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Dear Friends,

For the past few years the Friends of Elmendorph Board has been planning and working diligently on the final restoration aspect (tap room and old kitchen) of the first floor. For many others this has been a dream in the making for the past twenty years. With the final coat of the paint on the old kitchen floor now dry and the new Dutch door secured, our efforts and dreams are now a reality. The entire first floor has been totally restored true to period form!

When walking the completed length of the building from the South Meeting Room to the north end Tap Room and back to the old Kitchen, it is very easy for us all to admire our 200+-year-old Inn with all its unique and finely crafted features. Personally, I admire and believe you and all the Friends of Elmendorph members admire, as well, the individual strength we all exhibited in achieving the "first floor goal." Whether your strength has been in time, membership, donations, baking, hostessing events, buying/donating merchandise, promoting the Inn, etc., without it we would not be where we are today.

In closing, I would like to give special thanks to the Board for working so closely together (a great team!), the outstanding and dedicated work being handled by our shop crew, and, above all, to you, the Friends of Elmendorph family, for "flexing your strength" when needed.

Sincerely,

David Brown
President

"FLEX YOUR STRENGTH"

1. **TIME DONATION TO THE SHOP.** Help is needed in the areas of shop sitting and Tuesday morning merchandise preparation and setup. Set up your own schedule - suitable for you and helps us! **758-5887** or **758-8604**.
2. **DONATE: BOOK SALE.** We need volumes and volumes for this year's major Book Sale to be held in conjunction with the Art Sale. Drop offs accepted during shop hours or by appointment. Pickups at your home also available. **758-5887** or **876-2000**.
3. **TIME DONATION FOR YARD SALE.** Help set up and/or clean up at a Saturday yard sale. Leave your name and number at the Inn's answering machine. We'll get back to you. Approximately 1 hour in AM and/or PM. **758-5887**.
4. **HOST PERSONS.** We have numerous events now requiring greeters, host persons, etc. Give a call and leave your name and number. **758-5887**.
5. **DONATE.** Clean that attic and garage. Set a goal of filling one box and see what happens! Deliveries accepted during shop hours or by appointment. **758-5887** or **758-8604**.
6. **WORD OF MOUTH.** What may not apply to you may apply to someone else! Neighbors moving? Think of the shop for a tax-deductible way of leaving behind suitable unwanted items. Let them know! Having a baby or wedding shower? Utilize the spacious INN for the day. **758-5887**.
7. **BAKERS.** We are looking to expand our list of volunteer bakers for special events. May we add your name to the list? **758-5887**.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Special talents? Special knowledge? ETC!! Give us a call, especially for a special event where you think you can help. **758-5887**.

ACQUISITIONS

Our Elmendorph Library has been enriched recently by a generous gift from Don Gavin, a new friend, who brought us *A Field Guide to American Homes* by Virginia and Lee McAlesler, *All About Old Buildings* printed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Volumes 1-3 of *Furniture Treasury* by Wallace Nutting.

Also, we are grateful to Stephen and Carolyn Waligurski of Hurley Patentee Manor, manufacturers of handcrafted lighting, for a donation of the unusual reproduction shuttered candle lamp created especially for us which was installed in the Historic Kitchen.

FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC.

As of August 5, 1996

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ELMENDORPH ETC.

- Shirley Brown

Our little shop is half way through another successful season. Many thanks to all of you for your donations. We are open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through October, so come and shop, and consider giving some time to clerk or cashier. If you are willing to give some time, call 758-5887 and leave a message with your phone number.

Special events ahead include a Book Sale on Columbus Day weekend, a Christmas Sale, and our annual Half-Price Sale the last week of October. Thanks again for your support.

THANK YOU TO FRIENDS FOR BAKED GOODS AND FOOD

- Richard Coons, Joan Lewis and Faith Compo

At the Apple Blossom Festival last May our successful Bake Sale was made possible by delicious donations from *Doreen Alexander, Betty Bader, Alma Bowman, Carol Brener, Beverly Campisi, Mary Cioffi, Vera Cole, Agnes Fowler, Betty Franklin, Ann Germaine, Joan Lewis, Joelle Trachta, and Evelyn Krueger.*

We saw many of you at the Tap Room celebration in late July when we enjoyed a big party mostly hosted by the Board Members but enhanced by good things to eat brought all unsolicited by *Carleen Baright, Marian Gurney, Diane Ferris and Betsey Wacker.*

Thanks to all of you!

OYSTER SHELL GUESSING GAME RESULTS

Those of you who attended the Apple Blossom Day festivities remember the extraordinary display of hand scrubbed oyster shells from the 200-year-old cache retrieved from under the Historic Kitchen. Joan Lewis and Barbara Bielenberg dreamed up the guessing game which brought us a pretty penny and was won in a tie by Rose Rider of Red Hook and Ed Hartley of Woodstock. Thank you, *Al Bulay* of the Lyceum Theater, for providing the theater tickets for the prizes.

RESTORATION COMMITTEE

- Barbara W. Bielenberg

It was a real thrill to see the Tap Room and Kitchen once again filled with drinkers and diners enjoying themselves at our opening reception. Our guests seemed to appreciate the layers of history preserved in the old floor boards and ceiling beams. Bob Bielenberg and David Brown furnished the rooms in keeping with period paintings and artifacts discovered beneath the Kitchen floor during the restoration.

Our thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to the project and to Craig Marchessault, Mason F. Lord and the talented crew from Hudson Valley Preservation who skillfully patched and spliced and reproduced missing elements. Craig and his partner Dave spent days in a prone position in a shallow crawl space carefully reinforcing the Kitchen floor to withstand the heavy foot traffic of our Christmas Open House. There they discovered a vast pile of oyster shells, broken pottery and other "rubbish" apparently tossed out a window in the back wall of the building before the Kitchen was added around 1830. Items which had to be disturbed were brought to the surface for study and exhibition, the rest were left for future archeologists to discover.

Our very special thanks and grateful appreciation is reserved for Herman Gorgens who juggled a heart-wrenching schedule to provide almost daily supervision. His bi-weekly reports provided a valuable diary of the work accomplished, much of which is already nearly invisible as we begin to enjoy the restored rooms.

What's next? The repaired and replastered walls of the Tap Room and Kitchen will be painted in the fall after they've had time to cure sufficiently. There will be a good housecleaning of the unrestored second floor so we can show small groups and individuals the unique layout of our hospitable Inn with its small, private chambers, its broad sleeping hall and its secondary meeting space or ballroom over the South Room.

We will also begin preparing the North Chamber to become the Rosemary Coons Historical Archive Center, a clean, well-lit, climate-controlled space for the storage and study of the growing collection of local history documents of the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook. This is a joint project of the Historical Society and the Friends of Elmendorph, offering the two organizations a chance to work together on a very important project. Look for more information in future newsletters.

MORE ON OUR WALLPAPER

We attended another excellent Early American Wallpaper Workshop at Eastfield Village and met Bernard Jacque, the curator and one of the founders of The Musee Du Papier Paint, in Rixheim, France, which has over 60,000 examples of French wallpaper in its collection as well as the historic presses and other implements used in their manufacture. He readily identified the unusual black-on-white floral paper discovered as the second layer in the Elmendorph Parlor as a design produced briefly by the French company, Zuber, around 1850. In this country Zuber is better known for its beautiful scenic wallpapers which became very popular after the American Revolution. Examples can be seen at the Martin Van Buren House in Kinderhook and at the White House in Washington.

According to company records, by the 1830s there were nine retailers importing Zuber papers in New York City and one each in Albany and Troy. The design is produced by a copper plate engraving, a technique commonly used a century earlier to print the popular French toile fabrics. It was impossible to get a good print on paper until the technique of manufacturing a continuous, smooth roll of paper was developed around 1830. But apparently, the colorful wood-blocked papers were much more popular and our paper is exceedingly rare. Bernard sent us a photo of the one example in their collection.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

presenting the SIXTH ANNUAL

**FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH ART SHOW
FRIDAY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 11-14**

Once again, we welcome the community to our yearly **Columbus Day Weekend Art Show and Sale**. Over 50 artists will exhibit their works, including oils, watercolors, pastels, photographs, and much more. This year we have many new artists participating from throughout the Hudson Valley.

The show opens on **Friday evening, October 11th, from 7-9 PM** with a reception for the artists. All are invited, and refreshments will be served.

Hours for the rest of the weekend are:

Sat, October 12th, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sun, October 13th, 1 PM - 4 PM
Mon, October 14th, 10 AM - 4 PM

Please join us for this wonderful event in the South Room and the newly-renovated Tap Room. Admission to the public is free.

- Theresa Docherty, Art Show Chair 1996

Calendar of Elmendorph Inn Events

September 12 Old Dutch Garden Tea Party
September 21 Hardscrabble Day
 Quilt Show, Spinning and Weaving, Shop Open
October 11-14 Sixth Annual Art Show
December 1 Christmas Open House

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LAUNCHES NEWSLETTER

- Barbara Bielenberg

The second issue of the "Egbert Benson Historical Society Newsletter" will be mailed early in September. It will contain a schedule of future meetings, a report on the annual meeting including excerpts from Tivoli Mayor Marc Molinaro's stirring talk, articles about the Red Hook Drug Store, a 250-year-old farm just over the border in Milan and a little-known trip through the Hudson Valley by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

If you have not yet joined the Historical Society and would like to receive a copy of the newsletter, please call Marlene Hejnal at 758-6037.

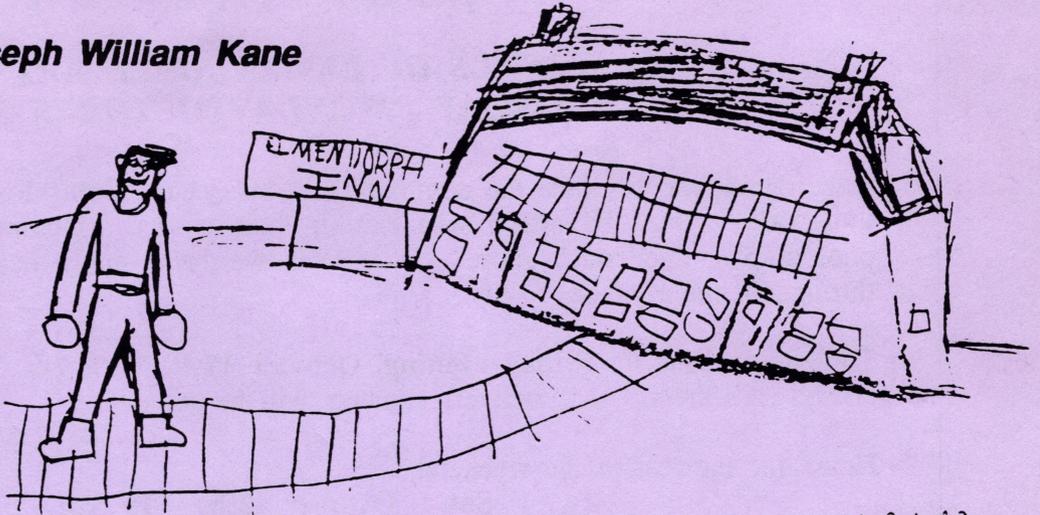
Early in June, seven classes of 4th grade students from the Mill Road School visited the Elmendorph as part of a full-day walking tour of the Village of Red Hook, arranged by teachers Andrea Clark and Ann Donnelly. One of the youngsters took notes throughout his tour of the Inn and, sensing a budding reporter, we asked him to write an article for our newsletter, to which he added an illustration. Thank you, Joseph.

ELMENDORPH INN by Joseph William Kane

A long time ago people at the Elmendorph Inn had to use a candle to get to their rooms. If you go in the second room you will see two good chairs, and four old wooden chairs. This room is called the Parlor room. In the South room there are 13 maps about Red Hook.

In the old times, there used to be lots of rats. They would take the candles from that room and chew on the candles. Then the people made a metal candle keeper so rats will not chew on the candles. Also, there is a stick that the people would use to point out where they were going to go in the war. In the old times people would have had to ship apples to New York City.

At the Graveyard, we discovered that the person that died first was in 1802, the last is 1982. Red Hook used to be a part of Rhinebeck. You should go there sometime.



Joseph Kane



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