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NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS of ELMENDORPH





2003

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Your Board of Directors has been very busy over the past several months, arranging various upcoming public events and going over plans for the construction of a carriage barn near the Inn.

This new barn will not only be in concert with the historical provenance of the Inn, but will also facilitate the Elmendorph Etc. Shop and give us storage space (much needed as the Inn is used more and more by the community).

Our plans call for the demolition of the unsightly concrete block shop, and will include a 30-foot setback from Route 9 for the new building. This should significantly improve the view of the Inn and potentially increase revenue from a somewhat expanded Etc. Shop.

However, a project of this magnitude requires a major financial commitment. Therefore, we need your help as members of the Friends. Not only are we seeking financial support from our membership, but I am asking that each and every one of you become part of the fund-raising drive in getting the word out to family, friends, organizations, businesses, and the like.

We spent more than 25 years restoring the Inn and you can all be proud of the results. But please, our work is not complete yet and we need your help to continue.

Future activities include our biennial auction in August, our annual Hardscrabble Day Apple Pie Sale in September, and an art show in October. And I have some very good news in that we expect the Friends of Elmendorph's mortgage on the Inn to be satisfied by the time you receive this mailing. We're going to have one big and fun mortgage-burning party! Stay tuned for details.

Most sincerely, LARRY THETFORD, President

CARRIAGE BARN

After months of intensive study and discussion, the Board of Directors has agreed on a preliminary site plan and building design sketches to replace the concrete block Elmendorph Etc. Shop building with a carriage barn designed to complement the Inn's historic character. The

new building will allow the Friends to remain largely self-supporting while maintaining the Inn's historic integrity and function as a vital community center.

The carriage barn will be one story, and approximately 1,700 square feet with attic storage space. We are extraordinarily fortunate that Herman Gorgens (a Friends of Elmendorph founder, leader of our past restoration efforts and current member of the Board of Directors) has donated his architectural services for this project. Herman also is donating his work as our construction manager. His generosity means we've already saved approximately \$40,000 of the cost of the project.

The Friends have some assets set aside both for the maintenance of the Inn (the building is in need of some touch ups and roof work this year) as well as for the new building. However a substantial portion of the carriage

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barn construction cost is still needed. A major fund drive will begin over the summer, and the Board is in the process of setting up a special Fund-Raising Committee. Please call the Inn (845-758-5887) and leave your name if you are interested in serving on this special panel.

Our plans have been appoved by the Red Hook Village Planning Board. Our proposal also is being reviewed by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, because the Inn is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The required preliminary archaeological work commenced in late June.

The board is now finalizing the budget for the carriage barn's construction costs and also weighing the various options for obtaining the balance of the financing needed for the project. We will send a construction schedule and further information on how we will finance the project in a separate letter later this summer.



Our biennial benefit auction will start at noon on Sunday, August 17 under a tent at the Inn, with Friends Director David Brown once again serving as our auctioneer. Auction preview begins at 11 a.m.

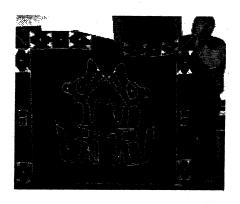
We're still looking for donations of auctionable items and services, with proceeds going directly to the fund-raising efforts for construction of the proposed carriage barn. Furniture, antique accessories, jewelry, textiles, china, etc. can be dropped off at the Inn on Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We also can pick your donations up at your convenience. Please call 845-758-5887 for an appointment. All donations are tax deductible.

APPLE PIE SALE

Enjoy a slice of homemade apple pie at the Inn, on Saturday, September 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community volunteers make our delicious pies, with fruit donated by Red Hook-area farms. Whole pies also will be sold. We'll hold the event (as well as other fun activities at the Inn) as part of Red Hook's Hardscrabble Day community festival. Friends Director Mary Kelly is once again organizing this event, and can always use more volunteer pie bakers (as well as servers during the event.) Please give her a call at 845-758-6296 if you'd like to help.

What's Been at the Inn?

Larry Thetford discusses the craftsmanship of his Northwest Coast Button Blanket during a guest appearance at the Elmendorph Handspinners Club. The club is one of many community groups that meet regularly at the Inn.



FRIENDS of ELMENDORPH

DONATIONS

Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Appell Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bard, in honor of Earl A'Brial Ms. Susan Barich, in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barich, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baright

Mr. & Mrs. John Barr

Ms. Dorothy Blauvelt

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bowman

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Dr. Jane Ferguson

Ms. Eleanor Friery

Mr. Oakleigh Hamm, in honor of Cleo Hamm

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hammond

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hardin, in honor of Mary (Elmendorph)

Budd Hardin

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holly, in honor of Shirley Brown's 80th birthday Mr. & Mrs. Edward Howson

Ms. Katherine Kiernan,

in honor of Ann Hegarty & Margaret Keirnan

Mr. & Mrs. James Kilgour

Mrs. Beverly Kipp, in memory of Dennis A. Kipp

Mr. & Mrs. William Maple

Ms. Patricia Masia, in honor of Edward Francis Masia

Drs. George and Cathy Michael

Ms. Noel Phillips

Mr. & Mrs. George Reid

Michael Rohatin and Trisa Scobie

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Saltis, in memory of Gerry Saltis

Mr. & Mrs. John Somma

Mr. Larry Thetford

Mr. & Mrs. Orrin Thompson, in honor of Harriet

Adelaide Putnam

Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Tiberio

Mr. John Tieder

Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Troeger, in memory of William Walsh

Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Van Valey

Mr. Douglas Ward

NEW MEMBERS

John & Marlene Barr
John A. Ham
Michael Rohati and Trisa Scobie
Rudy & Judy Troeger
Amy & Caleb Wright
Marie Wright

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS & CRAFTSPEOPLE!

The Friends of Elmendorph is planning a juried art show for October (Columbus Day weekend). If you are interested in submitting pieces to the show, please contact Friends Director Ellen Phelan at 845-758-0964. We are also considering artists' studio tours and would like to hear from interested artists & craftspeople.

THANK YOU TO STEWART'S

We are please to announce that the parent company of our neighbor, Stewart's ice cream shop, has donated \$235 to the Friends through its Holiday Match competitive grant program. The funds are earmarked for the expenses of putting on our annual Open House and re-creation of colonial Christmas.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE INN

August 17, 2003 Auction

September 13, 2003 Hardscrabble Day at the Inn/Apple Pie Sale

> October 10-13, 2003 Columbus Day Weekend Art Show/Etc. Shop Book Sale

> > December 7, 2003 Holiday Open House

The Elmendorph Inn is an active community center and educational resource. If your group would like to meet at the Elmendorph, please call (845) 758-5887 to check calendar availability.

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

INNKEEPER Bob Bielenberg

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