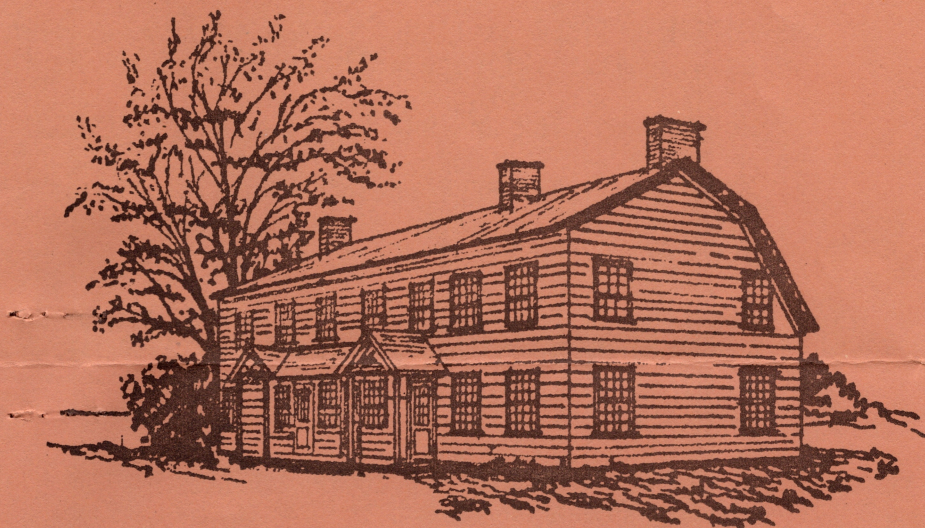


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season. I also hope you all survived the so-called "Blizzard of '83" without too much inconvenience.

The coming year looks like it will be a busy time for all of us. Plans are being put in place to start the long awaited restoration of the outside of the building. How much can be accomplished depends entirely upon the state of our finances. Although we have a small base from which to start, much more is needed.

I would urge everyone to be as generous as possible when renewing your membership or making a tax deductible contribution. I also have a special reminder to FRIENDS employed by, or retired from, I.B.M. Take advantage of their 2 FOR 1 Employee Matching Grant program. Your manager has the information and forms. If retired, feel free to give me a call at (914) 758-2433.

Remember, our ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday, March 28th at the Grange Hall in Red Hook. Hope to see all of you then.

Harold Fell, Sr.
President
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NEWS NOTES

- * LOTTIE KITTNER still has raffle tickets available for the "Made in Red Hook" shawl. Mitzi's fleece will be raffled off at the Annual Meeting.
- * Welcome to DICK and PAT MERRALL, new LIFE MEMBERS!
- * Thanks to SCOTT FELL for helping put up some ceiling tiles in "the Shop" over his Christmas vacation. We anticipate his assistance in finishing the job before ELMENDORPH, ETC. opens its doors for another season this spring.
- * Speaking of the Shop, volunteers will again be needed to staff it on Fridays and Saturdays. As in past years, ELMENDORPH, ETC. will be open those days from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. If you are interested in contributing a few hours, or a few days a month, please call ELVIRA NUCCIO at 758-8112. No Experience Required!
- * ROSEMARY COONS will attend a one day seminar on early American taverns, to be held at Fraunces Tavern in New York on March 25.

RESTORATION REPORT

Phase One of the Restoration of the Elmendorph Inn is complete. The repair, rebuilding and/or replacing of foundation walls, sills, first floor framing and structural reinforcing was accomplished by Craft Construction Company of Hyde Park, N.Y. during the past two years. The total cost of the work was \$39,000. Work was partially funded by a \$12,500 matching federal grant (Administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation). The Friends matched this grant through a special fund drive, for a total of \$25,000. The remaining \$14,000 was raised through your membership dues, donations, special events and particularly our thrift shop, Elmendorph, Etc.

In addition to the \$12,500, the federal grant included \$2,500 allocated for the preparation of an Historic Structure Report. This also had to be matched, and this was accomplished almost entirely by donated services. These services included research, compilation of data, drawings, photography and typing. The final draft was submitted to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and will serve as a guide for future restoration work.

1983 brings the start of Phase Two, the restoration of the front facade. This is the side that faces Route 9. The work as outlined includes the removal of remaining asbestos siding and the removal and salvage of the clapboard siding. Plywood sheathing will be installed. While the siding is off, windows will be restored or replaced as necessary. Reproduction double sash windows, with 12 over 12 lights, will be installed. Second floor windows and sash will be retained whenever possible. One second floor window, presently covered by siding, must be opened up, while a first floor window must be relocated to its original position.

RESTORATION REPORT (Continued)

The window work will involve extensive rehabilitation, and will be the most complex and time consuming part of the project. As mentioned, new windows will be custom made to match the "originals" as closely as possible.

One door (circa 1945) will be removed and covered over with siding. The other two doors will be rehabilitated and made functional. Once window and door restoration, and sheathing, has been accomplished, the siding will be replaced. Insulation of the building will be done from the interior during a future phase. Whenever possible, the original siding will be put back in place. New siding, which will match the old as closely as possible, will be required in many sections, however.

Painting will complete the work. During the past fall an analysis of existing paint was done by Debbie Sample, Restoration Specialist with the Taconic Region, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. At the two places where paint samples were taken, a dozen distinct paint layers were revealed under microscopic analysis. It appears, according to these samples, that the building was whitewashed at the time of the approved restoration period. Application of a coat of white paint will complete the 1983 work.

The preliminary estimate for Phase Two is \$20,000, and the intent is to complete the work this year.

A Master Planning Committee, chaired by Herman Gorgens, is in the process of preparing a five year restoration plan. The Committee hopes to be able to preview this plan for members at the March 28th Annual Meeting.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL SLATED

The Friends of Elmendorph will sponsor a series of activities featuring traditional arts and crafts at the Elmendorph this August. This program will be partially funded by a grant from the Dutchess County Arts Council, and with assistance from the Egbert Benson Historical Society.

As tentatively planned, two workshops- one on spinning & weaving, the other on portrait painting- will be held on five consecutive Saturday mornings beginning on July 9. A week-long celebration of Hudson Valley arts and crafts will be held at the Inn from August 1-7. Special exhibits will be on display, and the house will be open for tours from 12-4, Monday- Saturday, and 1-6 Sunday. Crafts demonstrations and traditional music will cap the festivities over the weekend. More details will appear in the June issue of ELMENDORPH ECHOES.

Members of the program committee include: Bruce Naramore, Rosemary Coons, Douglas Brown, Shirley Brown, Joe O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien and Linda Keeling. If you are interested in assisting call any of the committee members.

8TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Elmendorph will be held at the Grange Hall, Prince Street in Red Hook at 8:00 P.M., Monday, March 28, 1983.

Included in the business meeting will be the election of the Board of Directors, a preview of the Master Plan and a review of the past years activities. We will also vote on a By-Law change that will create three classes of three Directors each, in order to promote continuity on the Board.

Our featured speaker will be Dennis Wentworth, an archaeologist with the State of New York's Bureau of Historic Sites, NYSOPR&HP. He has directed excavations at many State historic sites, including digs at Mills Mansion and Clermont in our area. In conjunction with Mr. Wentworth's talk, there will be a display of archaeological artifacts recovered from beneath the Elmendorph Inn last summer.

Refreshments will be provided by our volunteers. New Friends and old, and persons wishing to become Friends, are cordially invited to attend what promises to be a very exciting meeting on the 28th.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

The Friends of Elmendorph are planning a major capital fund drive during the coming year. The Reverend J. Elliot Lindsley has agreed to chair the committee that will direct this project. As we go to press he is in the process of organizing the committee. Anyone interested in assisting with the fund drive is encouraged to contact Reverend Lindsley or any Board Member.

POSITION VACANT

WANTED: Editor for great exurbian newsletter; published quarterly by local not-for-profit preservation group. Skills required: two-fingered typing, ability to write simple sentences, telephone skills, time on hands. No experience required, no pay given. If interested call Harold Fell at 758-2344 or Rosemary Coons 758-6334.

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