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NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH

Summer



2007

September 8th, 2007 – Elmendorph Auction

(Under the tent behind the Inn at 11 a.m. Preview begins at 9 a.m.)

Once again the Friends of Elmendorph will host a benefit auction with proceeds going toward up-keep and long term sustainability of the Inn. The success and credit of our past auctions goes to our generous friends – great donations of quality auction items.

You can continue your support of the Elmendorph Inn by:

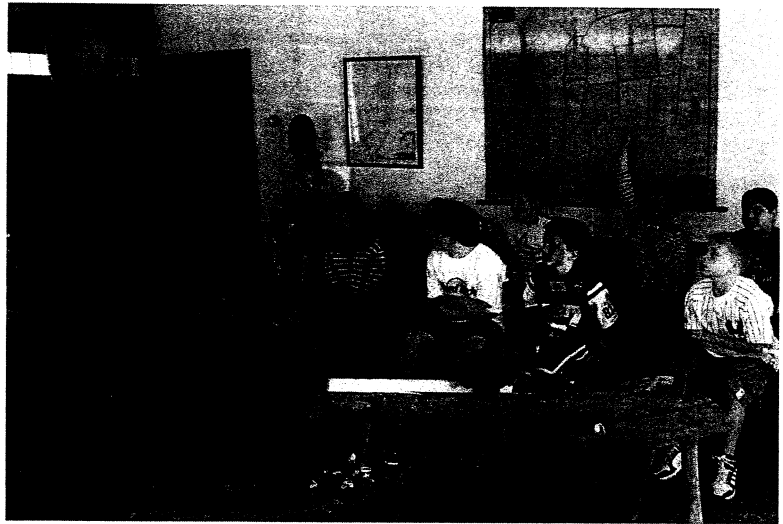
1. **Coming to the auction**, purchasing lots of items, enjoying the food, seeing old friends and meeting new ones!
2. **Donating Auction Items** – furniture, clocks, lamps, porcelain and glassware, paintings and prints, mirrors, frames, quilts and assorted textiles, toys, sporting goods, tools, etc. Antiques and collectibles are greatly appreciated and are the focal point of our auction. These donations are tax deductible – call David Brown at 845-876-2000.
3. **Volunteering** to help at the auction. Call Larry Thetford at 845-758-4145.
4. **All of the above!**



Mill Road School 4th Graders Visit the Elmendorph Inn

On a sunny day in May, two classes of Mill Road School 4th graders visited the Elmendorph Inn for a half a day of history.

The South Room of the inn was full of antique tools for the children to guess their uses and give some tools a try. David Brown led this group and he gave each child a bag of cedar chips (traditional moth repellent) as a memento of their trip to the Inn.



The Middle Room became a courtroom with Judge Larry Thetford presiding.



The children had to decide a land dispute between early settlers of the Hudson Valley. They were each given a part as either a Dutch person or a Palatine person and after stating their cases, the jury had to vote for the side with the most convincing case. The voting was done using a "Black Ball" voting box and Judge Thetford commented that you "could hear a pin drop in the room" when the votes were counted.

The third stop included the Tap Room and old kitchen with Ellen Phelan and Franca Cooper. The children prepared rolls to be baked in the beehive oven and churned butter. They each took turns at the pottery butter churn and also worked in pairs to "shake" and make their own butter using small canning jars. The rolls and butter were eaten and enjoyed with a cup of cider at the end this session.



Comments from the 4th Grade Students & More Photos

"I felt like I was in old fashion times and then I would look out the window and see cars and trucks zooming past on the highway. ... That was my favorite field trip I've ever been on!" (Lauren)

"The vote box, to see who should win the case, was awesome.... I think the tool for a goat to stop it from getting out was funny." (Nikolas)



"Some of the tools were really cool. It was neat how colonial people shaped their wood. It was also interesting to see how people washed their clothes with huge scissors that picked up the hot clothes." (Katelyn)

"When we went to the tool room I enjoyed how the long ago people got to make things that we do today, but the quality comes out just as well as how we make it with machines. Mr. Brown was funny when he explained how the tools worked. I also enjoyed the courtroom act. It was fun to pretend to be an old fashioned girl." (Marion)



My favorite part is ... wait, I don't have one, it was all so cool. (Emma)

"I loved baking with Mrs. Phelan and Mrs. Cooper because when the bread was done and you put the butter on it, it tasted great!!" (Jake)

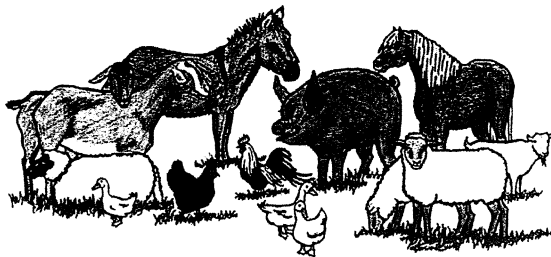
"I want to come back with my family near Christmas and show them some stuff like the beehive oven." (Cameron) **We hope you do!**

Red Hook Hardscrabble Day at the Elmendorph Inn – September 15th

Head North to the Inn!

Come to the Elmendorph Inn on Hardscrabble Day for:

- * **Apple Pie à la mode** – once again the Friends will be serving delicious apple pie with ice cream – Yum! Walk through the inn to see the completed restoration – awesome!
- * **Sheep-to-Shawl demonstration** by the Elmendorph Spinners. See them shear the sheep, spin the wool and weave a shawl – all in 1 day!
- * **Farm Animal exhibit** – bring the kids to see & talk to the farm animals
- * **Carriage Barn Shop** – See the outstanding collection of used merchandise, visit with the shop people and buy yourself that “must have” item!



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

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