



Cahill Pledges HMPC Help

Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill announced that he has secured a reimbursement grant for the **Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee's** roof project during a ceremony at the **Hunt Memorial Building** on April 22nd. He explained that the grant is based on the **HMPC** raising enough money to replace the roof and then submitting proof for reimbursement from the grant, to a maximum of \$50,000. Cahill commended the community for its feeling of renewal and energy, and spoke in admiring terms of the impressive appearance of the Hunt Memorial Building, even in its present need of restoration: "This place has such a spirit, a sense of community, a sense of place. Energy is manifesting itself on its streets. Ellenville is on the rise, big time."

President Phyllis Rubin opened the event by welcoming the audience of about 50 residents who broke into spontaneous applause when she talked about the **Hunt Memorial Building's** listing on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. She emphasized that the **Hunt Building** is a local treasure, and more than worthy of being restored to its original splendor: "This building is our crown jewel... a legacy to future generations. This is a community project. The **Hunt** is not just a building. It is part of our history."

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan added his hopes that the **Hunt Memorial Building** will bring new life to Ellenville when it hosts events that will encourage business and tourism.

Mary Sheeley, who serves as Government Liaison for the **HMPC Board of Directors**, presented Assemblyman Cahill with a framed certificate of appreciation, a custom-made T-shirt (photo above), and a package of **Hunt Memorial** note cards, as tokens of the day's event.

The brief ceremony was followed by light refreshments provided by the **Hunt Memorial** members, and informal conversations about future plans.

The **Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee** has already begun raising funds for the roof replacement project. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund is requested to send their donation to **HMPC, 716 Irish Cape Road, Ellenville, NY 12428**. **HMPC** is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all donations are fully deductible to the extent allowed by law. 



Mayor Kaplan addresses audience at Hunt Memorial reception

Terpening New Bevier House Director

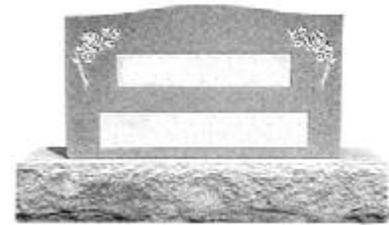
Melinda J. Terpening has been named Director of **Bevier House Museum** in Marbletown, according to an announcement by the **Ulster County Historical Society**.

Terpening has 15 years experience in museum operations. In 1991-95 she was director of the Klyne Esopus Museum in Ulster Park, in 1993-95 curator and membership coordinator for the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston and in 1996-99 site manager for Philipsburg Manor Upper Mills, Tarrytown, part of Historic Hudson Valley. Most recently she has been a public history consultant as well as an instructor in information literacy at **Ulster County Community College**, a position she will continue to hold.

"Melinda brings professional museum management expertise to **Bevier House Museum**," said Society President Phil Ryan. "We value her leadership as we continue our outreach to the local community and our efforts to promote historical tourism in the county."

A graduate of SUNY Albany, Terpening also holds a Master's in Public History from SUNY Albany. A lifelong Ulster County resident, Terpening lives in Port Ewen.

Founded in 1859, **Ulster County Historical Society** has operated **Bevier House Museum** since 1938. 



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