

# Heritage

## HMPC Starts Roof Fund

The *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee, Inc.* Board of Directors held its annual election of officers at its December meeting, choosing Phyllis Rubin as President; Stephen Bradley, Vice President; Barbara A.T. Hoff, Secretary; Marion M. Dumond, Treasurer.

Officers' terms run from January through the end of December on an annual basis.

President Phyllis Rubin named committee chairpersons and reviewed committee charges at the January and February meetings: Bicentennial liaison, Steve Bradley; Government liaison, Mary Sheeley; Canal Trail, Stan Rubin (Iris Friedman - Research); Membership, Irwin Rosenthal; Tributes, Phyllis Lennert; Building and Grounds, Robert Berger and Stan Rubin; Fund Raising, Mary Sheeley and Steve Bradley; Fantinekill Monument (accessibility), Robert Berger; Historian, Marion Dumond.

HMPC members who wish to participate in committee activities should contact the appropriate chairperson to volunteer for the specific committee.

A donation of \$148 by the *Southern New York Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association* was reported (see accompanying article). Donations are put toward the restoration and preservation of the **Hunt Memorial Building**.

HMPC has begun a *Roof Repair Fund* and will be seeking donations toward this fund during 2005. The committee has already earmarked funds for the February emergency repair of the **Hunt Building** roof, using revenue from ongoing fundraising and donations for that purpose, but it is a temporary measure.


The present roof is in sad shape and will require replacement in the near future. The chimneys and skylights – especially the beautiful stained glass skylight in the main reception room (the former Children's Room) – must be refurbished as well.

Since the roof and chimney project will be quite costly, and applications for grants generally require matching funds, a major fundraising drive is essential.

Preservation-minded individuals and organizations wishing to assist in this first and most basic activity are invited to send their contributions to **HMPC, 716 Irish Cape Road, Ellenville, NY 12428**.

Checks should be marked "roof project." Since HMPC is a 501(c)(3) organization, donations of this kind are fully tax-deductible to the limits of the law.

The HMPC Board of Directors meets monthly and there is an annual membership meeting each November.

For further information about the HMPC please contact Phyllis Rubin at **845-647-7582**. 




## Hang Gliders Gift Hunt Building

by Bill Wixon

The members of the *Southern New York Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association* ("SNYHGPA"; our flying site is in Ellenville, NY), thought this year we'd like to try to do something for the community in addition to our annual contributions to the *Ellenville First Aid & Rescue Squad* and to *Cragmoor Volunteer Fire Department*. We held a raffle at our annual Christmas party and collected \$148 to donate to an Ellenville charity. We decided to donate the proceeds of our raffle to the *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee*.

Above, Phyllis Rubin, president of the *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee*, accepts donation from Ellenville-based *Southern New York Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association* president Paul Voight.

SNYHGPA contact, Paul Voight at **845-744-3317** 


## New UC Historical Society Website

The *Ulster County Historical Society* has launched its web site: [www.ulstercountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ulstercountyhistoricalsociety.org). The site features information on the *Society*, which was originally founded in 1859, as well as its headquarters, **Bevier House Museum**, begun in 1680. The site has many features, including special events, annual program, museum hours, membership information, corporate sponsors, and more.

Also on the site is a unique resource: an up-to-date list of the more than 35 historical sites and groups throughout Ulster County including links to their sites.

"Our site is intended to serve not just our members, but also tourists planning to come to Ulster County, as well as historically-minded people here and throughout the world," said *UCHS* President Phil Ryan. "And we hope it will become a favorite link for Ulster natives that want to keep in touch with their roots."

The Society's site may also be reached via: [www.bevierhousemuseum.org](http://www.bevierhousemuseum.org). The site was constructed by Hillside Application Services of Kingston.

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