

ECHOES

March

NEWSLETTER

2008

FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH

President's Message

Over the past two years I have been very fortunate to serve on the Board of the FOE. During the last year, as President, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with a very dedicated and distinct group of board members who truly have a love both for this Inn and our community. This Board embodies the true cooperative spirit of Red Hook. It is rewarding to see the progress we have made together and I would like to share some of our accomplishments with you.

This year we have redefined our mission statement and developed a fiscal plan with an operating budget for the Inn. We are committed to working closer with the Red Hook Central School faculty and administration having received the personal assurance of the Superintendent, Paul Finch, that together we will build awareness of the Inn's resources throughout the School system. We have also established an Elmendorph public calendar on Google Calendar to post Inn events and group reservations. If you are interesting in renting the Inn please let us know so you can fill out our rental form. We have a new cleaning schedule so we trust you will always find the Inn spick and span for your next visit!

This year we will honor both Dave and Doug Brown at our annual meeting for their time and generosity in supporting the Inn over the past years. We also have three significant board members departing the board: Ellen Phelan, Herman Gorgens and Larry Thetford. I could write pages detailing each of their accomplishments for the FOE and still express my sincere appreciation for their work over the years. **Please be sure to attend our annual meeting and join me in thanking these people for their selfless service to our organization.**

My thanks to all of you who are active members supporting the FOE. The Board is very appreciative of your commitment and hope you continue to stay involved. Please keep in mind that we still need you, the rest of our members, to help with the fourth grade educational program, volunteer in the Carriage Barn Shop and to actively participate during our community events over the upcoming year. Why not start by helping us facilitate two new fun-fund raisers in 2008 that I promise will be focused on being socially interactive as well as profitable. Please look for our upcoming notification of these events in the mail!

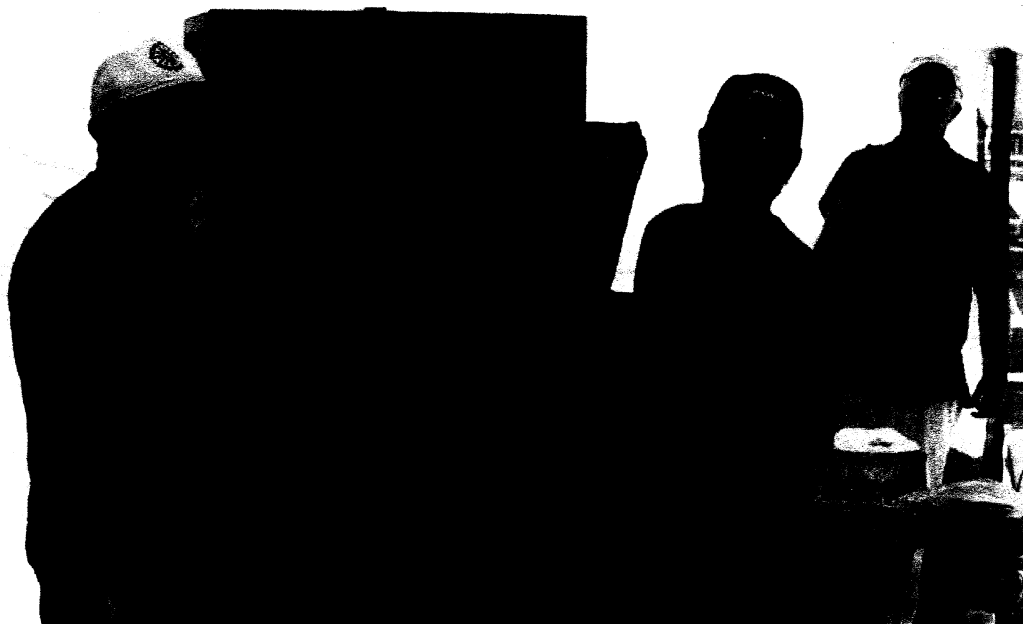
In closing, may the "The Old Gal", which Bill Hammond (our past president) fondly refers to the Inn as, continue to gain momentum as a historic resource bringing people together throughout our small community. May you all enjoy peace and prosperity, along with a very healthy year, as we move ahead.

Sincerely,
Jim Hegstetter
President FOE

AUCTION ACTION

Our bi-annual auction was quite a success thanks to a huge effort by Dave and Doug Brown. Many hours were spent picking up truck loads of furniture, then packing them away until auction week. However it's not all work and no fun. After all, we certainly had our enjoyment trying to negotiate a big oak dresser down a winding stairway with the home owner watching to make sure we didn't put a mark on the newly painted wall. Or the thrill of bumping one's head on a roof rafter while threading our way on loose attic floor boards while holding a flashlight at the same time and envisioning what it would look like with one of our legs sticking through the ceiling below. Or our spending half a day going through a house, room by room, listing the items and guesstimating what we could sell each item for, then have the home owner say at the end of the process "I think I'll call the local antique dealer to see what they'll give me for all this." Why yes, everybody should have as much fun!

We want to thank the 25 volunteers who participated in conducting the auction. And even though it was a lot of work, we did have some enjoyable times and good social interaction among the members. For example, Franca Cooper's young son, Vic, was helping us handle the auction items when he spotted a wicker box with a lid lying on the ground. Vic said, "Gee I could fit in that" and I just happened to be standing beside him and overheard the comment. Bada Bing!!!! We put Vic in the basket unbeknown to anyone and brought it up to sell. Suddenly the top of the basket flipped up and out popped Vic. Well the ladies in the front row just about fell out of their chairs and a good laugh was had by all!



Surprise! Larry Thetford, Vic Cooper, Gerald Goldstein, Dave Brown
(Photo by Bill Hammond)

CARRIAGE BARN SHOP NEWS

Shop managers Richard Coons and Shirley Brown **opened the Shop doors** for the 2008 season on March 5th. Much of the merchandise is new and has been in storage all winter. **COME IN AND CHECK IT OUT!**

We are always looking for new items to sell, including furniture. So keep a look out for relatives/neighbors who are moving. They are generally a great source for shop donations. **Shop donations are tax deductible --- a win-win situation.**

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.
will be held on **Monday, March 24th** at the Inn:

6:30 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and beverages

7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. Annual Meeting

8:00 p.m. Speakers: David Brown & Larry Thetford
"Antique Tools and Other Contraptions"

-----MEETING PROXY-----

(For 3/24/08 meeting)

I will NOT attend the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC.
In my absence, I hereby appoint the President or his/her deputy or
_____ to act as my proxy to vote on matters that come
before the membership on March 24, 2008.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

-----DINNER RESERVATIONS-----

MENU



- * Fresh Salad
- * Chicken Marsala
- * Apricot Glazed Pork Loin
- * Red Potatoes
- * Green Spring Vegetables
- * Ginger Glazed Carrots
- * Rolls and Butter
- * Dessert, Coffee and Tea

\$20.00 per person

Name _____

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please send your proxy/reservations by March 17, 2008 to:
Dee Karpel, Friends of Elmendorph, P O Box 44, Red Hook, NY 12571
(checks should be made out to: Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.)

SPRING TEA & FASHION SHOW AT THE INN

Board member Dee Karpel instituted the first Spring Tea and Fashion Show at the Inn last March. This event had an overflow crowd and the models were quite enthusiastic. Even the "Creature from the Black Lagoon" (aka Bill Hammond in scuba gear) made a showing!

This year, another Tea and Fashion Show was held on March 1st. Snow had fallen the night before, but that didn't stop members from coming to the Inn for tea and fashions to help chase away the winter blues.

Dee once again out-did herself with the table decorations and refreshments! There were lots of door prizes and the models and fashions were once again admired. The show ended with a special appearance by Larry Thetford dressed in his Comanche Formal War Dance Attire – outstanding!



Barbara Bielenberg ready for Spring
(Photo by Bill Hammond)

Thank You to:

The following businesses for donations:

Adams Fairacre Farms
Battenfeld Anemonies
Broadway Grille
Cavallo Jewelers
Coldwater Creek
Felicity Gift Shop
Hannaford Supermarkets
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Lyceum Theater
Merritt Book Store
Red Hook IGA
Sipperley Grog Shop
Stems

Tranquility Beauty & Spa
White Horse Wine & Liquor

And a special Thank You to:

Durants Tents & Events for all Party Rentals

The following models and helpers:

Andrea Karpel
Barbara Bielenberg
Carol Annas
Elaine Ridolph
Ellen Phelan
Franca Cooper
George Karpel

Hailee Casabura
Judy Godfrey
Korrine Herdena
Lottie Kittner
Nicole Wagner
Rose Ferraro-Bruck
Rylee FanFan
Virginia King

And Thank You to Dee Karpel for organizing this enjoyable prelude to spring!!!



Volunteers Rylee, Nicole, Korrine & Hailee



Hailee & Dee



Guests Enjoying the Program
(Photos by George Karpel)

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

All the little elves descended on the Inn with wires and clippers and evergreen roping. By the end of the week all the Christmas decorations and the tree were in place and ready for the Saturday Open House. The timing this year was set to coincide with the Village Winter Fest Celebration.

Ellen Phelan and crew demonstrated bread baking in the bee hive oven. The children made their popcorn, cranberry, and gingerbread tree decorations. Music was provided by Red Hook School students, from the Elementary School and the High School. Visitors were given tours by board members and served cookies and mulled cider by youth volunteers Laura and Grace Hegstetter, Allie Cascone and Hailee Casabura.

The Board would like to thank all the members who made cookies for the Christmas Open House and would also like to acknowledge the Tiberio's Red Hook IGA Supermarket, Mac's Farm and Garden World, Adam's FairAcres Farms, and Hannaford's for their support in our 2007's activities.

(Photos by George Karpel)



Red Hook High School students provide music



Decorating the tree

Donations

Thank you for these recent donations to the Friends of Elmendorph:

*Marlene and John Barr – in honor of Barbara and Bob Bielenberg
Helena Boba*

*Peter Bulkeley – in memory of Alice Bedder Bulkeley
Jim and Diane Goetz*

Bill and Diane Hammond

*Lou and Mildred Hubach – in honor of Bob Bielenberg
Elizabeth and John Kennedy*

Robert McKeon

Douglas Moat

Joan and Cynthia Morrison

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What is David Brown Holding???

Come to the Annual Meeting of
The Friends of Elmendorph to Find out!

Antique Tools and Other Contraptions

David Brown & Larry Thetford will try to stump us
with antique tools and other contraptions – what are
they; what were they used for?

If you have an antique tool that you'd like Dave &
Larry to explain (or guess what it is!), bring it to the
meeting.

Annual Meeting: Monday, March 24th

(See page 3 of this Newsletter for details)

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.

Inkkeepers: Bob Bielenberg
Bill Hammond

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your membership is due for renewal.
Thanks for staying current!

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