

• ELMENDORPH ECHOES •

NEWSLETTER

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

As you will read in this newsletter, we have been moving ahead with our restoration project during 1988, and we are planning to make even more progress in the new year. We have now completed the restoration of more than two-thirds of the exterior of the Inn, and our plans for 1989, if realized, will complete the exterior restoration of the building. This work will make the Inn weather-tight, and will allow us to begin restoring the inside of the building for public use. With some luck, we may be able to open one room by the end of the coming year.

My thanks to all, members and friends alike, for your help and support of our grass roots preservation effort.

I hope to see many of you at our March annual meeting.

Cordially,
Harold Fell
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President

AUCTION '88 NETS \$10,000 FOR FRIENDS

Auction '88 was bigger and better than the Friends of Elmendorph's Auction '86 -- a great success in every way. The late August weather was perfect and the hundreds of donated items, ranging from new merchandise and services to collectibles and lovely antiques, offered something of interest to everyone in attendance. The Friends owe many thanks to members and neighbors who donated so generously. Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Traudt, who donated a collection of antique items.

A lot of the work involved in holding an auction occurs in the weeks before the big event. Auction organizers Herman Gorgens and Shirley Brown began planning the auction in the Spring. Special thanks also go to David Brown, Blanche and Doug Traudt and Harold Fell, who cleaned, sorted, canvassed prospective donors and carted donations to the Inn.

The auction itself left everyone happy. Our customers profited as many "good deals" went over the block. Among the star attractions of the auction was a Hudson River School landscape painting, which was donated anonymously to the Friends of Elmendorph. The painting was cleaned and restored by Mary Rose Blum-Bump and framed by Shanning's Frame Shop. The painting was sold to the lucky bidder at the bargain price of \$900. More importantly, over \$10,000 was raised for the ongoing restoration of the Elmendorph Inn. We would like to thank the following organizations and merchants who gave us so much support -- please thank them too!

Elks Club, First National Bank of Rhinebeck, Pawling Bank, Shanning's Frame Shop, Red Hook Inn, Copycat Printers, Flower Basket, Across the Board Woodcraft, Hair For You.

Also: The Bookery, Red Hook Drug Store, Creative Hair Design, Village Pizza III, Butler & Sons Floor Covering, Green & Bresler, Wee McGregor's, Suburban Shop, The Notion Shop, The Clothes Hook, The Grog Shop.

Also: La Parmesian, Mariko's, Chez Marcel, Beekman Arms Inn, White Horse Liquor, Strong Printing, The Monarch.

And along the Kingston Strip: Hudson, Roundout Cruises, Rosita's, Mary P., The Golden Duck.

The Friends would like to take this opportunity to thank our efficient Auction '88 Committee: Herman Gorgens (Chairman); Shirley Brown (Co-Chair); David Brown, auctioneer; Doug and Blanche Traudt; Norma and John Liuzza; Lillian Gorgens; Frank and Elvira Nuccio; Gary Rhoades; Greg Rhoades; Harold Fell; Bob and Barbara Bielenberg; Bruce Naramore; Mim Brown; Doug Brown; Betsy Wacker; Dorothy Wegman; Linda Keeling; Helen Garlinghouse; Dorothy Blauvett; Mary Harden; Gussil Townsend; Betty Van Parys.

Finally, thanks again to our celebrity auctioneers: Tudi Wiggins of WTZA-TV, Channel 62, and Joe O'Brien of WHUD-Radio.

We hop to build on this year's success with an equally successful fundraising effort in 1989. Anyone with ideas for fundraisers is encouraged to pass along your idea to a member of the Board of Directors.

ELMENDORPH ETC. CLOSSES FOR WINTER

The Friends' thrift shop, Elmendorph, Etc., closed for the winter in November after earning \$11, 257.90 for the restoration of the Inn according to shop Co-Manager Shirley Brown.

The Elmendorph, Etc. is wholly volunteer managed and operated, with many of our volunteers averaging three days a week in donated time between May and October. The items sold in the shop are also donated by Friends members and neighbors interested in the restoration project. The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for a hard and successful season's work:

Shirley Brown and Lillian Gorgens, Co-Managers; Helen Garlinghouse; Elvira Nuccio; Betty Franklin; Dorothy Wegman; Edith Michael; Dorothy Blauvelt; Virginia Apsey; Mary Harden; Harriet Johnson, salespeople. Also Dick Coons, Bill Johnson and Dave Brown for their help at the "Book Sale" and assistance during "special occasions". Finally, thanks to Harold Fell and his trusty pick-up truck for helping with the carting of donated items.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Elmendorph meets each month to monitor progress on the restoration of the Inn and to plan for its future. The Board has taken several measures at recent meetings to provide for the short and long-term preservation of the building. The Board has applied for a \$ 36,500 grant through the historic preservation program under the State of New York's Environmental Quality Bond Act (EQBA). The Friends are now in the enviable position of having 95% of the match required already in hand. The grant application was prepared through the efforts of Rosemary Coons, Herman Gorgens and several other members of the Board. We expect to hear from EQBA officials regarding the request in late winter.

At the October Board meeting the Board of Directors voted to create an endowment to provide for long-term operating and preventive maintenance costs. At the same time the Board approved in concept a long-range funding plan for the organization. A goal of \$100,000 was established for the endowment, which will be raised over the next ten years. Interest from the endowment would be used to pay annual costs for telephone and utilities, lawn care and snow removal, insurance, interior maintenance and such cyclical maintenance tasks as painting and routine repairs to building fabric. The Board will meet early in 1989 to refine its strategy for raising the endowment principal.

Patricia Merrall was elected to the Board of Directors at the November meeting to fill an unexpired term. Pat is the owner of The Bookery in Red Hook. She is a Life Member of Friends of Elmendorph and has long been active in the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce.

MEMORIAL HEDGE DEDICATED

This past Spring the Friends of Elmendorph planted a memorial hedge of 31 hemlocks behind the Inn along the eastern boundary of the property line. Each tree has been donated and dedicated as follows:

Shirley Brown dedicated two trees, one in memory of her husband, Doug Brown, and one for Otilie Hoss; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Appell in memory of their parents; Dorothy Wegman in memory of her husband, Charles P. Wegman. Trees were dedicated in memory of Paul Mundhausen by his son, Paul Mundhausen Fredricks; for George Kittner by his wife, Lottie Kittner, and daughters; for Friends Kay Hay and Ron Frey by their friends Lottie Kittner and Paul Fredricks. In memory of Ron Frey by his wife, Ursula Frey, and children; for Raymond E. Yantz by his wife, Helen Yantz; for her son, Karl L. Stickel, by his mother, Susan A. Stickel; by Helen Garlinghouse for her husband Nelson Garlinghouse and a tree for her friend, Barbara Sheek.

Kay Fraher dedicated four trees for Isabella and John Casey, Josephine and Edward Goodchild, Catherine Lynn Steele and for Bridget and John Fraher; Lee Smithers dedicated a tree for her husband, Francis S. Smithers III; also, a tree has been dedicated in memory of Dr. John S. Humphrey by his children, Dr. Susan Prados, Gary Humphrey and Lorraine Strandberg; and for Webster Coon by his wife, Bessie Coon. Susan Trotti and Richard Trotti dedicated a tree to her parents, Walter and Thelma Woilus; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Apsey for their daughter, Margery Apsey Moulton; Dorothy Blauvelt and her children in memory of Arthur Blauvelt; Harriet and Bill Johnson dedicated a tree in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Kruse.

The Red Hook- Rhinebeck Lodge B.P.O.E. Number 2022 has two trees dedicated in Memory of Those Dear Departed Brothers of the Elks; Jean, Louise, Mabel, Evalina, Arnold, Raymond and Katherine, the sons and daughters of Lottie and William Pulver, and the brothers and sisters of Sylvester Pulver, dedicated two trees in their memory; Barbara and Robert Bielenberg dedicated a tree to his mother, Bonnie A. Bielenberg.

Dutchess Signs donated a permanent plaque that lists the memorials. The plaque was installed and dedicated this past fall. Bob Bielenberg and Doug Traudt, members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, are charged with the task of nurturing the memorial hedge.