

HRH

HUDSON RIVER HERITAGE

Annual Education and Advocacy Review

Ways HRH fulfilled its mission of service to you in 2008:

- ❖ Continued our involvement in debates over the Kingston waterfront, nearly 4 years of research, position statements, & public testimony
- ❖ Served as an advisory organization on behalf of private individuals and municipalities
- ❖ Completed the 1st phase of our mapping project, with up-to-date boundaries of the Hudson River National Historic Landmark District, for which HRH serves as Steward
- ❖ Increased our advocacy strength, with Patterson Schackne, previously a consultant to HRH, joining as professional staff. Deborah Meyer DeWan continued as community preservation consultant
- ❖ Nominated the Goat Island Campsite in the Hudson River for the Preservation League of New York State's 2009 "Seven to Save" list of important endangered places chosen for focused assistance. Goat Island is a Native American encampment, from prehistoric to early historic times, that is gravely threatened by relic collectors
- ❖ Hosted a celebration of Arlene & Greg Chiamonte's 30-year restoration of the 18th-century Hendricks House in Staatsburg



Larry Thetford, former Friends president, speaks at our Annual Meeting about the restoration of the Elmendorph Inn. HRH came into existence in 1974 during citizens' actions to rescue the 18th-century tavern in Red Hook from demolition for a supermarket parking lot.

- ❖ Held a tour of Riverby, the private house & writing studio of 19th-century naturalist John Burroughs, a National Historic Landmark property opened for the first time to the public
- ❖ On the 20th annual Country Seats Tour, visited Vanderbilt properties that are now private homes in Hyde Park, plus in Clinton four 19th-century vernacular houses & a 21st-century eco-friendly neo-Gothic Revival home
- ❖ Honored Everett Rood for dedicated provision of floral decorations for the preservation community, with a lively crowd of admirers at The Locusts, open for the first time since completion of its restoration
- ❖ For our annual meeting, Larry Thetford, former president of Friends of Elmendorph, spoke on restoration of the Elmendorph Inn
- ❖ Welcomed to the HRH Board of Directors: Warren Temple Smith, historic restoration architect; Frank Cutolo, educator & psychologist; Ray Armater, the Site Director of Montgomery Place; and Eliot Werner, editor & book publisher
- ❖ Began plans for the 2009 Quadricentennial celebration of the Dutch arrival in the Hudson Valley, to include educational and social activities, culminating in a Country Seats Tour of local privately restored Dutch architecture