

Heritage

Win a "Memory Lane" Bench

The *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee* is currently exhibiting a six-foot bench (crafted out of an old, larger pew) in the **Canal Street** window of *Ellenville Florist*. The bench, re-created, decorated, and varnished by Stan Rubin from the pew, and lettered by Roger Baker, is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece, covered with scenes from yesteryear in the Town of Wawarsing: **Sam's Point**, the **Wawarsing Train Station**, **D&H Canal** scenes, **Scoresby Fire Company Club House**, the Gate at *Yama Farms*, and a class from the Greenfield Park one-room schoolhouse.

"For some, the bench is a trip down Memory Lane," said *HMPC* President Phyllis Rubin, "for others, it is a visual history lesson." Photos and other artifacts were copied from the *Ellenville Public Library & Museum* local history collection and the private collections of Mrs. Carla Decker of New Windsor, Mrs. Millie Giammichele of Napanoch, and Mr. Ralph Stedner of Cragmoor.

Stan Rubin created the bench as a fundraiser for a new roof for the **Hunt Memorial Building**. The *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee* is currently seeking donations and other funds to meet the cost of completely replacing the roof on the ninety-year-old structure as the first step in restoring this Ellenville treasure.

Raffles are being sold by *HMPC* volunteers, with the drawing scheduled to be held at the *HMPC* booth at the **Blueberry Festival** on Saturday, August 27th. Other prizes include a family portrait by area photographer Michael Gold, four pairs of crystal earrings on a vintage rack from *Top Shelf*, and a 2006 family membership to the *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee*.

Shown, photo top right, from left, at a sale of raffle tickets held at *Peters Market* in Napanoch on July 1st with the 1st prize bench, are *Committee* members Stan Rubin, Phyllis Rubin, and Steve Bradley. For additional info, and to make donations for tickets (\$5 each or 3 for \$10) contact Phyllis Rubin, *HMPC* president, at 647-7582. ☆



EHS Class of 65 Plans 40th Reunion

The *Ellenville High School Class of 1965* is planning a 40th reunion in September. All classmates have received an invitation, and many have responded. We would like to hear from the rest of the class, many of whom live locally.

We have been unable to locate Greg Bailey, Karen Brooks, Peter Davis, Allen Epple, Ed Kaczmarek, Don Marks, Art Myers, Nancy Scannell, Dave Spencer, Walt Wilson, and Mary Winder. Please contact Paul Ross, PO Box 6, Ellenville NY 12428 for information or reservations. ☆



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