

MASONIC HALL PROJECT PROGRESSES:

ADVISORY COUNCIL VOTED in favor of accepting the donation of the property from the Warren Lodge Masons. The Masonic Hall Preservation Group presented its plan for the project, a discussion of the benefits and risks by Council members followed, and the vote taken. The next step is

MEMBERSHIP VOTE SCHEDULED for FRIDAY NOV. 6 (next regular program meeting). This will enable all members to learn and discuss plans for this project. Be sure to attend this important vote! The proposal will precede our featured speaker, Bill Benson. **7:30PM!**

FUND GOAL ACHIEVED and exceeded! After four weeks of focused fundraising at Community Day, Open Houses, and newspaper publicity, the Masonic Hall Preservation Group (MHPG) provided evidence of strong interest and support in town. Not only was the initial financial goal exceeded, but over 35 residents volunteered "hands on" help to restore and maintain the landmark building.

PRESERVATION STARTED with the replacement of the unstable front steps by volunteer residents Len Nelson and Dick Collier. Noreen Collier beautified the exterior with plantings of mums, and the Ladies Room is being refurbished by Barbara & Jack Cleary, Dan Stambaugh, and Russ Tompkins. These early 'fix-it' projects are part of the....

PLANNING SESSIONS HELD by the MHPG to develop the property to be safe, attractive, and functional. Subcommittee chairpersons are looking for volunteers for helping in three major areas:

- Preservation: short and long term direction and projects.... "hands-on" volunteers needed.
- Fundraising: for immediate needs and sustained support.... "admin/clerical " help needed.
- Building use: how can groups and residents in Clinton make best use of this facility.... creative and practical ideas needed; membership in other town organizations would be a plus!

INTERESTED? Call Craig Marshall at 266-5684.

WELCOME NEW READERS!

This issue of the CLINTON HISTORIAN is being mailed to those residents of Clinton and nearby who have expressed interest and support for the Masonic Hall preservation project. We also welcome several of them as new members to our historical society. This newsletter will be used to keep non-members informed of the progress of the Masonic Hall project, and of the other activities of the Society as well. Our monthly program meetings and other social and informational events are **open to all**...members, non-members, and all ages!

**** WELCOME ****

PROGRESSIVE DINNER A SUCCESS!

Over 100 residents attended our recent multi-site dinner event, which raised over \$1,200 to support our landmark 1777 Creek Meeting House and the Society's programs. Guests traveled to their choice of 3 homes for cocktails and 9 homes for dinner. Everyone enjoyed delicious homemade desserts in abundance with coffee and tea at the Creek Meeting House at the end. We are very grateful to our hosts:

Diane & Bill Margerin	Pat & Dave Ruff
Liz & Lon Gross	John Hannan
Dacie & Warren Kershaw	Louise & Bill McDermott
Maryann & Ed Thompsett	Thelma Cromwell
Carol & Carl Yakabowski	Glenda & Paul Schwarze
Marilyn & Peter Buchenholz	Marge & Harold Fountain

The great desserts were donated by 10 members and neighbors... Yum!Thank-you!

And special thanks to the FRIENDS OF CHS who planned the event:

Glenda Schwarze	Louise McDermott
Sheila Dwyer	Kate Spross
Tobias Ricciardelli	

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER...

"A CANDLELIGHT AFFAIR"

FRIDAY DEC. 4 6:30PM

Join us for one of our most popular events as we enjoy the creative and tasteful dishes of our members and guests. Our December program meeting will be a pot-luck (covered dish) dinner of salads, appetizers, entrees, and desserts. This is always a varied and enticing display of family favorite recipes and dishes. After the dinner, we will begin the

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of donated gifts that is always a treat for the curious. With your covered dish, please bring a wrapped inexpensive humorous or practical gift. Proceeds will benefit the Society's programs. Beverages will be provided. For info: Glenda Schwarze - 266-5203.

ART SHOW ENDS

Once again our Art Show proved popular to local residents as they viewed and 'oohed' the works of our talented area artists. Sales by the Nine Partners Art Guild which presented the event led to \$150 in commissions to our Society for our programs. We thank all who contributed to the event, and we are already looking forward to the next one in the Spring!

THANK YOU IBM!

In our May business meeting, the Advisory Council voted to spend \$950 towards a badly needed copier to replace the one that died. This would have been a big expense for us. However, application for help from IBM through their Fund for Community Service resulted in a very generous grant of \$1,000 to help our need. We are now the proud owners of a commercial-grade used copier that will be used for newsletters, publications, posters, and correspondence. We can now reduce our copying costs at Staples which was getting expensive!

HELP NEEDED: MILLS MANSION

Ever had the urge to be a tour guide at a famous mansion? Well, here's your chance. For the holidays, the folks at Mills Mansion are seeking volunteers to host visitors and give them the 'grand tour'. Training will be provided, and hours are flexible. This is a great chance to learn about one of our great landmark homes, and to get into the social spirit of the holidays. For information, call:

Deb Doolittle at 889-8851 (Mills office)

CLINTON WELCOMES VILLAC.

"The Austrians Remembered"

24 students, 24 special experiences in America! And a lot of learning and happy encounters by our host families as we closed our second annual visitation by new student guests from the village of Villach, Austria. In partnership with Education First, our Society helped organize and support this latest visit as one of our community and fundraising events. Many families in the area signed up to provide room, board, and special care to this English class of 16 year olds. We are very grateful for their generosity, and we thank them here:

Sandra & Greg Rexhouse, Staatsburg
Gail Denning & Dennis Matuszczak, Hyde Park
Joyce & Richard Morse, Staatsburg
Maryann & Ed Thompsett, Clinton Corners
Elizabeth (Dee Dee) & Peter Lumb, Salt Point
Mary Craft, Hyde Park
Doris & Macy Sherow, Clinton Corners
Laurelyn & Doug Mayen, Clinton Corners
Mary & Dave Howard, Clinton Corners
Thelma Cromwell, Salt Point
Sheila Dwyer, Clinton Corners
Deborah Easton, Salt Point
Ann Weiss, Clinton Corners
Margaret & William Heshner, Salt Point
Linda Mazzella

Turkeys were donated for the farewell dinner by:

Ruth Green	Viola Schoch
Dee Lumb	Doris Sherow
Chris Pelegrino	Ellen Woods
Barbara Cleary	Gerianne Hannibal

This years' program would not have happened without the dedicated efforts of:

- Laurelyn Mayen & Dee Dee Lumb, co-chairs
- Aya Ely, transportation planning
- Elizabeth Gallagher, Education First, Inc.

---- *Thank you, Everyone !!* ----

"Ask and ye shall receive" Dept.

WE NEED...

For the Creek Meeting House: (used)

- a set of stairsfor our project to build access to the attic storage area
- an elec. stove for our kitchen renovation
- cabinets " " " "

For the Masonic Hall:

- attorney services for title transfer...anticipating a 'yes' vote on acquisition
- white ext. paint ...oil base and latex, for the siding
- asphalt shingles...8 sq. for the addition roof

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the 61 area residents who have joined our Society since the beginning of the year:

Catherine Allen
Sally & Randal Anderson
Betsy & Ronald Atkins
Catherine & Bill Baldwin
Maud & William Bartles
Laura & William Boxer
Louise Bozworth
Sharon & Louis Buononato
Nancy & Peter Chamberlain
Linda Clarke
Charles Evans
Paul Feuerman
Bruce Geiveth
James Gundell
Sally & Harry Henck
Arvia & Patrick Higgins
Rosalie Katz
Onnie & William Lenehan
Scott Lovell
Laurelyn & Doug Mayen
Katherine & Ronald Mustello
Barbara & Thomas Myers
Patrick O'Leary
Christine Brousseau
James Pellegrino
Sabrina & Joshua Polcek
Ruth and Gilbert Scharf
Elizabeth & Karl Seelbach
Donna & Thomas Seelbach
Stacy & Macy Sherow, III
Janet & Douglas Smalley
Mike Spitzer
Joan & Gary Storm
Karen & Ed Summerlin
Christophe Mao
John Tancock
Marian Thompson
Lynn & Russ Tompkins
Doris Wheeler

ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBIT

"What would you like to see?"

Our Society has been honored with many compliments about our summer exhibits on railroad history. Over 5,000 visitors have viewed the changing exhibit over the past 3 years, and have been treated to a professional display by co-directors George Greenwood and Bill McDermott. We would like next summer's exhibit to be as successful, and are seeking ideas for exhibit topics from our membership and residents. One option would be to have several topics covered, each in its own area in the exhibit. One-room schoolhouses and early rural mail might be of interest. Some early railroad history not yet exhibited might be appropriate for those who have been coming to our past displays. We need to hear from you:

....what would you like to see?

....where might we find material?

....have you seen this displayed elsewhere?

Please call: George Greenwood - 266-3991

And....as important as the display material, we need volunteers to welcome visitors to the exhibits on the weekends in 3 hour shifts. Our exhibit can't open without member volunteers. PLEASE HELP! (call George)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Nov. 6 7:30 PM

"Clinton's Earliest Hamlet"

by Bill Benson

Friday Dec. 4 6:30 PM

**"Annual Holiday Dinner
and Auction"**

January 1999

***** no program meeting *****

— All meetings: at the Historical Center, Clinton Corners —

Clinton Historical Society
P.O. Box 122
Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

**NEXT MEETING:
FRI. Nov. 6 7:30PM**



MS ELEANOR ROGERS-98
RR1 BOX 525, ALLEN ROAD
SALT POINT, NY 12578

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VOTE ON MASONIC HALL

"CLINTON'S EARLIEST HAMLET"
by
Bill Benson

Clinton is fortunate to have an avid, knowledgeable, and very skilled historian and researcher in the person of Bill Benson. A Clinton Hollow resident for 27 years, Bill has done a remarkable job in digging into the 'complete' past of his hamlet. Those who have seen his large volume of hand-drawn colored maps of boundary changes since the earliest times are dazzled. Join us for a historic tour thru the history of Clinton Hollow as we learn of the residents of years past, the incidents, and the changes thru the years that make this one of our most interesting hamlets!

JOIN US!

Our Society welcomes new members. Our programs include exhibits, publications, educational presentations, preservation projects, historical research, community support, and social events. We are the owners and stewards of the 1777 Creek Meeting House which is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Annual dues are: \$5.00 Individual
\$8.00 Family

Checks may be made payable to:

Clinton Historical Society

and can be mailed to:

Mr. James Carberry, Treas.

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Staatsburg, N.Y. 12580

--- We Appreciate Your Support! ---

