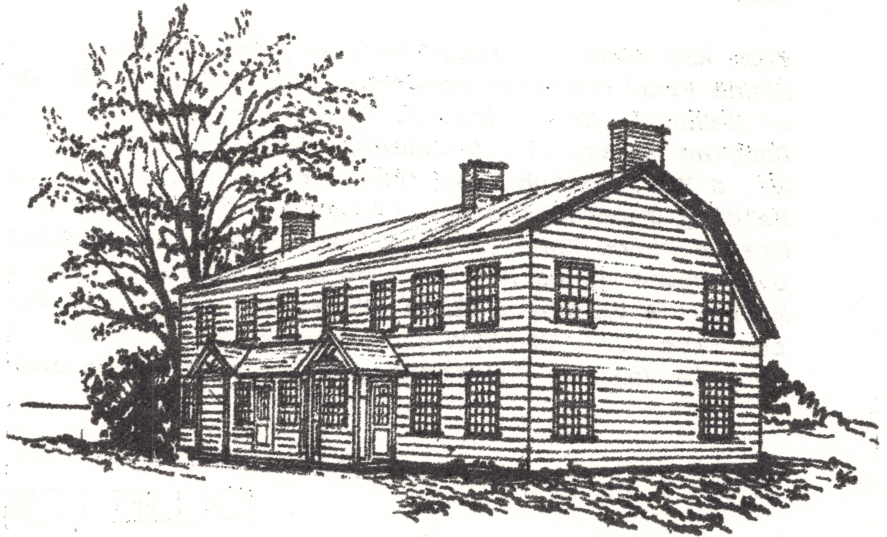


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 *Friends*  
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Dear Friends,

In our last newsletter, we had a Wish List -- we wished for members in five new States, 50 Life Members, 100 student members and 600 new members. We also asked you to reach a new member for us.

We are coming along very nicely --- we now have added Washington, D.C., California and Texas to our growing list of States. We have FOUR new student members (we'll have to work harder) and THREE new LIFE MEMBERS.

Many of you have reached out to bring a new member into the group. Now how about the rest of you? Think of a relative or friend, a teacher or student who should belong. Let's try to have some more surprises by October.

There is a HOT competition between two Board members to see who can bring in the most new members -- we'll keep you advised on how they are doing.

We want to remind those of you who have forgotten to renew your membership that NOW IS THE TIME! It's easy to forget, so we are reminding you by marking your mailing label with an "X" if you haven't renewed for 1980. (We miss you)

To those of you who have volunteered to help put the newsletter out, a million thanks and all my appreciation. If you have any thoughts that should be in the newsletter (literary or otherwise) please send them along to us.



### NEW ELMENDORPHERS

Welcome to the following new members, most of whom were reached by so many of you:

From RED HOOK -- Gladys Boucher, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Campagna, Ronald, Robert and Diane Frey (student members), Mrs. Olive Lynk, Dr. and Mrs. James A. MacDonald, Ed McManus, Mr. & Mrs. J. Neal Rock, Dorothy P. Stickle, Mr. Leslie Thorley, Douglas Wicks, Jr. (student), Inge's Candi-Crafts and Coby M. Bathrick. Also, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Apap (Rhinebeck), Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Barnao (Delmar, N.Y.); Belding Typesetting Co. (Poughkeepsie), Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D'Ambrosio (Hyde Park), Mrs. Bernice Kane (Elizaville), Alice Rockefeller (Tivoli) and from WASHINGTON, D.C. comes James Hardin. We also have two very special families from CALIFORNIA, Michael & Virginia Ellis (Moorpark, Calif.). Virginia is the granddaughter of the late WILLIAM PULVER, who owned the Elmendorph for a great many years. From Portola Valley, California, we welcome Armin and Laura ELMENDORF. How about that?

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Our new LIFE MEMBERS are: S. Catherine Anderson (Red Hook), Mrs. Roland Redmond (Tivoli) and Elting Arnold (Chevy Chase, Maryland). WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL!

### THE BUILDING

What has been happening, you ask? At this very time, we have advertised for bids for the first phase of the restoration. Bids are to be opened on July 26. Contracts will then be signed and construction should begin in August. WATCH FOR IT.

On May 16 and 17, Mel Jones (M & D Painters) sent his men to paint the roof of the Elmendorph. Suddenly there were men on the roof when we didn't have a camera to record the great event. We did not pay for the men or the paint -- that was part of Mel's donation! Mel, you have a big heart.

### QUIET! ARCHEOLOGIST AT WORK

CYNTHIA MORRISON has been doing the archeology work in the cellar, that is required by our grant before construction begins. Her report, together with the necessary photographs, is almost complete.

Now that Cynthia is almost finished with her job with us, we wonder if we can promote her? She needs a job, and in addition to being a capable archeologist, she has had experience doing research, worked with HABS, etc., etc. WE CAN RECOMMEND HER HIGHLY.

### AND THE WINNER IS

The Afghan made by Gloria Weigand and raffled off on Hardscrabble Day, made about \$150. for us. It was won by our newest Board Member, Betty Franklin. Betty's eyes became enormously wide when she learned that she had won.

### HARDSCRABBLE DAY

We did not have any special exhibits this year, but we did give a few tours. Outdoors, we were entertained by Randy Franklin, playing the electric piano. Also, numerous crafts people demonstrated their art, volunteering their time. It was a fun day.

### OUR WISE FRIEND

DON WISE, our good Friend of the Elmendorph in New York City, has taken old photographs of Red Hook people and places and turned them into POST CARDS! They are on sale at "Elmendorph, Etc." as well as some stores in the town. Don has donated all of his labor, materials, as well as printing costs!!! If anyone feels that they would like to sell some of the post cards, contact us. Of special interest, is a card Don made up from ROBBIE DUPONT's drawing of the Elmendorph when he was a sixth grader. All of the funds from the sale of the cards will go into the restoration.

### WANTED

The National Park Service (at the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site in Kinderhook, NY) is looking to contact the party who purchased two classical urns from a Kinderhook antique dealer near the end of May, 1980. One urn is brown stone or concrete about 24" high, and one is of white marble about 36" high. The Park Service seeks the urns for purchase or permission for reproduction. Any information is appreciated, please contact: Martin Van Buren NHS, P.O. Box 545, Kinderhook, N.Y. 12106 or call (518) 758-9689). It is thought that they were sold to a party in Red Hook.

### LOOK AT THESE DONATIONS

Through the efforts of Bill Crane and Harold Fell, IBM has donated some used file cabinets which are most helpful . . . . . Janet Loop donated 35-40 baby cactus plants for us to sell . . . . . Virginia Apsey and Harriet Norton have donated some outstanding antiques and collectibles . . . . . we sure do appreciate the many offers of volunteer help we have received from those of you who have a truck to cart things away, as well as offers of posters, typesetting & layout, stamp licking, etc. . . . . AGWAY (Red Hook Farmers Co-op) donated about 50 gallons of various colored paint. . . . . Doug and Shirley Brown do chair caning and rushing and repair chair seats. They have been wonderful to us in so many ways, but now they have made a SUPER, SUPER offer. If you need any of this work done, they will DONATE their labor. This means that you will pay them their regular price, but aside from the cost of materials, the ELMENDORPH will get the benefit of this work. Details are posted at the shop. Doug and Shirley, you are really SUPER PEOPLE!

## WE GOOFED

In our last newsletter, we told you about a male cat that wandered into the building. The Haack twins sent us a note, suggesting the name "Elmer", the Elmendorph Cat.

Well, Kim and Kristy, we have egg on our faces. Elmer has just become a mother! I guess we never picked Elmer up, but we just thought because the cat was so large, that it had to be a male. Sorry!

## OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

"Elmendorph, Etc.", our Thrift Shop, is doing well, but we need your continued donations of things to sell. We don't take clothing or large appliances, but almost everything else is saleable -- paintings, furniture, dishes, antiques (??), jars, pots, pans and collectibles. Remember, we are open Friday and Saturday from 10 to 4 and our volunteer help at the shop are the nicest people in town. If you know anyone who is having a garage sale, we will be glad to take their leftovers.

## ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

We held our Annual Meeting in March at the Elks Club in Red Hook. The Board of Directors were re-elected to another term. In April, we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Jim Donahue, who could no longer make meetings because of his job. We remain grateful to Jim for his dedication for several years, and know that we can count on him in the future.

The new officers and Directors are as follows: Harold T. Fell, Sr., (President), Francis Nuccio (Vice President), Rosemary E. Coons (Secretary), Herman Gorgens (Treasurer) and Helen Garlinghouse, Doug Traudt and newest Board Member, Betty Franklin round out the seven member Board.

## SPECIAL PEOPLE

At the Annual Meeting, several special recognitions were made: Lottie Kittner was given our deep thanks and sweetheart roses for serving as Membership Chairman and bringing our membership up to its current level.

Robert Zaleski won the Visual Improvement Award for his Renovation of the old Tobacco Factory in Red Hook and

## THE FIRST HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

was given to our "Blessed Emissary", the Rev. James Elliott Lindsley, who, as you recall, negotiated the sale of the Elmendorph for us in 1977. We couldn't be prouder to give this recognition with much love to the man who gave us so much of himself.



PROFILE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harold T. Fell, Sr., President of the Board of Directors, is an IBM employee, a former Mayor of the Village of Red Hook, active in the VFW, snowmobile club, etc. Harold is a CHARTER MEMBER of the Friends, and together with his wife, Gladys, has run a Square Dance for our benefit, cooking and sold refreshments for us, chases and carts donations for our shop, mowed the lawn and has gone atop the roof of our shop to put a new roof on.

Francis (Frank) Nuccio (Vice President) is a CHARTER MEMBER as well as a LIFE MEMBER. He is retired from the Postal Service and is active in the AARP. His wife, Elvira is running "Elmendorph, Etc." this year. You may have seen Frank repairing windows and refinishing our front porches.

Rosemary Coons (Secretary) is a CHARTER MEMBER, a Past President of the group, works in General Insurance and is the Red Hook Village Historian. She is also President of Dutchess County Historians Association. Among her other interests is active involvement in the American Field Service (A.F.S.)

Herman Gorgens is a CHARTER MEMBER also and Past President of the Friends. He is an architectural draftsman who is PROJECT DIRECTOR for the restoration.

Helen Garlinghouse is a CHARTER and LIFE MEMBER. She is retired, but keeps active with her young grandchildren. She is an avid gardener and conchologist. Helen's efforts started "Elmendorph, Etc." and she has been the driving force behind the landscaping of the grounds.

Warren (Doug) Traudt is a CHARTER MEMBER who with his lovely, talented wife, Blanche, visits Williamsburg at least once a year (because they love old buildings) Doug works as a Rural Carrier for the Postal Service. He is active in the Elks Club and loves to go to auctions.

Betty Franklin, our newest Board Member, works for Metropolitan Life in Kingston. Her special interests are square dancing and singing.

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PLEASE USE THIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR YOUR FRIENDS, PETS, OR RELATIVES

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues

Individual.....	\$ 3	Membership	\$ _____
Family .....	5		
Student (under 18) .....	1	Donation	\$ _____
Business/Organization .....	10		
Century Club (life membership) ....	100	Total Enclosed	\$ _____
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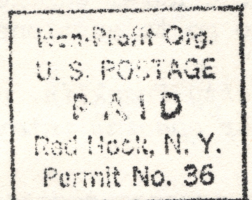


DID YOU KNOW?

That the Dutchess County Historians toured the Elmendorph on May 31 after a long day of touring the river front estates . . . . . our good friends, Walt & Debbie Wojtalak have recently moved from Poughkeepsie to TEXAS, adding that State to our list (they're staying right with us) . . . . . If anyone is going to Charlotte, North Carolina, (where there are alot of former Red Hook residents), Joe & Ardith St. John have some things to donate to our shop and need a way to bring them up. Call Lillian Gorgens (758-9192) if you need the St. John's address . . . . . we are featured on the cover of this year's LION'S CLUB COMMUNITY CALENDAR . . . . . At the Annual Meeting we voted to change the date of the Annual Meeting to the 4th Monday in March . . . . . AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL FUND donated hundreds of packages of flower and vegetable seeds to us. What we couldn't use were then distributed to community organizations to beautify Red Hook. We were recently featured in their national newsletter regarding the seed project. . . . . We also appreciate the publicity that the FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL SERVICES is giving us. . . . . We sure would appreciate it if you would drop us a line when you move. If we mail the newsletter to you and you have moved, it costs us 25¢ to forward each piece in addition to the postage we have already paid. We found out in the last mailing that many of you did move and we are really glad to know so we can follow you to your new location, but if you remember us before you move, we can save a little money. O.K?

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