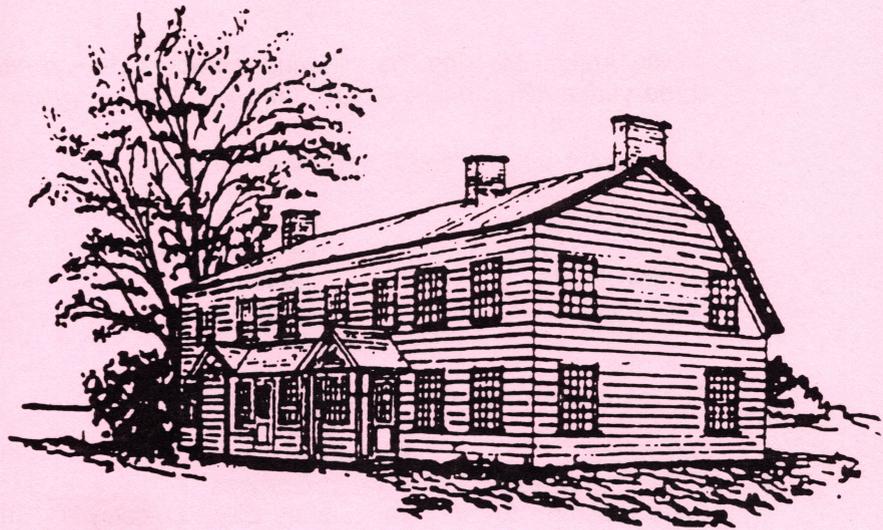


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 Friends
of ELMENDORPH, inc.
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Spring/Summer 1990

Dear Friends,

We have begun the most exciting phase of the restoration--working on the interior. The building is revealing its long-held secrets. Just a few days ago, Amanda Garlinghouse, 14-year-old granddaughter of our former board member, Helen Garlinghouse, discovered the name | I ELMEN | on an exposed post in the south room. How exciting this is for us--it proves that we've | DORPH | named the building correctly. Of all the names that we could have picked--Sharp, Jacobs, Loop, Wager, Martin, etc.--we chose the name of the innkeeper who was at the Inn from 1796 to 1803. It now appears that it was John Elmendorph, Innkeeper, who added the south wing to the building.

There are many times that I feel there is something special and magical about our building and our organization. We found one shutter so that we could reproduce others, one original window so that we could duplicate it, and we have just discovered an original shutter dog between the walls just when we were wondering what our shutter dogs should look like when they are reproduced. Also, a very rare and special piece of early floor cloth was found when the walls were opened. It will be analyzed by experts in the field. (More news about that later.)

We welcome all of our new supporters. Our building has emerged from a drab, grey shadow to a warm, bright house. We still have much more to do; but you have brought us so far, and you will bring us all the way to a restored Elmendorph.

With great appreciation,

Rosemary E. Coons
President

P.S. My very capable Vice President, Lottie Kittner, has put together this newsletter with the very creative help of Norma Liuzza and a wonderful group of volunteers. I can't say enough good things about Elmendorph's volunteers.

P.P.S. Don Wise, a member who owns an advertising agency in New York City, has donated gardener/gourmet newsletters for us to sell in our shop. Anyone interested in herbs and recipes will love these Living With Herbs newsletters. Thank you, Don.

- ANNUAL MEETING -

At the Annual Meeting the following members were re-elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years: *Rev. James Elliott Lindsley, Shirley Brown, Bruce Naramore.*

The current officers and board members are:

Rosemary Coons	President	Shirley Brown	Director
Leocadia (Lottie) Kittner	Vice President	Bruce Naramore	Director
Patricia Merrall	Secretary	Rev. James Elliott Lindsley	Director
Mary Cioffi	Treasurer	Joseph O'Brien	Director
		Robert Bielenberg	Director

The committee chairmen are:

Restoration:	Harold Fell	Publicity:	Bruce Naramore
Project Director:	Herman Gorgens	Membership:	Mary Cioffi
Fund Raising:	Rev. James Elliott Lindsley	Shop:	Shirley Brown/Lillian Gorgens
Building & Grounds:	Doug Traudt	Newsletter:	Lottie Kittner/Norma Liuzza

The Annual Dinner Meeting Program was a long overdue recognition of our ELMENDORPH ETC. Shop Volunteers.

The three shopkeepers--HELEN GARLINGHOUSE (1977-1979), ELVIRA NUCCIO (1980-1985), SHIRLEY BROWN (1985-Present), and LILLIAN GORGENS, who has been with the shop continuously since its opening--were all awarded special buttons as a token of recognition.

The shop volunteers--past and present--were also honored and the following received special buttons:

<i>Richard Coons</i>	<i>John Liuzza</i>	<i>Dorothy Blauvelt</i>	<i>Edith Kennedy</i>
<i>Harold Fell</i>	<i>Norma Liuzza</i>	<i>Dorothy Wegman</i>	<i>Linda Keeling</i>
<i>Doug Traudt</i>	<i>David Brown</i>	<i>Thelma Wilken</i>	<i>Laura Schrader</i>
<i>Blanche Traudt</i>	<i>Betty Franklin</i>	<i>Elsa Kreider</i>	<i>Martha Cookingham</i>
<i>Joe O'Brien</i>	<i>Edith Michael</i>	<i>Bob Bielenberg</i>	<i>Bill Weigand</i>
<i>Herman Gorgens</i>	<i>Harriet Johnson</i>	<i>Anna Teator</i>	<i>Jo Waryas</i>
<i>Mary Hardin</i>	<i>Bill Johnson</i>	<i>Joe St. John</i>	<i>Bessie Coon</i>
<i>Frank Nuccio</i>		<i>Margaret O'Brien</i>	

Buttons were also presented to family members in memory of:

Virginia Apsey ~ Doug Brown ~ Thelma Rennie ~ Gloria Weigand ~ Len Rall ~ Barbara Sheeks

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Lottie Kittner, coordinator of the evening program, wishes to thank Shirley Brown, Elvira Nuccio, Helen Garlinghouse, Richard Coons, Herman Gorgens, and especially Lillian Gorgens for their input and help with the Annual Meeting program. Without their recollections there would have been no program.

Also thank you to Rosemary Coons who presented the verbal history of the Elmendorph Etc. Shop at the dinner--with some very interesting stories including the one that the shop building was almost torn down because it had no use!!!

Thank You: to Norma Liuzza, who did all the laser typing of the memento booklet, button names, invitations and much more; to Richard Coons for his poem which became the memento booklet; to Joe Zalenski, who ended our program with his song, *People*, and to all who attended the dinner.

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An Honorary Life Membership was awarded to MEL JONES. Mel has painted the Elmendorph from the top to the bottom several times throughout the years. So far, we have not seen a bill from Mel. He truly knows what community service means.

- RESTORATION REPORT -

After what seemed a long wait, the interior work has begun. By sometime in July the South Room on the first floor will be restored. Craft Construction Co. of Hyde Park has the contract to do the work: interior finishes, structural reinforcement, the fireplace, electrical work, wood trim, painting, and, as part of this phase, a heating system for the entire first floor.

The room will be used by community organizations as a meeting place and for displays. The remaining portions of the exterior, namely, the northeast rear and north facades, hopefully, will be completed by year's end.

Contractual paperwork for the matching EQBA Grant is now being processed by the state. Hopefully it will be returned soon enough to proceed with drawings etc., and look forward to a September/October start.

- Herman Gorgens

EXCITING NEWS!!!



We found an original shutter dog in the wall of the South Room. We want to reproduce them exactly for the windows that have the shutters installed. It was found in the wall adjacent to the remains of an original interior window which had been hidden since the addition was added prior to 1804.

The shutter dogs will be reproduced by Jonathan Nedbore, blacksmith. The reproduction and installation of the shutter dogs will cost \$65 per pair. We need 13 pairs at this time. If you should wish to donate a pair, please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter.

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The numerous and unique artifacts that the Elmendorph is revealing to us as we undertake restoration of the South Room are being dated to the very period that the south wing was added (ca 1800). Bob and Barbara Bielenberg made a trip to NYS Restoration Facilities at Peebles Island with some of the items that had been found and were greeted with much enthusiasm and interest. Watch for more news about Elmendorph's long-held secrets.

- ELMENDORPH ETC. -

The Elmendorph Etc. doors opened the weekend of May 4th. Donations have begun to arrive, and we have many new-old things to offer our friends. We hope to give a big boost to the South Wing Fund this year, so please look around as you spring clean to see if you have things to offer us. If you received gifts (neckties, perfumes, wallets) that aren't "your thing," we'll find someone who wants it.

The shop has a big call for toys, baby furniture, small appliances (in working order), small furniture, pots and pans, linens, prints, mirrors, tools, bric-a-brac. We do handle some clothing--unused, still-in-the-package scarves, gloves--but generally we recommend donating used clothing to Community Action, the Salvation Army, or church groups who have need for clothing.

PLEASE. . .do not leave appliances, TVs, typewriters, or items that no longer work. Our space is very limited, especially this year, because (Hurrah!!!) the work inside and on the north facade is scheduled to begin this season, and the work on the south room of the south wing has begun.

Many thanks to the Board of Directors for the special recognition the Elmendorph Etc. crew received at the Annual Meeting. We promise to work hard and encourage anyone with a few hours a week to join us.

- Shirley Brown

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE SHOP: **Harriet Johnson (758-5261), Lillian Gorgens (758-9192), Shirley Brown - 758-8604**, or call the Shop any Wednesday, Friday or Saturday 758-5887.

TO DONATE ITEMS: Shirley Brown at 758-8604

WOE IS US! Our usual "Pick Up Person" (PUP for short) was Harold Fell. Alas and Alack, he is taking a forced rest after some surgery.

We will need six men to take your place, Harold!
But no one will take your place in our hearts.
We all send our best wishes to Harold to "Get Well."



WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have some time to spare? Are you tired of the same old routine? Want to add friends to your life?

The Elmendorph Etc. Shop needs more help. Could you--would you--give one weekend a month--one day a month--a couple of hours a week---whatever would suit your schedule? It's a wonderful group of people. Don't be shy.

CLASSIFIED:

Sales Help: to assist buyers, wrap purchases, to be there.

Cashiers: if you like to make change, this may fit your bill. Collect payment for purchases and back up the Sales Help.

Cleaners/Scrubbers: to clean donated items--silverware, china & glassware, bric a brac. Skill not necessary, just a desire to make things presentable.

Luggers/Totters: Strong arms needed for Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 9:30 am and again at 4:00 pm (for an hour or less) to move merchandise between buildings or onto the lawn and return the unsold items at the day's end. An hour a month, a week is all we ask.

PUPs with PUTs - PICK UP PERSONs with PICK UP TRUCKs: to pick up certain donated items. Enough names on our on-call list would ease the burden of a few.

WE NEED YOU! WE WANT YOU! IF YOU NEED APPRECIATION. . .YOU WILL GET IT HERE!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Rev. Fred Cartier. With everyone else laid up, unavailable, or elsewhere, he found us help (including himself) for opening day lugging and toting. Although it did rain that day, we could depend on his "ready support." Thanks again to you and those who offered help opening day.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that Shirley Brown would like to open the shop one Sunday a month "IF" we could get the volunteers.

OTHER HELP NEEDED FOR FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH:

CLERICAL: to help with mailings, to fold, seal, affix labels, sort in your own home and other clerical chores. Anyone with an especially nice handwriting to address envelopes?

GROUNDS: Doug Traudt could use some help with groundskeeping--mowing, raking, general cleanup.

- FUN(D) RAISING -

FUND RAISING REPORT: Rev. Elliott Lindsley, Chairman

The South Wing Fund is doing well. We have funds to do the south room, but in order to complete the south wing--which will include access and lavatory for the handicapped--we need more help. Have you sent in your donation? You may send a gift as a memorial or a thank you offering or to honor someone or just out of the goodness of your heart.

Needless to say, the Fund Raising Committee is searching and striving to find any means to "make money." Any suggestions and anyone wishing to help, call Elliott Lindsley, Chairman, (518) 537-4114 or Joe O'Brien 758-6671 or Lottie Kittner 758-8891.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday, October 3 A GOLF OUTING at the beautiful Red Hook Golf Club

"The" Joe O'Brien is in charge. The outing will include 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, awards, and a good time. The fee/donation is \$50. Rain date: October 10th. Why not make up your own foursome. For further information or reservation, call JOE O'BRIEN - 758-6671.

JOE O'BRIEN will need help with lots of details--registrations, scoring, etc. Will you help on his committee?

Saturday, October 13, 5-8 pm GALA OPENING: SOUTH ROOM OF THE ELMENDORPH INN

Jot this date on your calendar so you don't fill it in with something else. You won't want to miss it.

BARBARA LINDSLEY and LOTTIE KITTNER are co-chairing this event. Further information at a later date. Call Barbara at (518) 537-4114 or Lottie at 758-8891 if you would like to help on the committee.

OLD HOUSE JOURNAL

Have you ever thought of subscribing to the *Old House Journal*? The *Old House Journal* has been sharing subscription revenues with preservation groups since 1981. We need a bulk subscription of a dozen or more in order to earn the special \$18 subscription price (instead of \$21), but more importantly, we get to keep half of the subscription rate.

Also, *Old House Journal* offers yearly awards--six \$1,000 unrestricted grants to groups selected from the pool of participants. The first \$1,000 goes to the group selling the most subscriptions (ah! would that it be us.) and the other five are chosen by lottery.

It is not only interesting reading, you can also improve the value of your property by reading it. If you have an old house, it would be in your interest to subscribe.

REMEMBER! WE NEED A DOZEN.

If you would like to subscribe, please place your request to do so by calling Lottie Kittner (758-8891) or see Shirley Brown or Lillian Gorgens at the Shop on Wednesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays between 10 AM and 4 PM. Checks should be made payable to *Friends of Elmendorph*. When we get the dozen-(or two or three or four or maybe more), we will notify you.

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BITS AND PIECES

Noticing how much coffee was being consumed in the Shop, our Bill Johnson thought it was time for a new coffee maker. Bill went out and bought one for the Shop. We all know Harriet is still incapacitated but getting better. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, Bill and Harriet Johnson.

Thank you to the **OLD DUTCH GARDEN CLUB** for the flowering pear tree. (Bradford Pear)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Have you sent in your membership for 1990? Enclosed is a membership return envelop for your convenience. If you are already a member, *Thank You*. Please pass the envelope on to a friend. There is an extra application at the bottom of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Annual Dues:

Individual	5	Membership	\$ _____
Family	10	Donation	\$ _____
Student (Under 18)	1	South Wing Fund	\$ _____
Business/Organization	\$25	Shutter Dogs	\$ _____
Century Club/Life Membership	\$100	Old House Journal	\$ _____
		TOTAL	\$ _____

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION IN NAME OF _____
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