



- ECHOES -

Fall 1991

Dear Friends,

This newsletter is a tribute to Elmendorph's many friends--the volunteers who have given so much time this fall. I can't recall a more active season! You will read about our FIRST County Seats Reception and our FIRST Art Show and Sale. Even the fruit trees in front of the Inn bore their FIRST apples this fall.

Our Elmendorph Etc. shop broke all records and our Golf Tournament made us many new friends. We are grateful to the great many of you who made these successes possible. We are always delighted to see you and welcome your help.

On behalf of all our members, I thank Barbara Bielenberg, organizer of the reception; Ed fisher, art show genius; Shirley Brown, shop manager; and Joe O'Brien and Joe Kavaky, Golf Tournament coordinators. Your dedication has inspired so many others to follow.

Did you know that our Vice President, Leocadia Kittner, read palms at the Greig Farm Pumpkin Festival for the benefit of the Elmendorph? A new 1992 Dutchess County Calendar will feature the Elmendorph on its April page. The Bookery in Red Hook will be selling the calendar, as will other book and card shops around the county.

We hope to greet ALL of you at our annual Family Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8th, the climax of our gala holiday weekend about which you'll read more in this issue.

Seasons Greetings

Rosemary E. Coons
President



Please Join Us For

- A CHRISTMAS WEEKEND at the ELMENDORPH -

4th Annual Old Dutch Village Garden Club Greens Show

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2nd Annual Family Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 8, 1 - 4 p.m.

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GALA CHRISTMAS WEEKEND AT THE ELMENDORPH

December 7th and 8th

We are very pleased to announce that this year, in addition to our very special 2nd Annual Family Christmas Open House on **Sunday, December 8th**, the Elmendorph Inn will be the site of the 4th Annual Old Dutch Village Garden Club Greens Show on **Saturday, December 7th**! Garden Club members are already hard at work designing wreaths and table decorations to inspire your own holiday planning. The displays will be on view from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and refreshments will be served. There is no charge and all are welcome.

On Sunday afternoon, December 8th from 1 to 4 p.m., we'll leave the 20th century behind to enjoy our 2nd Annual Family Christmas Open House celebrating St. Nicholas Day, the traditional Dutch Christmas. This year, there will again be an eight-foot Christmas tree waiting for the children to decorate with strings of popcorn and cranberries and trays of homemade Christmas cookies and cocoa and mulled cider for all to enjoy in the candlelit South Room.

Wooden shoes filled with carrots and hay will be waiting on the hearth for St. Nicholas' horse, and the mantles will be festive with greens and fruit in the 18th-century manner. An antique music box will provide a tuneful accompaniment to the festivities.

Those of you who attended last year's Christmas Open House will remember what a joyous beginning to the holiday season it was! There is no charge, and all are invited to bring children and grandchildren to share in this very special celebration. Plan to start the holiday season by visiting the Elmendorph on Saturday, December 7th, and Sunday, December 8th!

ELMENDORPH ETC.

- Shirley Brown

November 2nd saw the last of our series of Garage and Lawn Sales for 1991. THANK YOU, friends, for your many donations and your support. Our loyal committee of "Gray Panthers" average 2 to 3 days a week working for the shop and each year we exceed our targeted contribution to the restoration funds for the Elmendorph Inn.

Weather permitting, and Richard Coons, Dave Brown and Bill Johnson being available, we have been able to have several Sunday afternoon Lawn Sales. These sales enabled us to sell larger items, set up more tables, and reach many different customers. David, Richard, Bill and Bob Bielenberg were invaluable, helping us carry merchandise to open and close the sales and making deliveries.

Changes this year: We found we couldn't handle (or sell) hardcover books and magazines. We **do** turn over current paperbacks and children's books. (Please save your winter reading. We'll be open again in May!) Helen Garlinghouse spent last winter soaking, sorting and packaging postage stamps which were sold to collectors at bargain prices. She was aided by Edith Kennedy and Mary Cioffi. Helen is already packaging for next year!

The committee finds it particularly gratifying to see young families able to find toys, baby furniture, and kitchen supplies at bargain prices, and collectors able to find items that wouldn't be affordable in a shop. We enjoy people and have made so many friends--people who "pop in" regularly on Wednesday workdays and seldom miss a lawn sale. So many have met us since we closed and told us they really miss us.

Please think about the Elmendorph Etc. over the winter months and consider putting your name on our "on call" list to aid in the work of setting up Lawn Sales. Think about putting aside items you no longer need after your Christmas haul. We can store small pieces of furniture in our shed during the winter if you call us before the snow banks form. Call Bill Johnson at 758-5261 or Shirley Brown at 758-8604 and we'll unlock the shed for you.

Think about joining us! We have a lot of fun and earn good money for our great old building!

COUNTRY SEATS RECEPTION

- Barbara Bielenberg

Guests from four states, New York City, Long Island and five Hudson Valley counties enjoyed country cuisine and beverages in the candlelit South Room of the Elmdorph on Friday, September 20th. The reception was a featured activity of the prestigious 4th Annual Country Seats Tour sponsored by Hudson River Heritage, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the National Parks Service, the Friends of Mills Mansion, Clermont and Olana State Historic Sites and Wilderstein Preservation.

The four-day event features tours of distinguished private homes and historic sites in Columbia and Dutchess Counties and we were pleased that the Elmdorph was selected as the site for one of the evening activities offered to tour participants. Many of our Board members were on hand to conduct guided tours and explain the significance of our historic Inn. The Country Seats Tours is a major fundraiser for the sponsoring organizations, this year netting over \$30,000 for their historic preservation activities. The Friends of Elmdorph made a small profit on the reception and benefitted by association with the major historic agencies in our region.

2ND ANNUAL ELMENDORPH GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Joe O'Brien

This year the tournament, played on October 8th, received outstanding support from the golfing and business community and raised more than \$1,000 for the Friends of Elmdorph in spite of a week's postponement due to rain. My co-chairman, **Joe Kavaky**, joins me in thanking **John Van Wormer, President of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck**, for the bank's sponsorship of the event.

Thanks are also due to the following individuals and businesses who sponsored individual holes:

Apple Valley Realty
The Bookery
Butler & Sons Floor Coverings
Craft Construction
Dutchess Signs
Friends of Clermont

Herman Gorgens
Donald E. Norton Insurance Agency
Red Hook Electrical Supply Company
Ruge's Subaru
Tap House Restaurant
Vin's Service
Williams Lumber & Home Centers

The winning golfers were:

Men's Gross:
Men's Net:
Women's Gross:
Women's Net:
Callaway Winner:

Tom Lynch
Bill Ditterlich
Jean Allen
June Heckleman
Bill Watkins

Our special thanks to **Leo Biron** who helped us in so many ways, especially with the scoring and handicaps. We're looking forward to an even bigger tournament next year!



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Welcome to Our New Neighbor - Cider Mill Antiques, owned by Marcia DeCillio. Stop in and see her attractive shop located in the yellow building on Cherry Street just behind the Elmdorph. Some of you may remember Marcia's old shop south of Red Hook Village on Route 9.

ART SHOW AND SALE

- Edgar Fisher

One of the most delightful events of the year was our October Art Show. The timing could not have been better. The fall colors were coming on and the tourists were flocking up from New York City to view the beauty of our Hudson Valley.

After a month of paperwork and other preparations, we put up flats in the South Room and with some expert help proceeded to hang eighty-nine gorgeous pieces of work--oils, acrylics, photos, and watercolors. We opened on Friday evening, October 11th, with an artists' reception, to the music of the Alexander Schneider Quintet and the roar of rain on the roof.

Despite the weather, about 125 people showed up to sip punch, nibble cheese, and view the work. Two charming little girls from the middle school distributed programs, while the hostesses made everyone welcome. The old Inn did its best putting out ambience.

As the show continued over the weekend, sales improved until over twenty percent of the works had been sold. We covered our expenses and netted nearly \$1200 for the Elmendorph. It is really inspiring to see what the combined efforts of a lot of good people can do. As someone remarked, the show had class.

Editor's Note: The Art Show was **Ed Fisher's** inspiration and he deserves great credit for the success of the event. Among the many volunteers who assisted in his triumph were **Ruth Zipser** who helped hang the show, **Nancy Hailey** and **Kay Hapeman**, who dispensed the delicious refreshments, and the many gracious hostesses recruited by **Barbara Field**. Our thanks and congratulations to all who helped!

ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

- Barbara Bielenberg

We are pleased to report that our Acquisitions Fund is growing, thanks to the generosity of **James Hardin**, **Harriet Norton** and **Mrs. Arch Williams**, family and friends of **Mary Hardin**, who have memorialized her service to the Elmendorph Etc. shop with donations to her memory. Donations have also been received from **Maizefield Antiques & Fine Art** (Chris Eggert) in memory of **Betty Eggert** and from **Hildegard Frey**. On the basis of these donations, the Elmendorph Board has authorized the purchase of a much needed handcrafted reproduction tavern table for use in the South Room, replacing Shirley Brown's dining room table, which has made frequent trips to the Elmendorph for parties and receptions.

We are grateful also to **Gladys Wagner** who has donated a pair of shutter dogs in honor of **Rosemary Coons** and to restoration carpenter **William Brokosch** who presented two antique cast iron kettles for future use in our kitchen fireplace.

Contributions to our Furnishings Fund are still very welcome, to cover all the costs of our new table, a panelled door storage cabinet or kas, and furnishings and equipment for the middle room and office.

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We extend *heartiest congratulations* to faithful Elmendorph volunteers, **Harriet and Bill Johnson**, who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 23rd. The Elmendorph is doubly blessed by the interest of this very special couple!

NEW MEMBERS - 1991

Before this year ends, we want to welcome the following new Friends of Elmendorph and thank them for their interest and support:

Life Members

Caryl Fyllingen

Marie Fyllingen*

Margaret Hiller

Mrs. Charles Hoffman

Mrs. Walter Kennedy

* IBM Match

Members

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Michael Bathrick

Faith Compo

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Claire O'Neill Carr

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Phyllis Smith

Eleanor Spiciarich

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Streifeneder

Helen Van Wagner

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Wedlake

"All news emanated from the tavern, the town meeting and the town council here assembled, the courts met in solemn dignity, the traveller full of news from his last stopping place was sometimes here found, and notices for the information of the townsmen were posted on the tavern door. At Medford it was voted 'that their names posted on the several tavern doors shall be a sufficient notice for jurors.'"



From: *The Colonial Tavern, A Glimpse of New England
Town Life in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*

by Edward Field

Providence, R.I.
1897



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