

- ECHOES -

Summer 1992

Dear Friends,

I was elated to see lots of new activity around the Elmendorph. An archeologist and his staff were working on the east side of the building at the same time that I was excitedly holding a building permit. We are resuming restoration work! More details are in this newsletter.

Our Elmendorph Etc. is off and running, thanks to our great volunteers and so many of you who contribute to its success. Our new Board of Directors is working very well together. They are eager and enthused and we have interesting meetings.

Special thanks to Barbara Bielenberg for her wonderful work on the bids for the restoration work.

A few newsletters ago, we wished for a flag and stand for the south room. The Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the D.A.R. has given us just such an item which they dedicated to the memory of Mary Hardin, an Elmendorph volunteer and life member. It is a wonderful complement to our meeting room.

Watch the Elmendorph. It is getting a face lift on the north and east sides. Recently, we were on the Northern Dutchess Day Care Center tour route, and we so enjoyed the visitors sharing their knowledge and interest with us.

HAVE A SPECIAL SUMMER.

Sincerely,

*Rosemary Coons
President*

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ADOPT-A-CABINET

- Barbara W. Bielenberg

Our new drive to raise funds for a modern kitchen adjacent to the historic kitchen, announced in our last newsletter, has gotten off to a splendid start, thanks to the generosity of the following members who have each donated \$100 to Adopt-a-Cabinet.

Richard and Carleen Baright

Mr. & Mrs. Winston Coburn

Carol and Henry Czaplicki

to commemorate a special birthday in 1992

James Hardin

in memory of Mary Hardin

Mary Willets

Mrs. Harold Traudt

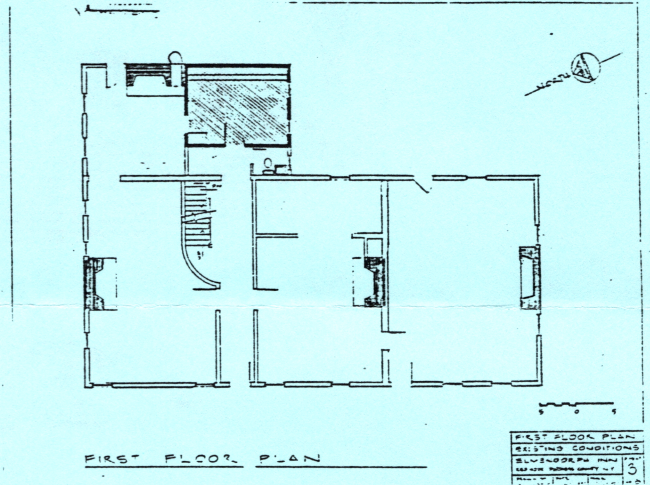
in memory of Harold Traudt

Robert and Barbara Bielenberg

in memory of Louise Weil

Donations in any amount are welcome to pay for new wiring, sheetrock, flooring and appliances as well as cabinets. Contributions of \$100 or more to the kitchen fund will be acknowledged on a special plaque hung prominently in the new kitchen. Opposite is a drawing showing the proposed location of the new kitchen.

With your help, this useful work space **could** become a reality in time for our annual Christmas Party!



RESTORATION COMMITTEE

- Barbara W. Bielenberg

We are pleased to announce that a Red Hook firm has been awarded the contract to complete the exterior restoration of the Elmendorph Inn. **Hudson Valley Preservation**, headed by **Craig Marchessault** of North Broadway and **Mason F. Lord, Jr.** of Brewster, was the low bidder for the job and has been qualified by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation which administers projects like ours which are partially funded by the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act. Firms bidding on the job were required to have at least five years' experience working on National Register and other historic buildings.

Craig and Mason apprenticed at the Restoration Workshop of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown, completing their studies in 1985. Since then, they have worked on a variety of historic sites including the Hamilton Fish Sr. Birthplace in Garrison, the Alice Austin House on Staten Island, Drayton Hall - a National Trust property in Charleston, SC, and the Old Southeast Church and Walter Brewster House in Putnam County. Most recently they have been restoring the 200-year old Philip Hart House in Millbrook for Millbrook Historian David Greenwood and working on a 1790 home in Torrington, CT.

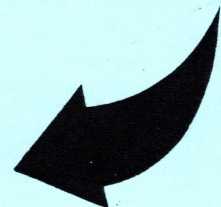
The Elmendorph project will include removal and re-use of as much of the original siding as possible on the north facade and kitchen wing, restoration of original window sash and replication of sash where necessary. Required structural repairs and insulation will be accomplished before the primed siding is replaced and given a final coat of paint. One of the most challenging aspects of the restoration is the reconstruction of the missing beehive oven. It and the adjacent kitchen fireplace will be returned to working condition. Craig and Mason will be working closely with experts from Eastfield Village in upstate New York, a well-known center for the teaching of restoration technology.

Restoration work on the Elmendorph will begin approximately the week of August 17th.

Coming Elmendorph Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

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| Golf Match | - | September 16 |
| Art Show | - | October 9-12 |
| Garden Club Greens Show | - | December 5 |
| Christmas Open House | - | December 6 |
| AUCTION | - | June 27, 1993 (tentative) |



ELMENDORPH, ETC.

- Shirley Brown

Brightly colored packages of foreign and domestic stamps are some of the popular items which bring repeat customers of all ages to the Elmendorph Etc. The packages which range in price from 50¢ to \$1.50, depending on the number of stamps included, are a special project of long-time supporter, **Helen Garlinghouse**. The stamps are sorted by country of origin or theme, rather than value, and experienced collectors have learned that treasures far exceeding the cost of the package are sometimes found within. According to Helen, the stamps provide the young collector a colorful education in national history, culture and natural wonders, a joy which she share nightly as she sorts and packages them for sale.

Helen receives boxes of unsorted envelopes from her brother, **Karl Vosbrinck**, a Long Island stamp dealer who buys stamps in bulk from all over the world. She trims away the excess paper before sending the still-mounted stamps to **Mary Cioffi** and **Edith Kennedy** who have become expert at the tedious job of soaking the stamps off the paper backing. The dried stamps are then flattened between the pages of heavy books before they are packaged. More than \$200 worth of stamps have already been sold this year, and we are grateful to Helen, her brother Karl, and to Mary and Edith for their attractive and valuable contributions to the shop's merchandise.

We are very thankful for MOST of the donations we received for the shop, but occasionally we find at the shop's back door boxes of items which are broken, incomplete or otherwise unsalable. Disposing of bulky and unsalable merchandise has become difficult and **expensive** so, please, ask yourself if the items you are donating are really things someone will want to **purchase** for the benefit of the Elmendorph Inn restoration.

Those of you who have attended our Sunday yard sales know what fun we have disposing of furniture and other items too bulky or too numerous to fit into the Elmendorph Etc. shop. Our "Quarter Acre" of 25¢ "treasures" is especially popular. With restoration beginning again on the building, our storage space will be limited so we'd like to hold Sunday sales **twice** a month if we can recruit enough volunteers to help set up starting at 10 a.m. in the morning and pack up at 4 p.m. We really **NEED** you, so please call **Harriet Johnson (758-5261)** or me **(758-8604)** to volunteer.

Also, **PLEASE** use the same numbers to let us know if you plan to drop off merchandise at other than shop hours (10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday). We've had some really nice donations damaged by rain while they sat outside unattended!

(* IBM Match)

MONETARY DONATIONS

*Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Appell
Mr. & Mrs. Heinz Bertelsmann
Mr. & Mrs. David Brown
(in honor of Richard Coons)
Mr. & Mrs. John Burgoyne
John Jay Chapman*

*Dr. & Mrs. George Curran
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Daria*
Burton Fraleigh
Marion Hamilton Gurnee*
Mr. & Mrs. Jack McEnroe
Mr. & Mrs. Edward McNally*

*Jane Pulver
(memory of Arnold Pulver)
Mr. & Mrs. George Reid*
Jane Smithers
Mrs. Jenny Spiciarich
Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Tiberio*

Patricia Sherman/Robert Yost

C. T. Glass, Inc.

Mr. & Mrs. David Brown

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Marion Hamilton Gurnee

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford A. Watts

Mrs. Harold Traudt

ARCHEOLOGY

The restoration project includes construction of a new porch at the rear of the kitchen to protect the kitchen door and the beehive oven and a handicap ramp to the east door of the restored South Room. Before foundations can be dug, an archeological survey was required. The study was made by **Joe Diamond** of Hurley whose recent work has included investigations at the West Point Foundry site in Cold Spring and at the Greenwich Mews in Greenwich Village, NY. Joe was also Site Director of the extensive archeological surveys done at Montgomery Place. A recognized authority on early glass, Joe has a Masters of Arts Degree in Anthropology from New York University.

An important part of his work at the Elmendorph was the completion of a survey of the probable site of the beehive oven begun by **Cynthia Morrison** of Red Hook. Cynthia donated an excellent report on her investigations which provided a starting point for the deeper excavation. We deeply appreciate the volunteer work Cynthia has done through the years. Her surveys have contributed greatly to our understanding of the Elmendorph. The new surveys also include an inventory and analysis of artifacts found in the course of the investigations, relating them as far as possible to the known history of our building.

"About six in the evening we arrived at the village of Auburn, and I abandoned the stage there, intending to go to Utica by way of the Grand Canal. Having seen my portmanteau disposed of, I entered the tavern, and desired that water might be sent into a room. "Water!" exclaimed the landlord, "why, here's water and towels enough in the bar — I guess all the gentlemen washes there." I surveyed the bar from curiosity, and found things in such a state, that I would rather have worn the coat of dust I had received while in the stage, than attempted ablution in it. However, after some parley and hesitation, my apparently unheard-of request was granted, and soon afterwards they rung a bell to announce that tea was ready. I immediately obeyed the summons; and, on entering the public room, found eighteen or twenty people already seated at a table, which was abundantly furnished with beef-steaks, ham, fowls, preserved fruit, cake cheese, &c. The hostess, who was rather pretty, stood at one end of the table, and poured out tea, gracefully enough, to those who called for it, and occasionally joined in the conversation, with the same ease as if she had been one of the guests. Most of the people were respectable enough in appearance. . . ."

John Howison

*Sketches of Upper Canada, Domestic, Local and Characteristic
...and Some Recollections of the United States of America*

1822. quoted in *Upstate Travels, British Views of Nineteenth-Century New York.*
Ed. Roger Haydon, Syracuse University Press, 1982, p. 140.



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