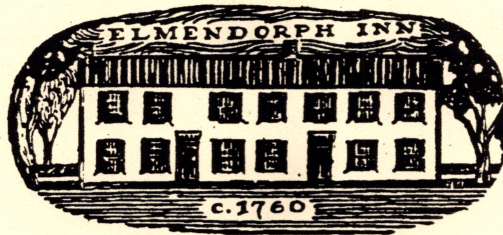


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NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH

FALL



1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

AFTER a Red Hook summer which produced the most delicious blueberries and peaches in my memory, it is time to consider the approaching winter season.

Maintenance of the Inn continues to be a challenge and many areas need attention. The entire upstairs needs insulation. We finally are able to begin this phase of restoration. A work party will be recruited to do part of the job. As finances permit, the north room will be restored for use by the Egbert Benson Historical Society.

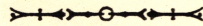
In a hearty effort this July, many Friends participated in our successful auction. Although the money we raised is not adequate for the completion of the north room restoration, we are deeply grateful to all. We continue to accept donations of time, "man" power, money and salable items for the Etc. shop to help finance this goal.

It is gratifying to see the calendar of events and to realize how widely used the Inn really has become. You are cordially invited to become an even more active participant.

Sincerely,
JOAN LEWIS
President



RESTORATION COMMITTEE



THIS fall we begin a new phase in the relationship between the Friends of Elmendorph and the Egbert Benson Historical Society as we jointly complete the final plans and solicit estimates for the completion of the Rosemary Coons Historical Archive Room and Gallery on the second floor of the Inn. Responsibility for the final restoration and furnishing of the rooms will shift to the Historical Society and a joint committee is planning the file cabinets, bookshelves, work tables, computer workstation, lighting fixtures and equipment that will be needed to provide safe and efficient storage and accessibility to the Historical Society's growing collection of Red Hook memorabilia and records.

Fortunately, most Historical Society members are also members of the Friends of Elmendorph and Board members Larry Thetford and Thomas Cordier also serve as Society Trustees. This joint effort will fulfill the dream of the founding members of both organizations and we are confident that our Friends will respond generously to the Society's Fall appeal for specific donations to the project.

In the meantime we will be insulating the second floor walls and ceilings so that the new heating ducts can be activated as needed. The electric service has been roughed in with enough lights and outlets completed to permit us to safely work on the second floor. Our new security system will alert the fire company and designated Board members in case of a fire emergency.

Thanks to all of you, we look forward to a winter of accomplishment!

-Barbara Bielenberg

HEAR YE, HEAR YE...

Presenting the SEVENTH ANNUAL

FRIENDS of ELEMENDORPH ART SHOW

FRIDAY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 10-13

ONCE again the Friends of Elmendorph welcomes the community to its **COLUMBUS DAY WEEK-END ART SHOW AND SALE**. Over 50 artists will exhibit original works, including oils, watercolors, pastels, photographs, and much more. This year many new artists will join the impressive group of art show participants from throughout the Hudson Valley.

The show opens on **FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10TH, FROM 7-9 PM** at the Elmendorph Inn with a reception for the artists. All are invited, and refreshments will be served.

Hours for the rest of the weekend are:
Saturday, October 11th, 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, October 12th, 1 pm - 4 pm
Monday, October 13th, 12 pm - 3 pm

Once again, our talented young musicians from the Red Hook High School Music Department, under the direction of Anne Oja, will perform on Friday at the opening reception. Also being featured on this weekend is a **BOOK SALE** in conjunction with the Art Show, where hundreds of books will be available for your pleasure. Please join in for this popular event in the South Room. Admission to the public is free. For more information, or to volunteer, please call **914-758-5887**.

Theresa Docherty
Art Show Coordinator

ELMENDORPH, ETC.

GLAD TIDINGS

from the volunteers of Elmendorph Etc. (Thrift Shop)

AFTER a slow start in early May, our donations and sales have continued to soar ! Here we are with only six weeks left in the 1997 season but are well on our way to reaching our goal. Our regular shop hours (10:00AM to 4:00PM) three days a week plus special yard sales have been very productive.

Of course, there will be the ANNUAL BOOK SALE Columbus Day weekend in conjunction with the Elmendorph Art Show (October 10th -13th). The Art Show begins Friday evening, the 10th and continues through Monday, the 13th. The Book Sale will be held Saturday (the 11th) only from 10:00AM-4:00PM. The storewide half price sale will be held the last week in October just prior to closing for the season.

It has been a great year so far and a lot of work, but could not have been accomplished without your donations (Keep them coming!) and the loyal help of our core volunteers.

A HEARTY THANKS TO ALL !

Margi Riker
Volunteer - 9/8/97



WE were saddened to learn of the recent passing of two Charter/Life members and long -time supporters. **ARDITH ST. JOHN** organized our first fund-raising House Tour. Even after their transfer to North Carolina, Ardith and her husband Joe, maintained their interest in the Elmendorph and made an annual pilgrimage to check the progress of the restoration.

MARGARET O'BRIEN was an early volunteer in the Elmendorph, Etc. shop and with her husband Joe, a well-known early morning radio broadcaster, assisted in various fund-raising projects. She and Joe once even allowed themselves to be auctioned off as dinner partners during an Elmendorph benefit auction!

✧ KUDOS ✧

NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARD TO *FRIENDS of ELMENDORPH*

IN recognition of their effort to preserve and utilize a two hundred year old inn, Friends of Elmendorph are hereby honored with one of America the Beautiful Fund's "American Star" Awards of 1997.

- ✧ For creating a needed community center on the ground floor of the Inn, going above and beyond the typical scope of a heritage museum;
- ✧ For their efforts thus far in raising funds for the second floor phase of the restoration project. This space will soon be home to the headquarters of the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook and will provide needed storage for historical collections and records of the Red Hook community;
- ✧ For integrating the living history at the Inn with the local fourth grade history program, giving the children the opportunity to view how the "common man" of the past lived in the affluent area;
- ✧ For keeping their spacious South Room as a meeting space for civic organizations, including the Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce;
- ✧ For the valuable meeting space used by local heritage clubs such as the Elmendorph Spinners, Quilters and Northern Dutchess Doll collectors;
- ✧ For using the Inn as a center for art, craft and Garden Club shows, and Annual Family Christmas Open House, Snowflake Parade and Tree Lighting;
- ✧ For the restoration completed thus far on this 222 year old building using broad-based community support, including central heating, electricity, handicapped accessibility, and the interiors and exteriors of the building;
- ✧ For transforming the Elmendorph from a building on the verge of destruction into an essential community center, Friends of Elmendorph has been selected from thousands of projects all across America as a model of community service.

The creative uses of the Inn and the growing community-based support behind the expansion for the restoration project are examples of the spirit that founded this country and of the important role we all can play in keeping that spirit alive to enable this country to truly be, from sea to shining sea, America the Beautiful.

Elmendorph Inn

CALENDAR

The following events have been scheduled for the remainder of 1997. Please call the Elmendorph Inn at (914) 758-5887 for information about scheduling further community events.

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Elmendorph Spinners
- 20 Egbert Benson Historical Society Meeting, 2:00 PM - Dutchess County's Civil War Regiment
- 20-21 Civil War Reenactment - 150th Dutchess County Regiment
- 22 Quilt Club
- 25 Red Hook Art & Antique Dealers
- 27 Yard Sale

OCTOBER

- 6 Quilt Club
- 10-13 Friends of Elmendorph Art Show and Book Sale
- 15 Dutchess Bebe's (Doll Club), 10 AM
- 17 Elmendorph Spinners
- 20 Friends of Elmendorph Board of Directors Meeting
- Quilt Club
- 23 Red Hook Art & Antique Dealers
- 26 Dowsers, Lottie Kittner (758-8891)
- 28 Egbert Benson Historical Society Meeting on John Watts DePeyster
- 29 Ect. Shop 1/2 Price Sale

NOVEMBER

- 1 Ect. Shop 1/2 Price Sale
- 3 Village of Red Hook Board Meeting
- Quilt Club
- 4-8 Christmas Sale
- 13 Red Hook Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- 17 Friends of Elmendorph Board of Directors Meeting
- Quilt Club
- 18 Egbert Benson Historical Society Meeting - - Remembering Barrytown
- 19 Dutchess Bebe's (Doll Club), 10 AM
- 20 Red Hook Art & Antique Dealers
- 21 Elmendorph Spinners

DECEMBER

- 1 Quilt Club
- 7 Elmendorph Inn Open House, 1:00 - 5:00 PM
- 13 Old Dutch Village Garden Club Greens Festival, 10:00 - 4:00 PM
- 15 Quilt Club
- 16 Egbert Benson Historical Society Holiday Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 17 Dutchess Bebe's (Doll Club), 10 AM
- 18 Red Hook Art & Antique Dealers
- 19 Elmendorph Spinners

The Friends of Elmendorph would like to thank the following for their generous donations of goods and services in support of our 1997 auction:

**RHINEBECK AERODROME
OLD MILL HOUSE ANTIQUES
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IXL FITNESS CENTER
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THE RED HOOK INN
MAC'S FARM & GARDEN WORLD
THE FLOWER BASKET**

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DONATIONS

September 9, 1997

Susan Barich - *Auction*
Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bertelsmann
Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Boba
Robert and Alma Bowman - *Auction*
Mary and John Cioffi - *in memory of Margaret O'Brien*
in memory of Ardith St. John
Caro Curran
Mark Day - *in memory of Rosemary Coons*
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent DeGruccio -
in memory of Matilda Dolan
First National Bank of the Hudson Valley - *Auction*
Jay and Linda Greenblatt
Frederick R. Griffiths - *in honor of Barbara Bielenberg*
Richard and Margaret Gummere
James Hardin - *in memory of Mary Hardin*
Robert Leiby
William and Barbara Maple
David T. Mininberg
Geraldine Murphy
Caroline Rider
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson
Herbert Wise

NEW MEMBERS

September 9, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bertelsmann
Esther and Howard Gottlieb
Jay and Linda Greenblatt
Frederick R. Griffiths
Ronda Hayworth
Stephen and Melissa Lawson
Robert Leiby
Geraldine Murphy
Dan Schneider and Charlotte Pfahl

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Christine Foreacre

HISTORIC NOTES

JUST as the Post Road provided an inland alternative to travel on the Hudson River, a turnpike paralleled the Mohawk River heading west from Albany and Schenectady. The History of Herkimer County, N.Y., published by F.W. Beers, New York in 1879 provides a description of commerce along that route.

"Before the Erie Canal was made there was a vast amount of travel on the Mohawk turnpike; sometimes as many as twenty stage coaches drove over the road in twenty-four hours, and large wagons drawn by three, four or five horses, were often seen on the road. These wagons were covered with canvas, and heavily loaded with merchandise and groceries if going west, or with potash, alcohol, salt, etc., if going east.

With all this travel the taverns found business, but the Erie Canal and next the railroad, put an end to all this, and the taverns went out one after another, like so many lamps when the oil is exhausted.

Old men used to relate that in their youth they frequently met at these houses on Saturday afternoons to swap and sell old horses. Sometimes one person would make several trades in a few hours. These horse fairs afforded much custom at the bar, and sometimes the jockey would ride (if able) the same horse home that he took there."

This passage reminds us that the first Dutchess and Columbia County Agriculture Fair was held on the grounds of the Elmendorph Inn in 1813, but by 1854 competition from steamboats and railroads had so diminished traffic on the Post Road that the Elmendorph had become a two-family house.

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

INNKeeper Bob Bielenberg 12477-3306

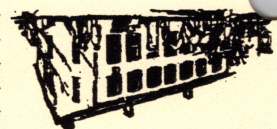
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