

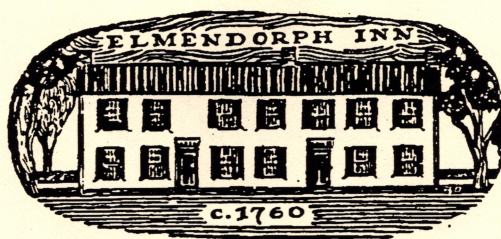
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As this is my first letter to the members, it is fitting that a loud THANK YOU go to past president Joan Lewis from all of us. The Inn made significant progress these past two years during her tenure.

In reflecting on 'thank you', one quickly realizes that in an organization like the Friends of Elmendorph, where everyone is a volunteer or donating member, a thank you is owed to everyone. The Inn just wouldn't exist without the efforts of all.

In this newsletter you will find information about the upcoming auction. As this is our 2nd biggest income producing event, please consider helping to make it as successful as in previous years. The thrift shop produces our biggest income and you are encouraged to donate (or continue to donate) to it when you can. Your donations may be tax deductible. If you have some spare time, the shop is looking for volunteer workers to help with the operations of the shop.

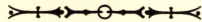
By now most of us have heard about Y2K (year 2000). One of the things that gets mentioned at board meetings is the possibility that the restoration of the Inn may be completed in the year 2000. The upstairs south room is the bulk of what remains to be restored. It also happens to be the 25th year since the Friends were formed. Let's hope that it happens.

As a final thought, the restoration of the Inn has no real meaning if no one uses it or enjoys it. The Inn belongs to the community and is to be used by the community. There are local groups that hold their meetings at the Inn, our schools use it for tours and educational purposes, and it is the home of the Egbert Benson Historical Society. I know that is what the founding members wanted.

Sincerely,
JOE KAVAKY
President



RESTORATION COMMITTEE

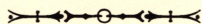


Fresh coats of paint have been applied to the Inn's exterior walls, shutters, doors and roof and to the Elmendorph Etc. shop building. A large crew of Hapeman painters made quick work of scrubbing, scraping and painting the Inn but work on the shop was painstakingly performed by volunteer Jack Lewis, assisted by Pete Lawson. Jack spent many hours repairing deteriorated cement work, scraping the worn gable end boards, caulking, priming and finally, with Pete's help, painting the building a rich dark brown. The Old Soap Factory gave us the brown paint at a greatly reduced cost, so we bought enough for a second coat when needed.

Because there was so much tedious handwork required to prepare the shop for repainting, Jack and Pete's volunteer labor saved us 2,000 hard earned dollars. That money can now be used to complete the restoration of the Inn. Volunteers can help us paint the white plaster walls of the tap room and the walls, ceiling and trim in the second floor gallery. If you're interested call the Elmendorph office at 758-5887. We'd love to hear from you!

Barbara Bielenberg

A FOND FAREWELL



Francis Nuccio

The Friends of Elmendorph lost one of its earliest supporters this spring. Frank Nuccio was involved from the very beginning. He recognized the Elmendorph Inn's importance to local history and realized what its restoration would mean to the community.

Frank was a member of the first Board of Trustees and was active in all the early restoration efforts. He helped renovate the dilapidated cement block building at the corner of the property to serve as a "temporary" thrift shop and supported the efforts of his wife Elvira who chaired the shop in the 1970's.

We will miss Frank's talents, his support and his unique and wonderful sense of humor.

July 18th, 1999



7TH 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 partial contents of a Rhinebeck 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 and early responses are most appreciated.**

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 by calling David Brown at 876-2000 or the Elmendorph Inn at 758-5887.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON JULY 18TH!

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food donation/sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Auction Floor Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickup/ Delivery |
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EDUCATION

Barbara Bielenberg, President, Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook

Friends of Elmendorph Director, Linda Greenblatt, organized a team of students, teachers, parents (and a grandparent) who met on Tuesday afternoons at the Elmendorph to learn about the history of the building, its restoration and furnishing, in preparation for conducting tours of the Inn for other students and adults. Six members of the group assisted the Historical Society at its fund raising event at Rokeby, an important private historic mansion in Barrytown. The students have also been extremely helpful, serving customers of the Elmendorph Etc. shop on weekends. With all the bad news about student shootings, etc., its good to be able to report that we have some really fine young people studying in the Red Hook schools.

Early in June, Christopher Lindner, Bard College's professor of archeology will bring two groups of 4th grade students to the Elmendorph as part of the ongoing cooperative program between Bard and the Mill Road School. The students will spend the morning visiting a pre-historic archeological site on the Bard campus and in the afternoon Professor Lindner will conduct a "cultural archeology" tour of the Elmendorph, showing them where digs were conducted and then talking about the artifacts found in the sites. The tour will be followed by an "object study" similar to one that we did earlier this spring for Linda's group.

The Historical Society's Archive Center on the second floor of the Elmendorph has been a very busy place on our Tuesday "open days". While Bobby Thompson and Kate Dewsnap continue cataloging our collection, Roger Leonard has been working on his book on Upper Red Hook, using our Clara Losee files; Chris Lindner has consulted the Frank Teal maps and papers to locate potential archeological sites in Ward Manor which may be affected by the relocation of the proposed Performing Arts Center, and various other members and visitors have consulted us for information on their homes or family histories. Please call me at 758-2923, if you'd like to join our research team and/or become a member of our Historical Society.

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MAY 23, 1999

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Going once...going twice...SOLD!!

July 18th, 1999



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

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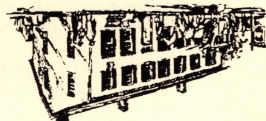
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