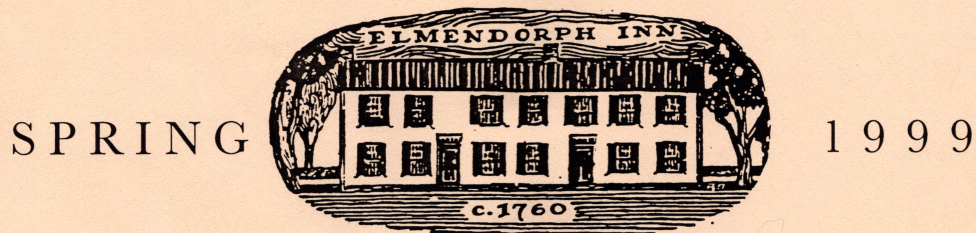


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FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It often seems that the "home stretch" is the longest. And so it is with the Inn's restoration. After all the years of accomplishment there remains one last piece of the puzzle. The upstairs large south room and smaller two west rooms remain to be restored.

The year 2000 promises to be one of great celebration. We would love to have a completely restored Inn to celebrate in the New Millenium.

Last year the roof and window sills were painted which is a great improvement. This year we must deal with the exterior painting which is badly needed.

Keep in mind our biennial auction in July, our chief money maker. Donations are needed and attendance is urged.

As spring approaches, your spring cleaning "treasures" can find a new home at the Elmendorph Etc. shop and benefit shoppers and the Inn.

The Board members are proud to be a part of this great community success story. Keep up the good work, our goal is within reach!

Sincerely,
JOAN LEWIS
President



CHRISTMAS AT THE ELMENDORPH

We are very grateful to members of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club who joined our Elmendorph "regulars" in decorating the Inn: Gerry DeBenedicto, Evelyn Anderson and Arlene Sweeney who loaned us her boxwood reindeer and gift filled sleigh for the front yard. Thank you to Joan Lewis, Janis and Pete Lawson, Shirley Brown and Bob and Barbara Bielenberg and especially Blanche and Doug Traudt who made the Elmendorph festive with traditional decorations of fruit and greens. If you noticed a special glow in the decorated rooms, thank Doug who polished ALL the brass and copper andirons, kettles, lamps and pots and made them look better than new! Special thanks to Bill Alexander who each year creates a giant wreath to decorate the front of the Elmendorph Etc. shop (and quietly takes it away at season's end).

Local businessmen also made important contributions to the festivities. The lovely Christmas tree which, bright with strings of popcorn and cranberries created by children at the open house, was later enjoyed at the Historical Society and other holiday gatherings. It was contributed by MAC's Agway. Dan Tiberio of the Red Hook IGA gave us several pineapples and John Hardeman donated gallons of his delicious cider for mulling.

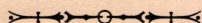
Festive music was provided by Regina Scheff (fiddle) and Bob Burroughs (harp) and the talented Middle School flute ensemble organized by instructor Alan VanNess. Thank you to all for the "live" music which makes our open house so special.

Our thanks to Betty Bader and the Red Hook Traditional Quilters who made and donated the beautiful quilt which generated more than a **thousand** dollars of donations. The quilt was won by Elizaville resident Joy Peterson.

Also thanks to Ellen Phelan and her assistants, Brenda Cagle, Paula Schoonmaker and Terri and Erin Schaff for baking the delicious breads; Richard Coons and Gussie Townsend for making the cider and cocoa and manning the kitchen; Betsey Wacker for organizing the servers; and all of those who contributed baked goods.

- Barbara Bielenberg

A FOND FAREWELL



to Lillian Gorgens

The Elmendorph lost one its best "Friends" with the death of Lillian Gorgens in January. No one has supported the restoration for a longer period of time. Lillian was a member of the Bicentennial Committee in 1975 and worked on all of the community events. The effort to purchase and save the historic Elmendorph Inn grew out of this celebration and Lillian and her husband, Herman, were charter members of the Friends of Elmendorph.

Lillian served as treasurer, participated in hundreds of fund raising events and was on the first staff of the Elmendorph Etc. thrift shop which has proved to be the financial "mainstay" of the organization. Lillian worked tirelessly for the shop for **twenty** years!

When the shop crew was honored at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Elmendorph, Richard Coons penned the following tribute to Lillian:

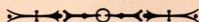
*In the beginning LILLIAN was opposed to the shop;
She could care less whether we started or not.
She knew the work that lay ahead
And knew it was something we ought to dread;
But when she saw the money roll in,
That's when she decided it was time to begin.
She knew in her heart that she was hooked,
So we put her in charge of all the books.
She's been faithful and loyal and, above all, a friend;
Her endless tasks seem never to end.
So here's to Lillian who's been here since day one;
And, believe me, we appreciate all she has DONE.*

She will be sorely missed.

- Shirley Brown



FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER



The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. will be held on Monday, March 22, 1999 at 8:00PM at the Elmendorph Inn on Route 9 in the Village of Red Hook. The meeting will be preceded by hors d'oeuvres at 6:00PM, followed by dinner PROMPTLY at 6:30PM.

All reservations **must be made by Monday, March 15, 1999**. You may choose to attend the program without attending the dinner. Please let us know, so that we can arrange seating for you.

The speaker for the evening will be Dave Meredith, who is involved with the establishment of a HUDSON RIVER MARITIME HERITAGE PARK which will include the Village and Town of Saugerties, the Village of Tivoli, Clermont State Historical Site, the four mid-Hudson Lighthouses, and links to Woodstock, Kingston, Catskill/Hudson, the Taconic Region and the Northern Catskill resort areas.

Now is the time for you to renew your membership for 1999. Please note the date on your mailing label. Your membership is paid through that date. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

PROXY

(For 3/22/99)

I will **NOT** attend the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH. In my absence, I hereby appoint the President or his/her deputy or _____ to act as my proxy to vote on all matters that come before the membership on the 22nd.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DINNER RESERVATIONS

\$15.00 Per Person

March 22, 1999

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres
Roast Turkey Breast
Roast Pork Loin
Glazed Winter Medley of Vegetables
Braised Red Cabbage and Apples

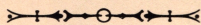
Roasted Herbed Potatoes
Wild Rice with pine nuts, scallions, raisins and apricots
Rolls and Butter
Eleanor's Apple Tart with Whipped Cream
Coffee and Tea

Name _____ Amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Please send your proxy/reservations to **MARY CIOFFI, RD #3 BOX 72, RED HOOK, NY 12571**.
Please make all checks payable to: Friends Of Elmendorph

Historical Society Benefit to Feature Tom Daley at Rokeby



On Sunday afternoon, May 16th, the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook will celebrate National Historical Preservation Week with **A Walk in the Past**, a personally narrated slide presentation by noted Hudson Valley photographer, Tom Daley. The event, which will be held at **Rokeby**, the residence built between 1811 and 1815 for John Armstrong and his wife Alida Livingston overlooking the Hudson in Barrytown, will raise funds for the Society and its new Rosemary Coons Historical Archive Center located on the second floor of the Elmendorph Inn.

Guests will be welcomed at 3:00PM by J. Winthrop Aldrich, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Red Hook Town Historian and co-owner of **Rokeby**. The Program will be held in the spacious parlor, remodeled by Stanford White in 1895 at the request of Margaret Livingston Chanler, Mr. Aldrich's grandmother.

Mr. Daley's **Walk in the Past** will include views of many beautiful and sometimes eccentric Hudson Valley homes, including Francis Bannerman's baronial castle completed in 1918 on Pollepel Island at the south end of Newburgh Bay. **Rokeby** will be open for tours of the ground floor rooms, including the spectacular octagonal library, beginning at 2:30PM and there will be a reception following the program.

Reservations cost \$25.00 and must be made in advance. Seating is limited and reservations will be filled in order of receipt. Checks may be sent to the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook, P.O. Box 1813, Red Hook, NY 12571. Please include your name, address, telephone number and the number in your party and indicate that you are requesting reservations for **A Walk in the Past**.

For more information call (914) 758-2923.

Interested in Early American/Tavern Cooking?

If you're curious about the what, why and how of preparing food during the 1700's and 1800's, perhaps you'd like to join a new Early American Cooking group we are trying to form at the Elmendorph Inn. We could research and try our hands at early recipes, visit historical sites that prepare early American meals (and eat the food, of course!), invite guest speakers to the Elmendorph Inn to teach us old tricks and recipes, and generally have a good time. The inn is a great location, with the big, open fireplace and the beehive oven. The group is open to everyone - you don't have to be a member of the Friends of Elmendorph, although we'd love to have you join!

If this sounds interesting and you'd like to join the group, please complete the form below. And pass this information on to others. If we have enough interested people, we'll start soon!

Early American Cooking at the Elmendorph Inn

Please check a response:

1. I could meet: ☐ once a mont ☐ every other month
2. The best day of the weekend for me is: ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday
3. The best time of day for me is: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening
4. These meetings will cost some money (for supplies, speakers, travel, etc.). Can you contribute to each meeting?:
☐ Yes ☐ No Suggested amount: _____

Comments: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Mail this form to Ellen Phelan, Elmendorph Inn, PO Box 1776, Red Hook, NY 12571.
Call Ellen if you have any questions: (914) 758-0964.

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February 9, 1999

DONATIONS

Apple Valley Realty
Heinz and Elizabeth Bertelsmann
Jack and Beverly Campisi
Dr. Bruce Cuttler
Stephanie Drayn - in honor of Red Hook High School - Class of '72
Good Advice Press
Barbara Guidos
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hubach - in honor of ROBERT BIELENBERG at Holiday Time, 1998
Victoria Hoyt
Joan Mann
Marie Milbrandt
Red Hook United Methodist Church
New York State Volunteer Infantry Regiment
George and Martha Reid - IBM Matching Grant
Douglas Ward - in honor of the wedding of
DR. JORGE AVILA and LINDA BALDWIN - Johnson & Johnson Matching Grant
Monica Weiboldt - in memory of STEPHEN WRYNN

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Victoria Hoyt
Robert and Cathi Jaeger
Ethel F. Wallace
Carl Wishoff and Rose Cameron

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Jeanne Rockwell

DONATION TO RED HOOK HISTORY APPEAL

John Douglas

HISTORIC NOTES

In The Old Post Road, The Story of the Boston Post Road by Stewart H. Holbrook, (McGraw-Hill Book Co., NY, 1962) Holbrook describes the final leg of the journey on Manhattan Island. The Boston Post Road and the Albany Post Road followed the same route south of present day West 231st Street and Broadway until 1798 when a new bridge over the Harlem River shortened the journey to New England by four miles.

"As the coach lumbered on, at a charge of four pence per mile, New York currency, the little milestones along the west side of the highway 'announced each passing mile with regularity and gave the travellers heart that their long jogging journey would soon end.' On they went, rolling by taverns and scattered country estates, to pass close to the village of Harlem, then through McGown's Pass, and down the island to glimpse the First Milestone outside the city. (This stood on The Bowery, a little south of Cana Street.) Within another few minutes the stage drew up to the door of John Fowler's Tavern, 'near the Collect Pond at the edge of the city.' At this period, Fowler's place was a sort of unofficial end of the....Post Road. Just beyond Fowler's stood the stone Debtor's Jail, and then Broadway, which continued on south in a straight line to Fort George and The Bowling Green.' "

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

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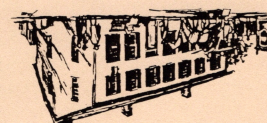
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