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What's wrong with this picture?

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

I am happy to report that things are really starting to happen at the Elmendorph! The 1950's asphalt siding has been removed, the Victorian era porches have been taken off, and the concrete pads on the east and west sides of the building have been demolished. Your Building Committee has been busy as well, drawing up plans for work to be done later this summer. The newsletter will go into a little more detail.

I would like to remind everyone once again that although our finances are in fairly good shape, it will take additional monies to keep pushing ahead with the project. Please, we need everyone's support. As an added reminder, IBM has approved the Friends of Elmendorph as an eligible recipient of their 2 FOR 1 matching grant.

Several "thank-yous" are in order for work done recently at the building. Many thanks to John Denter for a job well done in removing the old concrete slabs in front and out back of the building. Thank you also to Blanche Traudt for rubbing away several years worth of grit and grime from the windows on the building.

A pile of old rubbish was taken out of the inn by a clean-up crew recently. Shortly after, the junk mysteriously disappeared. The only one seen on the premises was Stephen Fell. Thanks, you little devil.

Harold Fell
President
Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.

CRAFTS & MUSIC AT THE INN ON AUGUST 7

Set aside Sunday, August 7th, on your calendar for a "Hudson Valley Arts & Crafts Festival" at the Elmendorph Inn. This day of crafts demonstrations, tours, traditional eats and music will culminate a two month program sponsored by the Friends of Elmendorph, with assistance from the Dutchess County Arts Council and the Egbert Benson Historical Society. The program will start at 1 P.M. in and around the historic Elmendorph Inn, and will conclude around 6 P.M.

The Festival is the final segment of a three part project focusing on the traditional arts and crafts of this part of the Hudson Valley during the late 18th and early 19th century. The first segment of the program consisted of arts classes in portrait painting and spinning & weaving, which were conducted in the Elmendorph on five consecutive Saturday mornings between July 9 and August 6.

The portrait painting classes were conducted by Tivoli artist Margaret Lockett. During the course of this class students painted in acrylics a portrait of model Joan Wright, of Red Hook. The class also was instructed in the techniques used by early painters from this area such as Ammi Phillips and Edward Mooney.

The Spinning & Weaving classes were conducted jointly by Barbara Thompson, of Milan, and Ellen Phelan, of Tivoli. Mrs. Thompson conducted classes in spinning, using both wheel and drop spindle, as well as in natural dyeing. Mrs. Phelan, who previously instructed weaving in San Francisco, taught two sessions on weaving.

The second part of the program is an Open House scheduled for the week of August 1-6. Tours of the inn will be offered, and visitors can view the results of the arts classes, in addition to other exhibits.

The "Arts & Crafts Festival" will be held both in the building and beneath a tent on the grounds starting at 1 P.M. on Sunday. Crafts to be demonstrated include: Candlewicking, Arlene Borm; Candle Making, Julia Schreiber; Woodcarving, Frank Nuccio; Stencilling, Kate Charbonneau; Splint Seat Making, Douglas Brown; Quilling, Peg Mowry; Spinning, Barbara Bielenburg; Weaving, Ellen Phelan; Natural Dyeing, Barbara Thompson; Rug Making, Holly Brown; Bob and Lace, Helen McLallen. We are still seeking persons who can demonstrate basketry, tinsmithing, glass making, earthenware potting, coopering, broom making, and quilting- among others. IF YOU CAN HELP CALL ROSEMARY COONS at 758-6334.

In addition to the crafts, musical entertainment will be provided during the afternoon. At 1:30 the West Point Woodwind Quintet, under the leadership of Sgt. Major Derek Brinkman, will get things under way. This group, based at the United States Military Academy, will perform music of the first half of the 19th century. Folk tunes of the stagecoach & steamboat era will be performed by Susan Deane-Miller, a Poughkeepsie resident, between 3:30 and 5:30.

Refreshments during the program will be handled by members of the 4-H Golden Fleece Sheep Club. Members are also reminded that Elmendorph, Etc., our shop, will be open Sunday afternoon during the program.

Funding for this program was provided, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered by the Dutchess County Arts Council.

RESTORATION REPORT

1983 is the year!

This year the community will finally be able to see actual evidence of restoration work on the Inn. The restoration plans for the front of the building may well be complete by the time you read the newsletter.

In preparation for this work, the remaining 20th century asphalt siding has been removed from the entire building. It was decided to remove all of this siding this year so that the characteristics of the clapboard siding could be thoroughly studied and documented. In addition, the two front porches were removed intact. They are to be given to Don Carpentier of Eastfield Village in East Nassau, New York. After careful study, it was determined that the porches were not appropriate to the period the Elmendorph is to be restored to. Don has a village of transplanted historic buildings, and we're sure the porches can be usefully recycled at Eastfield Village.

The removal work (siding and porches) was done under contract with Craft Construction Company of Hyde Park, New York. The concrete porch slab in front, and another out back, were broken up and removed by John Denter at no cost to the Friends of Elmendorph.

Now comes the good part... The front of the building will be restored this summer and fall. A brief description of the work to be done is: 1) removal of clapboard siding; 2) repair of all window frames; 3) install all new 12 over 12 window sash on first floor; 4) removal of the ca. 1945 center door; 5) repair or replacement of the two earlier doors; 6) insulation of walls from exterior; 7) sheathing (sub-siding); replace clapboard siding (with new materials where required); 8) repair/replace trim; 9) install new gutters and leaders. Finally, the front will be painted and, if possible, two chimneys will be repaired.

In addition to this work, which will be contracted out, Bob McCarthy has agreed to move, and at the same time enhance, our electrical service. The service will be moved to the north end of the building and will be buried underground in a trench that will run from the northwest corner of the Inn to the telephone pole in front of the shop. Archaeological testing will be done prior to the start of the work. Bob McCarthy will donate his services and Bucky Coon will provide the back-hoe and his time free of charge.

We submitted an application for a restoration grant-in-aid through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation this spring. Unfortunately, we were not among the 25 finalists out of 157 applications. Therefore, we are going to fund this phase of the restoration project ourselves. It is very difficult to put a dollar estimate on the work, but we do have a preliminary figure of \$20,000.

The tentative starting date for the restoration is AUGUST 15th. This is contingent upon the completion of drawings, specifications, invitations to bid to selected contractors, and the signing of a contract. The completion date is prior to November 15th.

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In June a Building Committee was formed from the larger "Restoration Committee" to oversee this phase of the project. Members are Harold Fell, Doug Traudt, Bruce Naramore, Bob McCarthy, Bob Cole, and Herman Gorgens, who is Chairman and Project Director. If anyone has any questions about the proposed work they may contact any of the committee members.

The work described above WILL happen this year. We ask for your support financially and in any other way you feel may be of help.

Herman Gorgens
Vice-President
Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.

APPLE FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 25

It's APPLE FESTIVAL time again! This year's festival is tentatively planned for Sunday, September 25th, behind the Elmendorph Inn.

We look forward to this second year of this planned annual event, and to the receipt of your contributions of apple baked goods.

Someone will call for your baking goodie or your personal assistance at the festival before the end of August. If you are not contacted please leave your name and type of contribution by calling Linda Keeling at 758-8279.

P.S. If possible please include a recipe card with your name so that the Friends might be able to publish an "Apple Festival Cook Book" sometime in the future.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Many thanks and a big welcome to our newest members and/or contributors since March, 1983.....

- James D. Kilgour, Jim and Ellen Hogan, and Mrs. Ward (Red Hook); Andrew P. Slama (Rhinebeck); Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mersand (Pawling).

We are especially pleased that several of our members took the BIG step and became LIFE MEMBERS. They are.....

- Rear Admiral and Mrs. Lewis B. Combs, Bruce Naramore, Linda and Vance Keeling, and Bruce and Gussie Townsend (Red Hook); Jim and Cheryl Gold (Saratoga Springs). One Hundred Thanks to all of you, and thanks, too, to Mr. Richard Jenrette of Barrytown for an EXTRA SPECIAL donation.

ELMENDORPH, ETC. NEEDS YOUR HELP !

Proceeds from our shop- Elmendorph, Etc.- recently passed the \$2,000 mark, and it looks to be another successful year. We hope to do a booming business during the week-end of the Arts & Crafts Festival. We will be open as usual on Friday and Saturday between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., and on Sunday between 1 and 4 P.M.

Your help is needed if we are to keep well supplied with salable merchandise. We would be grateful for donations of: small furniture, household articles, tools, small appliances (in working order), linens, fabrics, toys, books, records, bric-a-brac, sports equipment, produce from your garden, and antiques & collectibles. (How about a Rolls Royce or two to raffle off?)

Our craft and gift table, which has done quite well, is almost sold out. Your handiwork is most welcome. As always, we can use help in the shop on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, call shop manager Elvira Nuccio at 758-8112.

P.S. Your Garage Sale left-overs would be appreciated.

OFFICERS AND GENTLEMEN (AND LADIES)

At our ANNUAL MEETING in March we elected nine DIRECTORS for the following terms:

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| - Bruce Naramore, Doug Brown, J. Elliot Lindsley | 1 YEAR |
| - Herman Gorgens, Doug Traudt, Rosemary Coons | 2 YEARS |
| - Linda Keeling, Mary O'Neill, Harold Fell | 3 YEARS |

Harold Fell was later re-elected President; Herman Gorgens, Vice-President; Rosemary Coons, Secretary; Doug Brown, Treasurer. Linda Keeling was appointed Assistant-Secretary and Shirley Brown, Assistant- Treasurer. Mary O'Neill has agreed to serve as Newsletter Editor, effective as of the September issue.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Annual Dues: Student	\$ 1.00	Membership:	\$ _____
Individual	\$ 5.00	Donation:	\$ _____
Family	\$10.00	Total Enc:	\$ _____
Business	\$25.00		
Life	\$100.00		

Make checks payable to: Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.

THANK YOU!

BRIEFS

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have established a new position- Volunteer Chairman- to be headed by Linda Keeling. The Volunteer Chairman will be responsible for recruiting volunteers for special events and Friends' projects. Linda is requesting help right away for ... 1) Membership Drive Mass Mailing (stuffing envelopes, etc.) and 2) Giving tours and watching the Inn during the OPEN HOUSE planned for the week of August 1-7. Times will be: Monday-Saturday- 12 to 4, Sunday- 1 to 6. If you can give 2 or more hours on any of those days, or help with the membership drive, give Linda a call at (914) 758-8279.
- **MEMBERS NEEDED:** Kay Fraher has accepted the position of Membership Chairman. She is a hard worker and is ready to tackle a 5,000 piece mass mailing- but she needs your help! Let's help Kay bring in 5,000 new members.
- **RENEWAL NOTICE:** Check to see if you have renewed your membership this year. If it has slipped by you we have put an "X" on your mailing label to remind you. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.
- **MORE THANK YOUS:** ROBERT T. MCCARTHY & SONS, INC. deserves our gratitude for installing the wiring and fixtures to provide light in the rooms being used for the arts classes without any charge to us. Bob McCarthy has also donated his services on several past occasions and deserves our deepest thanks.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** To Bill Alexander on his recent election as President of our "sister organization", the Egbert Benson Historical Society. (Shouldn't that be "brother organization, Egbert?)

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