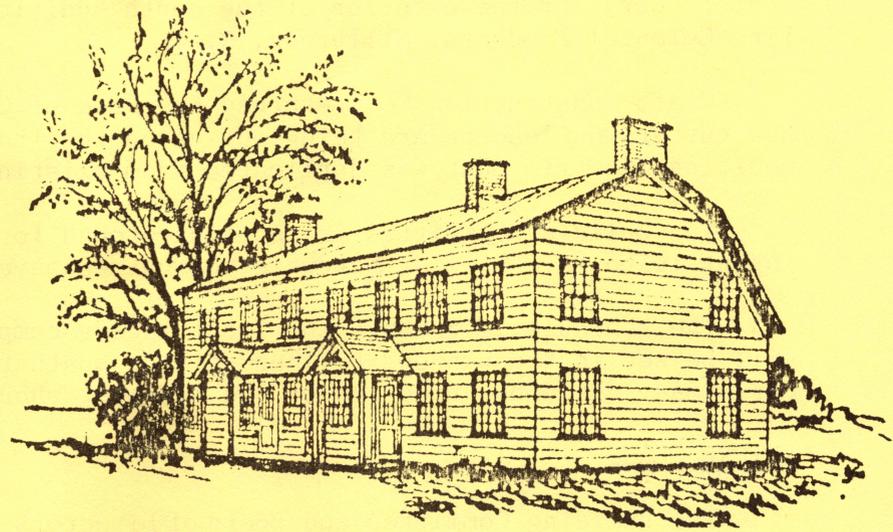


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 Friends
of **ELMENDORPH, inc.**
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Once again, it is time for our newsletter to be published. This issue should be full of information that will be of interest to everyone. Read on and enjoy.

Thanks to Elliott Lindsley and with the help of Doug Traudt, the old gas tanks in front of the building were filled with sand, grass seed and apple trees were planted, both of which were donated to us by Reverend Lindsley. It certainly made the front of the property look much better. Also, we cannot forget the generous donation of topsoil given to us by John Denter. Congratulations and thank you, all three gentlemen, for a job well done!

I don't think we can ever thank our shop chairperson and her wonderful crew enough for giving all their time and effort to selling out of the shop all summer. Thank you a million times over.

With the time coming up for renewing membership, I hope you will all continue your great support as you have so generously in the past.

Thank you for having me as your President.

*Harold Fell
President
Friends of Elmendorph*

RESTORATION UPDATE

The new window sash has arrived and the new door (custom made to match the old center door) for the exterior of the south addition has been delivered by Michael's Fine Colonial Products, Millbrook, N. Y.

Craft Construction Co. returned the week of October 29th and installed the sash. New gutters and leaders are being put up on the front, together with some miscellaneous moulding and trim that was duplicated from existing material on the building.

The Building Committee is scouting around for hardware for the South Door. The intent is to have similar hardware to what we have for the restored North Door.

The schedule is to have the front facade completed by November 15th. Candles will be set in the windows by Thanksgiving so that the building will be "alive" for Christmas. Remember to drive by and see what should be an illuminating sight.

FUTURE PLANS

The Building Committee and Board of Directors have met several times recently and are formulating plans for next year.

The objective for the building is clear at this time. Preliminary drawings are done. Estimates will be made in the next month or two.

Money is the biggest question we have. We must go to outside sources for funding. The Shop, etc. will carry us through and provide partial funding. The Building Committee will pursue other ways of obtaining money and has begun to discuss the various possibilities. A "PACKAGE" will be assembled as an instrument to seek further funds. A sub-committee has been formed to design/draft a brochure which will be part of the package and serve for many other uses. The package will be ready sometime early in 1985.

If anyone knows of any possible sources of funds, no matter what they are, please call me with the information.

Further work must be done in 1985 to keep the momentum going and show the community that the building will be a viable part of Red Hook.

Thanks,

Herman J. Gorgens
Vice President &
Project Director
Tel: 914-758-9192

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LAND BORDERS TO BE DETERMINED

The Board decided to initiate a professional land survey to define exactly where our boundaries are along Rte 9, Cherry St., IGA parking lot and the Denu's newly-acquired property. Linda Keeling was given the task of finding a surveyor. Fortunately, Thomas Llanes of Pawling, a civil engineer and land surveyor, has volunteered to do the field work if someone else would do the research in the County office. Fortunately again, that someone is a member with experience in this field, Susan Ellis. Time was spent in Poughkeepsie getting the data background. More extensive research needs to be done and should be accomplished sometime in November, depending on schedules.

Linda Keeling

ANNOUNCING!! - A CONTEST:

As you may have noticed, our logo is no longer in keeping with the many changes made on our Inn due to the ongoing work of restoration. We feel a need to update our masthead. Therefore, any of you out there, friends and members alike, who have a flair for design are asked to submit your idea for a new masthead for our "Echoes." It should incorporate the same information as is presently shown (name, address, etc.) with possible revisions in typestyle and, of course, a picture of the Inn as it is now or we hope it will be. It should be done in a black and white medium that is easy to reproduce. Come down and take a look - use your imagination. The winning entry, hopefully, will be atop the spring edition of the newsletter. The winner will receive a 5-YEAR MEMBERSHIP in Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.

Entries should be sent by February 28th to:

Editor - Elmendorph Echoes
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Names of entrants will be kept confidential by the editor's staff until after the judging by the Board, for fairness.

A NOTE: Anyone who feels they have anything in the way of pertinent articles, pictures that can be reproduced, poetry, miscellanea, etc. which can be incorporated in an issue of our paper - let us know! We want to make this an interesting newsletter for all our members.

Thank you,

The Editor's Staff

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ELMENDORPH, ETC.

Elmendorph, Etc. has once again closed the season on a most successful note - a final figure of \$7,672.00 - which was handed over to the Board to help continue the work on the Inn.

We wish to thank all those who cooperated and supported us in so many different ways by buying from the shop, donating all the many and varied items (especially those who helped us by trucking in their own donations). Our special thanks goes to those who donated their time so freely in preparing items for sale and staffing the shop during those long summer months.

We welcome our two newest shop volunteers - Edith Michael and Donna Witte - who are much needed additions to our staff. We are always in need of new volunteers especially for cleaning and preparing articles for sale.

Looking forward to a much needed rest in preparation for our next successful year - see you all in May!

Elvira Nuccio
Chairperson
Elmendorph, Etc.

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL:

Our Arts & Crafts Festival, held at the Elmendorph on Sunday, August 5, followed a highly successful series of workshops in Landscape Painting and Architectural Photography, funded in part by the N.Y.S. Council on the Arts administered by the Dutchess County Arts Council. Bhati Luckett and Tony Novack, the instructors, led the classes to produce some amazing results.

These results were displayed at the Arts & Crafts Festival along with Red Hook tinware and early photographs of Red Hook displayed by the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook.

Among crafts that were demonstrated that day were weaving, spinning, natural dyeing, leatherwoek, woodcarving, quilting, portraiture, bobbin lace and rush chair seats.

We were superbly entertained by Susan Deane Miller and Happy Traum, folksingers. Many thanks to Leslie Coons for doing all our PR and also for getting Happy Traum for us. We were also pleasantly surprised by a visit from Joel O'Brien and friends who entertained during the breaks of the other performers.

Cora Lee Wallen and Caryn Tirsch with their Junior Girl Scouts sold homemade 18th Century refreshments, the entire proceeds of which they donated to Elmendorph. Elmendorph, Etc. was open for the day and did a lively business.

Although we had to compete with the Olympics, nevertheless, we had a good turnout and warm feelings prevailed throughout the day.

Rosemary Coons

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NEW FRIENDS

We are happy to welcome the following new members and contributors:

James G. Brazee, Joy Daytree Goldman, M/M William T. Maple, M/M Wallace Pulver, The John Somma Family and Peter and Cora Lee Wallen (all of Red Hook).

Also, Susan & Burt Brady (Annandale-on-Hudson), Ralph & Anne Ferrara (Rhinebeck), Joseph & Marlene Hutt (P'Keepsie), Thomas Krawczyk (Mamaroneck), Jorge Kalom (L.I.C.), and Ferdinand Sator (Florida).

In addition, *Drs. George & Cathy Michael* have joined as LIFE members, and our good Elmendorph, Etc. volunteer, *Mary B. Hardin*, has now become a LIFE member as well.

A HUNDRED THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!!

We have received two special donations in memory of *John Fish* from *Mrs. Arthur S. McGregor (Germantown)* and *Mrs. Betty C. Miller (Staatsburg)*.

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FINN RENNIE: *We note the passing of a loyal member and friend of Elmendorph, Finn Rennie - who worked hard auditing our books until 1983.*

We offer his wife, Thelma, and the rest of his family, our deepest sympathy. He will be much missed.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM A NEW MEMBER:

For many years, I have driven by the Elmendorph Inn and its Etc. Shop, always curious to know more about them. Then, last fall, I received a letter from the Elmendorph. They were looking for new members.

Soon, I found myself joining a group of people affectionately calling themselves "Friends of Elmendorph." Their main concern? Restoring the Inn to its original condition.

Before I knew it, there I was involved with the Etc. Shop. Then there was the benefit at the Lyceum II and the wonderful Arts & Crafts Festival. (Read more about these events elsewhere in the newsletter.)

There are always plenty of volunteers at these functions, but I always seem to see the same faces. Not many members are actually getting out there and getting involved with the restoration of our Inn. I am especially disappointed with the number of young people that are getting involved. We are definitely a minority!!

In a world so ever changing, isn't it nice to know that our quiet little town will always display a humble part of its history for all to see?

Let's make sure that our goal of fully restoring the Elmendorph to its original condition is reached. Let's get involved. After all, we are her "friends."

Donna Witte

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ELMENDORPH ON CABLEVISION

Because of an article in the Poughkeepsie Journal by Dennis Kipp about the Arts and Crafts Festival and our organization, we were contacted by Poughkeepsie Cable T.V. who wanted to do a program on us. How could we refuse?

They spent two days filming and recording, and the show has already started to be shown in the Hudson Valley.

In addition to Poughkeepsie Cable, we will also be seen on Kingston Cablevision and U. S. Cable.

Look for a notice in the local newspaper when we are aware that it will be seen locally. We have ordered a copy of the videotape, so all of you will be able to see it at our Annual Meeting in March.

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LYCEUM II BENEFIT: Final Notes

On Thursday, June 14th, the Lyceum II, located on E. Market St. in Red Hook, celebrated its grand opening with Agatha Christie's *Murder at the Gallop* - proceeds of which were to benefit the Elmendorph. With a good turnout and tickets priced at \$4.00 each, we were able to raise \$277.55. Refreshments were provided by our members, and I think we all enjoyed watching Miss Marple crack the case.

Our special thanks to Alex & Diane Bulay, owners of the Lyceum, for the use of their theater and the modest rental fee we were charged for the movie. We wish them continued success with both Lyceum I and II.

ADVENTURE ON THE HUDSON

On Sunday, August 19th, there was an adventure on the Hudson River. The Friends of Elmendorph and Clermont State Historic Site cosponsored a boat trip that was filled to capacity. The two-hour luncheon cruise raised over \$500.00 for the Elmendorph and was held in conjunction with Clermont's "Steam Boat Days." The brave adventurers who sailed came from as far away as Dobbs Ferry in Westchester County and Albany. The boat held 149 people and we had to turn at least that many away, as every ticket was sold.

Wint Aldrich, Red Hook Town Historian, Friend of Elmendorph and Hudson River environmentalist, enthralled us with his narrative of the Hudson River people and places. Lottie Kittner, Paul Fredricks, Dick and Susan Trotti brought along a splendid champagne brunch, which was envied by those of us with plainer brown bags.

Although we had a "rocky" start and a "bumpy" landing, the brave travelers wanted more of the same. So, next summer, two days will be set aside for more boat adventures.

Extra special thanks to Bruce Naramore and the Clermont staff for doing all the PR and for handling all the logistics.

Rosemary Coons

A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!!

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