

Heritage

Invitation to the Hunt Building

Community members and **Hunt Building** supporters are invited to a special presentation ceremony on the porch of the **Hunt Memorial Building** at **Liberty Square** at **1 PM on Friday, April 22nd**.

Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill of Kingston will make a special presentation to the **Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee, Inc.**, at that time. **HMPC** President Phyllis Rubin, Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan (the Village of Ellenville currently owns the **Hunt Building**), and Mary F. Sheeley will participate in the program, which is open to all.

Light refreshments will be served immediately after the program.

The Village was recently notified that the **Hunt Memorial Building** has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for state historic preservation matching grants.

The **HMPC** has intends to apply for matching grants and has begun a fund drive for the basic financing required as the community's match for such grants.

The initial goal of \$50,000 or more as Ellenville's share of the roof project is necessary to start the restoration process. The roof project will include a new roof, restoration of a stained glass window in the ceiling of the main reception room, a dome to protect the window, and reconstruction of the building's chimneys.

As a result of last month's announcement, two generous donations to the roof fund were received and acknowledged. Donations of any amount should be sent to the **Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee, Inc.**, (or **HMPC**), 716 Irish Cape Road, Ellenville, NY 12428. 🌿



Civil War Encampment, Rare Artifacts Highlight Museum Season Opening

The **Ulster County Historical Society** in cooperation with the **Ulster County Civil War Round Table** welcomes you to experience living history during the first-ever Civil War Encampment on the grounds of the **Bevier House Museum, Route 209, Marbletown, Saturday, April 16th** from **10 AM until 3 PM**. This event is **FREE** to all.

Re-enactors from the 150th New York Volunteers will set up tents, conduct military drills, and provide a personalized glimpse into the lives of Ulster County's Civil War soldiers (*photo, above*).

The Hudson Valley Ladies Aid Society, dressed in period outfits, will represent the area's civilians.

During the encampment, the **Ulster County Historical Society's Bevier House Museum** will display rare artifacts from their extensive Civil War collection. Some of the collection will be seen in public for the very first time.

The **Ulster Historical Society** was founded in 1859, largely through the efforts of State Senator George W. Pratt, a Commanding Colonel of the 20th Regiment, New York State Militia (80th NYSV); Pratt was mortally wounded in 1862 at the Second Battle of Bull Run.

The **Bevier House Museum** is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

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Rain date is Sunday, April 17th. 🌿

From the 4th of July Committee

The **4th of July Committee** would like to thank the businesses in the Village and Town that helped make our February 19th **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** such a huge success. The **Committee** raised \$1571 after all expenses were paid; this will pay for at least one band for the parade.

We would also like to thank the **Elks Lodge** in Napanoch for their generosity, and a special thanks to waiter and waitresses Sebastian Constable, Katherine Shamro, and Samantha Rue; these young people did a super job.

Remember, if you are an organization or a club and would like to be a participant in the **4th of July Parade**, please call Chair Jane Eck at **647-6560 ext 105** during the day, and 647-7141 in the evening. 🌿



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