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Edie and Gordon Small Land Donation



In 1972 Edie and Gordon Small purchased a Federal style house built on 17 acres of land in 1949 by Millie Mason, Arthur V.D. Chamberlain's sister. The parcel was originally part of the Arthur V.D. Chamberlain farm at the junction of Chamberlain and Taylor Roads. The house sits back from the road with a panoramic view in the back of rolling hills, an open field and a pond. The Smalls developed the pond with the help of a federal program several years ago. Edie Small's love for nature can be seen in her unusual animal sculptures displayed around the home and pool area.

Edie and Gordon have always loved the rural character of Mendon and the beauty of their land. Throughout the years they have maintained the wood-

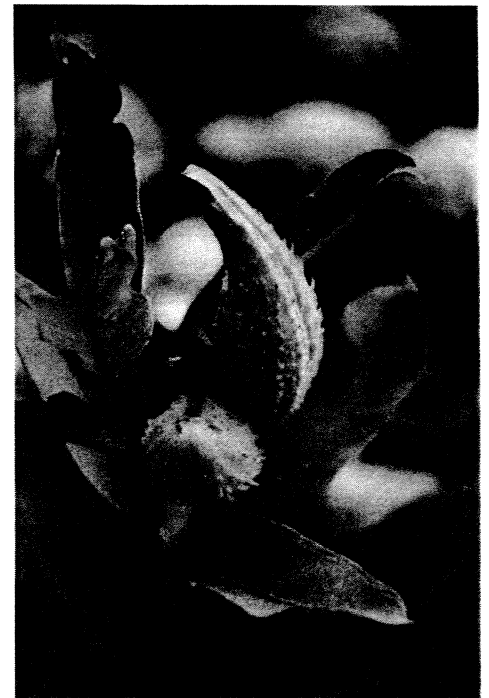


lot of hardwood trees, conifers, shrubs and wildflowers. A mowed trail leads the visitor to the back portion of the site, with wooden bridges crossing Irondequoit Creek into the wooded area and up to the open field. After much consideration the Smalls decided to donate 11.8 acres to the Mendon Foundation for perpetual care and stewardship. Approximately 8 acres with the house and pond will become part of their estate.

The Mendon Foundation is the appropriate organization to donate their land, because they knew the parcel would be preserved and conserved in perpetuity according to their wishes. This scenic 11.8 acres contains an area of conifers and hardwood trees and shrubs intertwined with paths, with the Irondequoit Creek as the boundary for the property. The open field in the back of the property is a haven for songbirds and wild life. This area is a perfect setting for the New York State Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). The planting of native grasses will attract several native songbirds to the area. It is their wish to maintain the

property as it is today and improve the open space to attract more songbirds and wildlife.

With this acquisition the Mendon Foundation now owns 148 acres of land. We are very grateful for the Small's donation and with the responsibility of stewardship of the land. Land donation provides a method for the landowner to protect, preserve and conserve the natural habitat, wildlife, vegetation and uniqueness of the property. If you are thinking about estate planning and would like to leave a legacy for future generations, you may contact the Mendon Foundation. Please call Carl Foss, President at 385-2330 or Arlene Cluff, Director and Chairman of the Open Space, Land acquisition and Stewardship Committee at 624-3182 or e-mail at ajcluff45@aol.com for further information. You may also visit our website at: www.mendonfoundationinc.org to see articles and photos of our other properties.





A path leads to the open field portion of the Small property.



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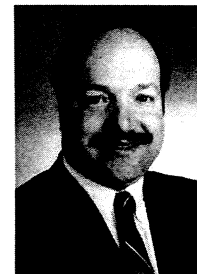
A Great Effort for Mendon Station Park

Ben Kopec (left, below) of Mendon and Carl Foss of Pittsford, have spent 2 hours each day this summer pruning, mulching, and clearing new areas for grass planting. If the park seems to shine a little brighter this fall, it's due to their hard work. Many thanks for a job well done. We deeply appreciate your dedication and community spirit.



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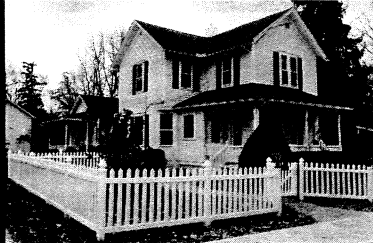
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Public Tour Scheduled for Latest Conservation Project

The Mendon Foundation is scheduling a public tour of the Gonfalon Farm Wood Duck and Nature Preserve on Sept. 27th at 10 A.M. Farm owners Tim Pryor and Ellen Hickory Smith entered into a permanent conservation easement with the federal government, dedicating 12 acres of their land, located at 888 Pittsford Mendon Center Rd., for duck habitat.

Years ago, the land was used for celery and onion farming, but had become a mono-culture of cattails with no open water, except for old drainage ditches that were used when the farm was active.

When Tim and Ellen bought the farm in 1999, they had the "20-year plan," according to Ellen. "We knew what had to be done. We knew the wildlife needed open water, but we did not know how we were going to pay for the ponds to be dug. We did not know the first step in starting the permitting process. We thought that we would slowly try to rehab small portions, and perhaps we would have the project completed in 20 years."

But at a Mendon Foundation dinner in Spring of 2000, Tim and Ellen learned of the government program sponsored through the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that pays landowners to restore farmed- and previously-farmed wetlands to animal habitat. "I called the next day to schedule an appointment. It was a win-win situation," Ellen said. "We could get the ponds

built to specifications for wildlife enhancement, we would still own the land, and we would not have to pay for the pond construction."

JoBeth Bellanca of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service designed the project and took care of all the permits and paperwork. "All we had to do was add our signatures," Ellen explained.

In return, Tim and Ellen signed a permanent conservation easement with the government. "We still own the land. We still control access. We can allow hunting and fishing if we would like to do that. As part of the permit, we are allowed to build a boardwalk through the site," Ellen explained.

For nine days in July, John Dates of Dates Construction, dug ponds with irregular berms and connecting waterways, creating the perfect water habitat for wood ducks.

But it just isn't just the pond design that makes the perfect habitat for these seldom-seen ducks. The habitat of the surrounding land is equally important.

Wood ducks prefer heavily forested wetlands that are high in tree species diversity. They nest in open cavities within the forests that surrounds the wetlands. They will also nest in artificial nesting boxes in deciduous woodlands in close proximity to open water.

Wood ducks also need at least 10 acres of wetland in a contiguous unit, or in isolated parcels separated by no more than 100 feet of upland, in close proximity to nesting habitat to support brood rearing -- which is what the Gonfalon Farm parcel offers.

Food for young birds and adults differs dramatically. The early diet of ducklings consists

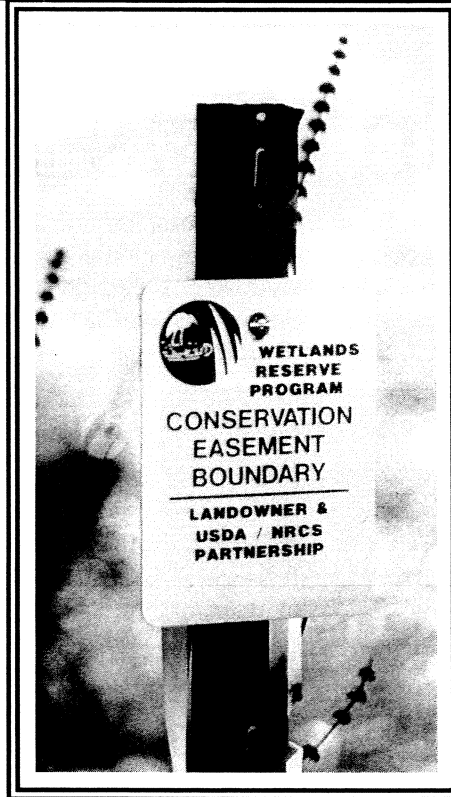
(Public Tour continued)

largely of insects, aquatic invertebrates, small fish, and other high-protein animal material. After six weeks of age, the young switch to plant foods until their diet consists of approximately 90% vegetative material, primarily aquatic plants such as algae, watermeal, water-shield, sago pondweed, and duckweed.

Adult wood ducks feed on a variety of nuts and fruits, aquatic plants and seeds, and aquatic insects and other invertebrates. Insects and aquatic invertebrates are particularly important food items of adult hens during egg laying in spring.

Acorns, hickory nuts and seeds of sweet gum, buttonbush, arrowarum and burreed are common fall and winter foods. While many of these food sources are available on the 12 acre parcel donated by Tim and Ellen, the couple is also planting additional plant food sources as well as patches of wildflowers suitable for butterflies and hummingbirds.

According to the federal government, the largest threat to the future of the wood duck is the



continued loss of habitat. By restoring these old celery and onion fields back into a functioning freshwater wetland, Tim and Ellen are assisting in the continued success of wood ducks.

By all accounts, the Gonfalon Farm site is a stunning transformation. Within days of the first pond being built, frogs were hopping in and out of the water. Dragonflies were everywhere, and

in the evening swallows were swooping over the water catching bugs. Birds were at the pond edges drinking water that was not available only a few days before.

The Sept. 27th tour will be led by Jo Beth Bellanca of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. She will be available to answer questions on the USDA conservation program for interested landowners, and packets of information and applications will be available. If you would like to tour the site on Sept. 27th, please make your reservation with the Mendon Foundation by calling 234-8730. Refreshments will be served.

What: Gonfalon Farm Wood Duck and Nature Preserve Tour

Where: 888 Pittsford Mendon Center Rd., Mendon

When: September 27th

Time: 10 A.M.



Ellen Smith and a view of one of the newly created ponds on the Smith property.

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- * Dunk Tank & Rock Climbing Wall
- * Big John's Games
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- * Treasured Treasures (Jewelry)
- * Keuka Studio (metal & wood art)
- * Created by Nature-Designed by Scott

VENDORS:

- * Crazy Sacks
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JUMPING BEANS
MOON WALK

Preferred Photography will take photos both days all day @ pony rides and Crazy Sacks. Photos will be printed and framed on site.

September 20-21, 2003

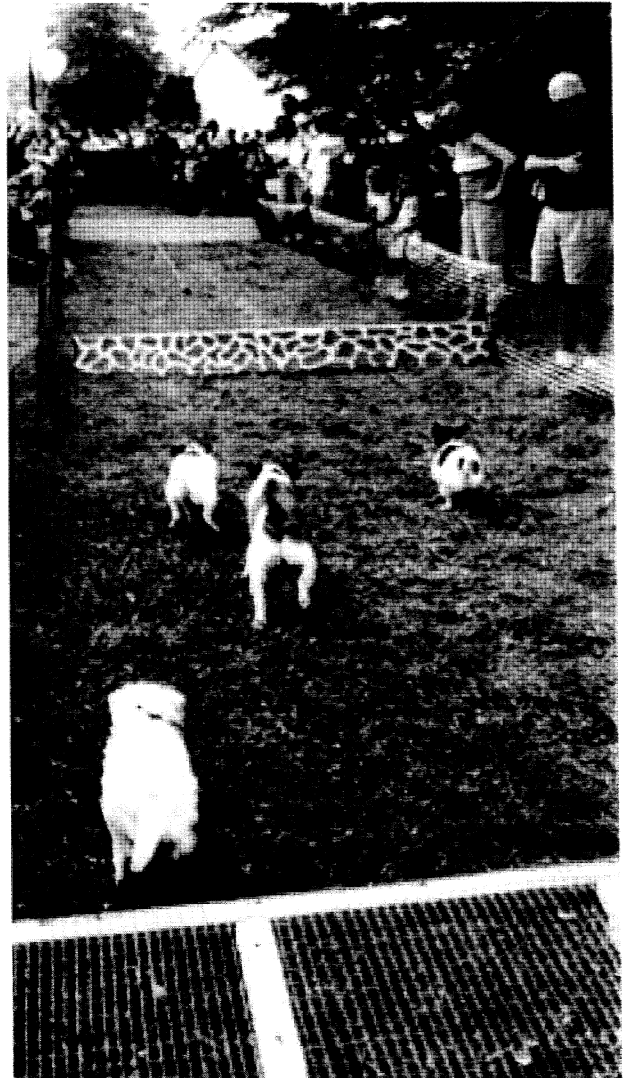
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Over \$5000 in prizes will be handed out to the winners! A unique feature of this raffle is that each and every ticket may be redeemed at Bruegger's Bagel Bakery for a dozen bagels.

The efforts of the organizing committee, numerous volunteers, and the generous support of our many sponsors resulted in a very successful event.

Prizes and sponsors are:

A week for 2 with airfare to Bluebeard's Castle in St, Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

\$1000 shopping spree at Honeoye Falls Market Place and Mendon Meadows Market.

\$400 gift certificate to Mendon Village Commons stores.

\$300 services and/or accessories at Molye Chevrolet, Oldsmobile & Buick.

\$200 gift certificate at participating Mendon Square Office Park businesses.

Friday night dinner for 2 at Lou's Cottage Hotel.

\$100 Growler Club Membership at Custom Brewcrafters.

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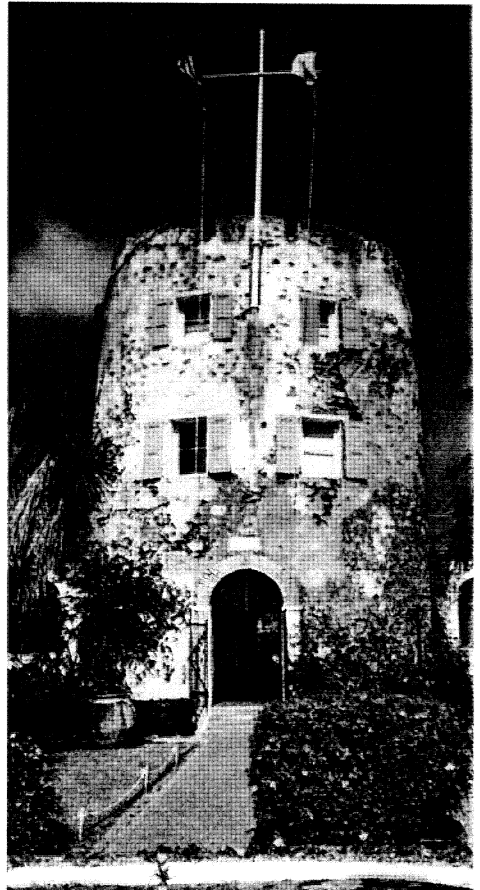
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Prices:

All 5x8" pots - 1 plant for \$10.00 plus \$.50 deposit for each container.

Orders may be paid by check **PAYABLE TO MENDON FOUNDATION** and should be sent to: **Mendon Foundation P.O. Box 231, Mendon, NY 14506 no later than September 18th, 2003.**

Anyone who becomes a new or renewing member will receive either a **FREE RED OAK, PIN OAK** or a Mendon Foundation **WATER BOTTLE**.

Orders may be picked up Sunday, September 21st at the Mendon Arts Festival at Mendon Station Park from 12 Noon to 5PM. If you have questions or are unable to pick up your order that day, please contact Arlene Cluff @624-3182 or email : AJCLUFF@AOL.COM. If you wish a refund on the containers, arrangements will be made at pickup.

Limited quantities of additional rare and unusual plants not on the list will be for sale both days of the Mendon Arts Festival at Mendon Station Park.

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If you do not wish to purchase plants for your property, contributions for shrubs will be accepted. The Mendon Foundation's Sibleyville Nature Reserve is presently developing a nat-

ural habitat for wildlife. Chokeberry and Pagoda dogwood shrubs will be planted along the steep slopes of the property. Your donation will be used for the purchase of the shrubs.



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Eagle Scout Project Builds Mendon Station Park Steps.

We are very pleased Pat Kelly selected building the stairway to the retention pond as his Eagle Scout project. He and the other scouts and fathers listed below spent many hot and humid hours digging into the hillside and constructing the stairs from 6" x 6" timbers. Their perseverance under adverse conditions is in the best scouting tradition. Our thanks and deep appreciation goes to all who helped complete this important project, which connects the park to the office, mall, and residential areas above the park.

Participants included: Joe Cutter, Chris Beckman, Ben Belt, Matt Yates, Danny Yates, Killian Neu, Andy Nitschke, Alec Greaves-Tunnel, Rob Parker, Ben Parker, Alex Hummel, Spenser Hummel, Abe Reinhart, Kyle Jozefsk, Nick Allwell, Zach Ellingham, David Miller, Christian Conrose, Garrett Magee, George Shebert, Mike Kelly, Ray Kelly, John Kelly, Maura Kelly, and Warren Wallace.

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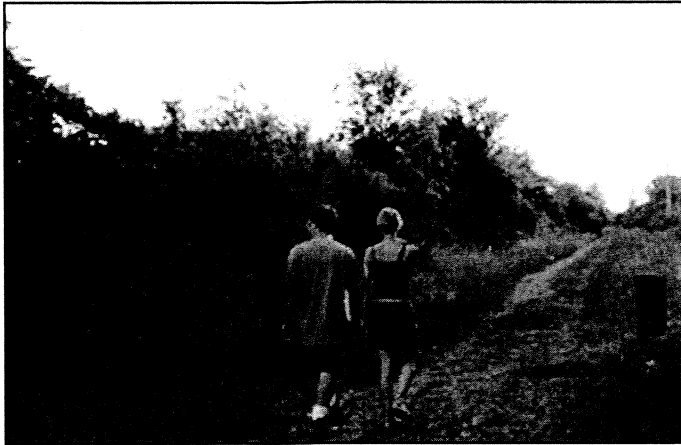
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Trail Update



Summer 2002: A view of the Lehigh Valley Trail from Mile Square Road looking West.



Summer 2003: A similar view of the trail showing the newly cleared trail in preparation for grading and construction.

During the Summer and Fall of 2003 significant progress on the 15 mile Lehigh Valley Trail is very evident. By next year at this time, the completed trail will bring hiking and biking enthusiasts from far and near. Grubbing and clearing of the trail is nearly complete as seen in the photo above.

Mendon Station Park will be definitely be a destination as well as a rest stop on the Rochester area's 400 miles of existing trails.

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