTORATION COMMITTEE



THE last hammer blow has been struck, the plaster painted and the restoration of the second floor gallery and north room is nearly complete awaiting only some volunteer hours painting trim and scrubbing the old board floors in the gallery. The project was begun by volunteers who removed the deteriorated plaster ceilings and insulated the attic floor above the north room.

Volunteers clean and polish the sales items for the Elmendorph Etc. thrift shop and the occasional yard sales which provide the basic financial underpinning for the restoration and maintenance of our historic Inn. In addition, all of you who donate saleable items to the shop and send checks for our fund drives have fueled the slow but steady progress toward complete restoration and utilization of our historic Inn.

Early in June, volunteers made it possible for eight fourth grade classes from the Mill Road School to tour the Elmendorph Inn, including a peek at the Historical Society's temporary archive room where volunteer Bobbie Thompson was hard at work completing the index to the thousands of items in the Losee collection of historic documents and photographs. An encouraging number of students expressed interest in using the Society's new historical archive center to learn more about the history of Red Hook and the families who helped it grow.

In truth, volunteers are the life blood which energizes the restoration, preservation and presentation of Red Hook's history. As the Friends of Elmendorph and the Historical Society begin to merge their efforts and expand their service to the community there will be many exciting new opportunities to learn about Red Hook and Hudson Valley history while supporting our joint volunteer programs. Watch for news in September about how a few hours a month can make you an active participant in preserving Red Hook's past for the benefit of the future.

-Barbara Bielenberg

HOME FURNISHING SALE

THE Tap Room was the site of a very successful Furniture and Home Accessories Sale in late April. Three households, one each from Rhinebeck, Long Island and New Jersey comprised the bulk of the merchandise. Oak, maple and pine furniture lined the walls and several deco style tables and desks covered the center floor area. Assorted chairs added to the eclectic collection.

Four hours into the sale virtually all of the furniture was sold. This was fortunate since a slight delay on the Long Island furniture arrival gave us an opportunity to restock and fill the empty spaces of the Tap Room that afternoon. With nearly the entire stock sold within the next few days, we were very pleased to announce that just over \$4,000 in sales were realized.

Many thanks go to the staff for their expertise in advertising, cleaning, set-up, clerking, etc. and of course to those who gave us the leads in obtaining the furniture as well as the donors themselves. We can not emphasize enough the importance of keeping an eye out for such leads - where people may be moving, downsizing, etc. and looking for a tax deductible donation for such a great cause.

Give the Inn a call at 758-5887 and let us know if you have a line on something. Thanks again to all for such a great sale leading up to the opening of the Elmendorph Etc. Shop.

Shirley Brown and David Brown

Elmendorph Inn

C A L E N D A R

The following events have been scheduled through October 1998. Please call the Elmendorph Inn at (914) 758-5887 for information about scheduling further community events.

JULY	20	Friends of Elmendorph Board of Directors Meeting
	25-26	150th Regiment, Civil War Encampment
AUGUST	17	Friends of Elmendorph Board of Directors Meeting
SEPTEMBER	10	Old Dutch Village Garden Club Tea
	19	Hardscrabble Day
	26	Red Hook History Fair (<i>Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of E.B.H.S.</i>)
OCTOBER	9-12	Friends of Elmendorph Art Show
		October 9: 7 pm - 9 pm, Opening Reception
		October 10: 10 am - 4 pm
		October 11: 1 pm - 4 pm
		October 12: 12 pm - 3 pm
	20	Egbert Benson Historical Society Meeting



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

Joe Kavaky and Peter Riley were elected to the Friends of Elmendorph Board of Directors at the annual meeting held in March.

JOE KAVAKY - Joe returns as a member of the Board having been elected initially in 1991. He served as President in 1992-1993. Joe moved to Red Hook in 1978 and works for IBM. He is active in the VFW, Egbert Benson Historical Society and St. Christopher's Holy Name Society, and enjoys golfing, skiing, bowling, fishing and biking.

PETER RILEY - Peter has lived in Red Hook all his life. He and his wife Beverly graduated from Red Hook High School in the same class. They have 4 grown children, Denise, Debra, Diane and Peter. Peter has been a mathematics teacher in the Wappingers Central School District for the past 33 years and has also worked as an adjunct professor at Dutchess Community College.

Peter was a drummer for nearly 20 years in Murray VanNess's band, THE FACULTY, and also had been a percussionist with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. He was a Village Trustee and then Mayor during the late 70's and early 80's, and is currently a Vice President of the the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce and a village representative on our town Greenways Committee.

As Vice President of the Chamber, one of Peter's goals is to work with their Merchants Committee to continue beautifying our Village Center. When asked about becoming a member of the Elmendorph Board of Directors, Peter remarked, "I am very happy to have been asked and thereby will work for the preservation of our most treasured landmark."

FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH

DONATIONS FOR THE RED HOOK HISTORY APPEAL

June 10, 1998

Carleen and Richard Baright
Stephen & Mary Bayer - Key Bank Assoc. - Matching Grant
Marion Davis
Terence and Catherine Dewsnap
Suzanne Ellis
Philip Fennell

Drs. James and Barbara Geistfeld
Douglas and Harriet Norton - in memory of
Ethel and Clinton Gallagher & Margaret and Ray Norton
Red Hook Arts and Antiques Dealers Association
Kathryn E. Russell
Charles and Heidi Simmons
Eleanor Spiciarich

NEW MEMBERS

Michael J. Brembs
Frank and Loretta Campagna
Caryn DaLoia and John Moore
Mr. and Mrs. William Dodds
John Keeler
Richard Mahoney

Maryann Moul
Anne Needham
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross
Alan VanNess and Anne Oja
Lou Vidunas
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Catherine and Terence Dewsnap
Katherine Lingo
G. Carl and Lorraine Pack

DONATIONS

June 8, 1998

American Society of Dowsters - Catskill Mt. Chapter
Apple Valley Realty
Richard J. and Bonnie L. Bard - in Honor of Blanche Singer
Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Boba
Fergus and Jean Bordewich
Peter and Alice Bulkeley
Carrie Ellen Burger
John and Jane Burgoyne
John and Dolores Cayea
Oakleigh and Jacquelyn Cookingham
Caro Curran
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DeGruccio
Mr. and Mrs. John Docherty
Rose and Louis Dondero
Kip Eggert
Barbara Ewing
Linda Fell
Jane Ferguson
Dr. and Mrs. Juan Fernandez
Eleanor Friery
Michael Gladstone
Paula Golden
Howard and Esther Gottlieb
Paul Grenon
Richard and Margaret Gummere
Andrew and Loretta Halperin
Bill Hammond
James Hardin
Peter and Teresa Hardin - in memory of Mary Hardin -
IBM Matching Grant
Patricia Hart
Lois and Ed Howson
Eric and Clara Johnson

James and Shirley Kilgour
Brent Kovalchik and Juliet Harrison
Phyllis Leonard - in memory of Rosemary Coons
Mr. and Mrs. E. McNally
Sid and Beth Mead
Susan Picard
K. Noel Phillips
Margi Riker
Frank Rivers
Bernard and Joyce Rockefeller
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockefeller
Joseph St. John - in memory of my wonderful wife, Ardith -
IBM Matching Grant
Kenneth and Dolores Saltis
Ted and Barbara Schacklinsky
Karen Sipperley
Tom and Evelyn Seils
Eleanor Spiciarich
Anita and Judson Sprague
Charles Still
The Suburban Shop
Beverly Teator - shutter hardware - in memory of Bruce E. Teator
John Tieder
Larry Thetford
Stanton and Priscilla Tremper
Betty Mae VanParys
Dr. and Mrs. E.C. VanValey - chair - in memory of
Edwin G. and Minnie L. VanValey
John and Kathy VanWormer
Michael F. and Margaret Waters
Mary Willets
Woodstock Bud-Sterling Family of Women
Carolyn Yablonski

SEE HISTORY COME ALIVE AT THE ELMENDORPH

SATURDAY, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th, members of the 150th New York State Volunteer Infantry Regiment of Civil War Reenactors will once again encamp at the Elmendorph Inn bringing the grounds to life with campfire cooking, musket firing and drills practiced by Dutchess County's volunteer soldiers during the Civil War.

Accompanying the 150th will be the Hudson Valley Ladies Aid Society who will recreate women's work during the period, preparing all their meals in the kitchen hearth and oven. The encampment will be open for public visitation from 9:00AM till late afternoon. The event is sponsored by the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook and the Friends of Elmendorph.



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

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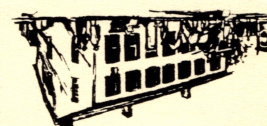
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