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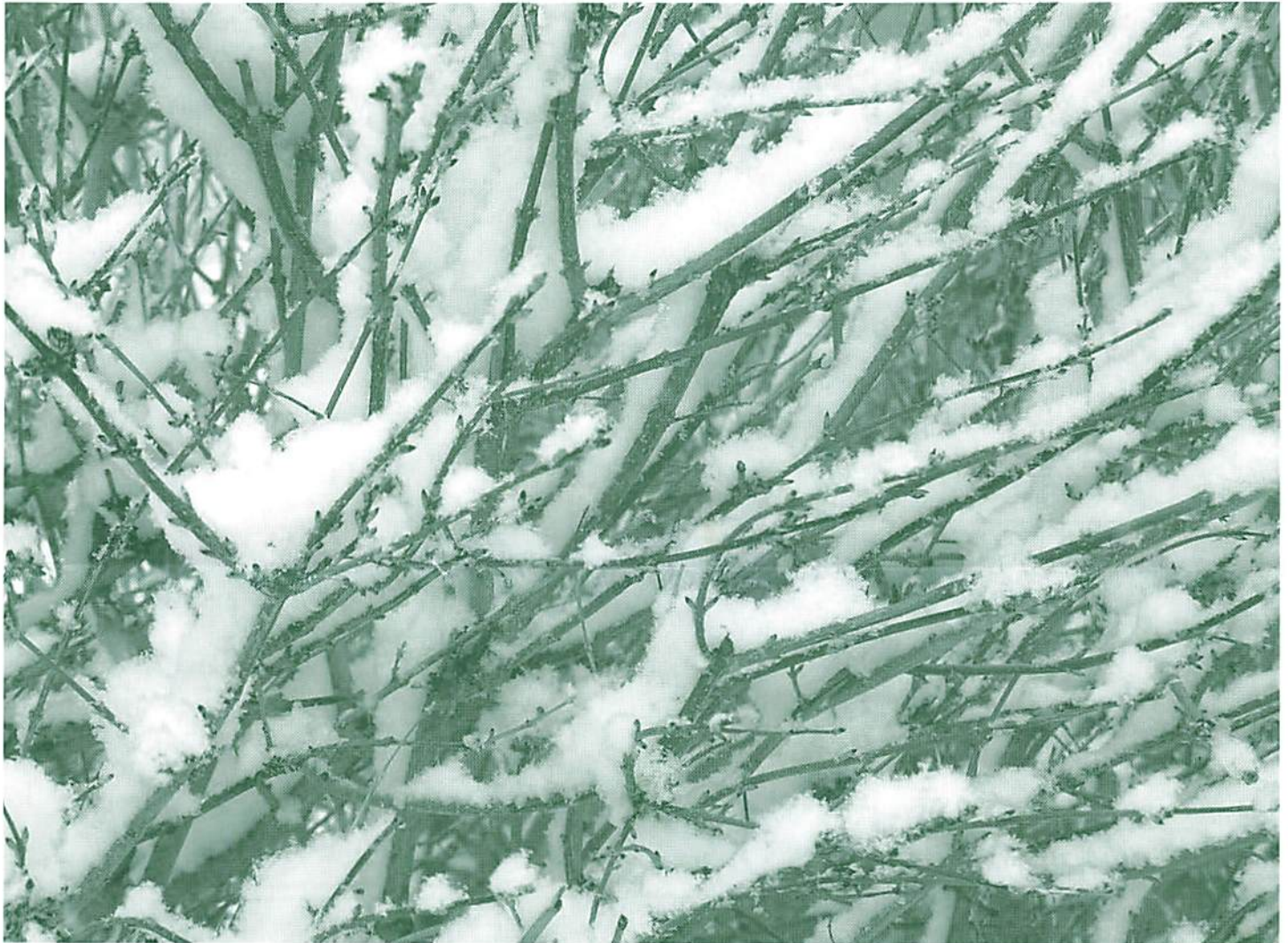
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*Trees and shrubs provide food and shelter for wildlife, and add beauty and value to your property.
Look inside for the Mendon Foundation Native Tree and Shrub Sale Order Form.*

Photo by John Buck

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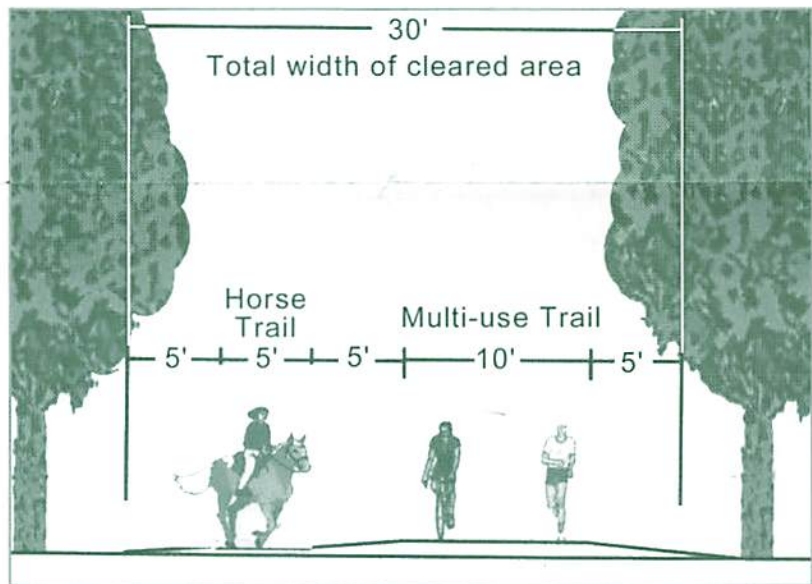
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Spring is here and completion of the trail work is underway.

In a week or two, yellow gates will be installed on the Trail at each road crossing in Mendon. In addition, boulders and ballards will be added across the full width of the Trail, as needed. The Gates will provide access for emergency and maintenance vehicles, the only vehicles permitted on the Trail. Gate installation for Rush intersections are planned for later

this summer.

The bridge work is scheduled to be completed in June. After the Rush - Mendon Highway Departments complete the rough grading and drainage improvements, they will lay down the cinder for the multi-use trail, followed by the two-inch thick stone dust surface. General cleanup, sign installation and hydro-seeding will complete the project. We hope to have the official Trail opening this coming Fall.



As shown in the cross-section above, the east-west portion of the Trail between the Victor town line and the Genesee River consists of two parallel trails.

The trail design, left to right, consists of:

- a. A 5' wide shoulder of rough grass.
- b. A 5' rough grass Horse Trail.
- c. 5' of mowed grass separation between the trails.
- d. A 10' wide Multi-use trail, surfaced with stone dust.
- e. A 5' shoulder of mowed grass.

Both trails are raised, with slightly sloping shoulders, to provide for improved drainage.

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First Trail Related Business Opens in Hamlet



The Mendon Cycle Smith, located in the Mendon Village Commons, opened for business on April 1st. Owner Craig Smith brings 20 years of experience in the biking business to Mendon and the Lehigh Valley Trail. Craig grew up in the area and presently lives in Ionia. He spent over 6 years working on bikes and skis at Lake Placid, before putting in 8 years at Park Avenue Bike Shop, most recently, as its Service Manager.

The new Mendon shop will offer:

- Complete service on bicycles and skis.
- Used and consignment bikes for sale.
- Custom built bikes.
- Rentals, for use in the community and on the Trail.

Several trail studies suggest that 65% to 75% of those using the Lehigh

Valley Trail will be bicyclists. A bike shop, featuring both rentals and repair services and located only a few steps from the trail, is a valuable addition, benefiting both trail users and the community.

The Mendon Foundation would like to welcome The Mendon Cycle Smith to the community and wish Craig the best in his new endeavor.

We believe that this is only the first of several new businesses that will be attracted to the area as the Lehigh Valley Trail continues to develop.



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Craig Smith in his new bike shop at Mendon Village Commons.

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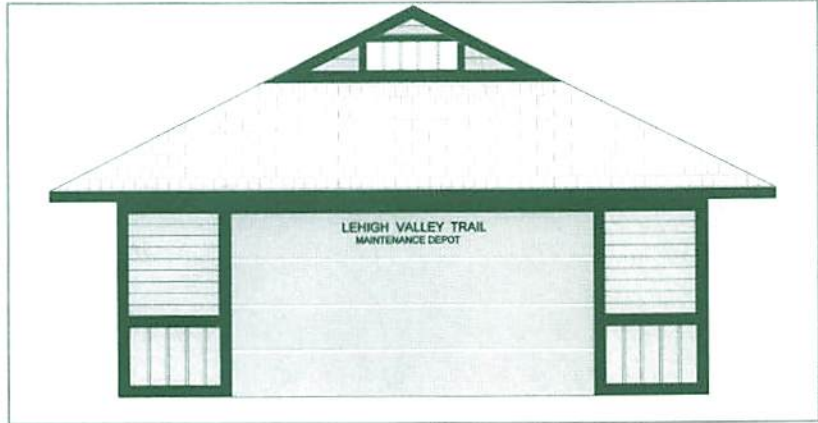
Construction to Begin On Storage Building for Maintenance Equipment.

At a public meeting held on February 26, the Mendon Foundation, having received tentative approval from the Monroe County, presented plans for a 26'x 26' Lehigh Valley Trail maintenance equipment storage building. On March 10, the Foundation also met with the Mendon Planning Board, giving them a progress update on both the Trail and building. Construction is now scheduled to start later this month. Located between the trail and the south-west corner of the RG&E substation #115, the building will be home to the Foundation's new Kubota 34 hp. tractor, bush-hog, mower and other trail related equipment.

The building's design is reminiscent of the old Mendon station, incorporating such features as a modified hip roof with windows in the gable ends, a large roof overhang, and side trim design similar to that of the station. The building sides will be stained light green

with dark green trim and the roof will have gray-green architectural shingles. We in Mendon are very fortunate to have local people who are willing to give generously of their time and talent to benefit the community. Tim Schiefen has been the volunteer coordinator for this project, as well as providing some of the building material. In addition to Tim's contribution, architect George Baker donated the design and

plans, John Hastings has agreed to dig the footings; Corry Gates offered to build the structure, as well as supply some materials, and Don Brault has volunteered to do the shingling. Also, several local residents have offered to stain the building when it is completed. The Foundation would like to extend its deep appreciation to all those who are helping to create this community asset, at no expense to the tax payers.



It Takes Equipment to Maintain a Trail

With the Lehigh Valley Trail scheduled for completion this year, the Foundation has spent the winter working on identifying, and securing funding for, the necessary equipment, with which, to fulfill it's trail maintenance obligations.

To date we have raised \$15,300 from two grants, three individual gifts and the trade-in value of our old tractor. In addition we have two grant applications outstanding which total \$13,300 and we have received contractor and volunteer labor commitments estimated to exceed \$18,000.

These commitments will allow the Foundation to:

- Build a 26'x26' Maintenance Equipment Storage Building.
- Upgrade to a two year old, 34 hp, Kubota Tractor and 5' bush hog.
- Acquire a Ferris or equivalent commercial mower.

There are however, a number of smaller items still needed.

Although we have made great strides over the past winter in securing the major pieces of equipment to maintain the trail, there are still a number of smaller items that are needed.

These include the following:

#	Item	Make
1	Utility vehicle	John Deere or equivalent
1	Grass whip	Stihl or Ehco
1	Back-pack blower	Stihl or Ehco
2	Long handle shovels	
2	Spades	
2	Steel rakes	
1	Wheelbarrow	
2	Pickaxe	
1	Spring steel rakes	

Your help in securing any of these items would be most appreciated.

Monetary gifts should be designated "for tools" and sent to the Mendon Foundation, P.O. Box 231, Mendon, NY 14506. For gifts of new or used tools (in good condition) please call Warren Wallace at 624-5754 or e-mail to warrfoote@aol.com, to arrange for pickup.

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It was a cold and blustery day in the 100 acre woods, but wait, that's another story.

Photo by Warren Wallace

Cub Scouts clean-up.

April 4th was a cold and blustery day, when the Cub Scouts, of Pack 105, and their parents spent the afternoon clearing the hill in Mendon Station Park. Over the next few weeks, top soil will be added, and about 1000 pachysandra plants will be planted, providing ground cover under the trees. The Foundation would like to express its appreciation to Pack 105 which, for the second year in a row, has helped in the development of the Park.

Rochester Junction



The Lehigh Valley Committee is asking all you Honeoye Falls or Lehigh Valley Railroad history buffs to help locate some photos. The Committee is considering undertaking the restoration of the gardens that were located at the Rochester Junction Station on the Lehigh Valley Trail. Paul Worboys and Diane Ham

have given us some information. We would like to plant some of the original flowers or shrubs that were there in its heyday. Please call or e-mail Arlene Cluff @ 624-3182 or ajcluff45@aol.com or Warren Wallace @ 624-5754 or warrfoote@aol.com. Thank you for your help.

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The 2nd Annual Mendon Foundation "Ticket to Paradise" Raffle Gets Underway.

Last year's successful "Ticket to Paradise" sales brought thousands of dollars in prizes to winners and raised several thousands of dollars for the Mendon Foundation. All proceeds fund recreational commitments, namely ongoing development, construction and maintenance of the Lehigh Valley Trail and Mendon Station Park.

This year's raffle will be even better with bigger prizes. The Grand prize will again be a "Ticket to Paradise" with resort accommodations and air fare for two. The second prize will be a \$1,000 Shopping Spree at Honeoye Falls Market Place or Mendon Meadows Market.

The more tickets you buy, the more you win.

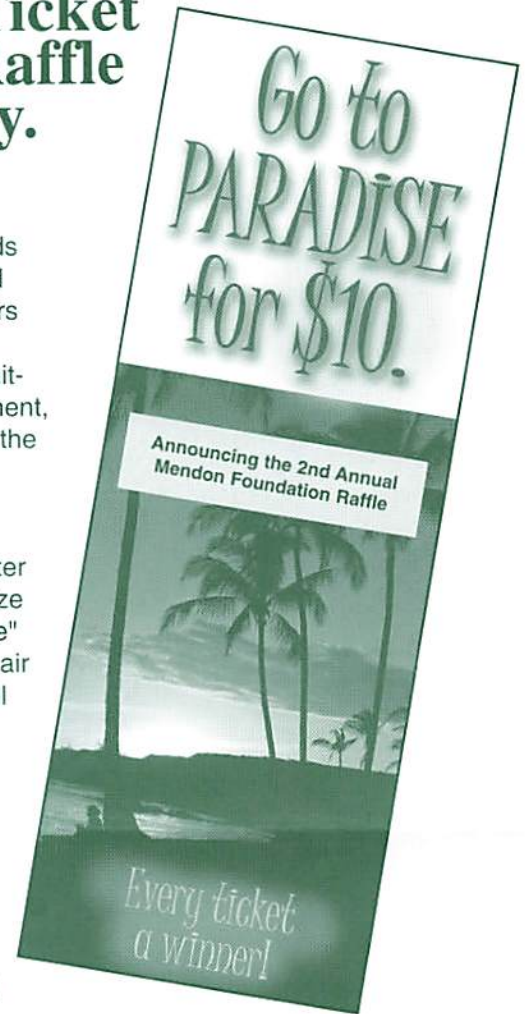
Additionally there will be several new prizes totaling several thousand dollars. **Every ticket again will be a winner.** Your ticket entitles you to a dozen free bagels from Breugger's. There is a possibility of more free choices for ticket holders.

Proceeds will benefit the development and maintenance of the Lehigh Valley Trail and Mendon Station Park.

Prize drawings will be held on Sunday, September 19th, at 5:00 PM in the Mendon Station Park at the end of the Mendon Arts Festival.

The Mendon Foundation will be selling raffle tickets at Honeoye-Falls Marketplace Market, Mendon Meadows Market and participating businesses throughout Honeoye Falls and Mendon.

The Mendon Foundation Board is looking forward to another successful



raffle with the support of the Mendon-Honeoye Falls community.

Tickets may also be purchased at:

Mendon Fireman's Carnival June 3rd, 4th, & 5th during Carnival hours.

Honeoye Falls Village Days June 19th and June 20th during Village Day hours.

Visit our Mendon Foundation Tent to purchase your tickets.

Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets. Please call John Farrell at 624-5914 or Arlene Cluff at 624-3182 or e-mail ajcluff45@aol.com if you would like to give a few hours of your time for a good cause.

Your help is much appreciated!

NATIVE TREE & SHRUB SALE

The Open Space, Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee is promoting a native tree and shrub sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Mendon Foundation's preservation and conservation of open space, land acquisition, conservation easement and stewardship programs. Here is a perfect way to support the Mendon Foundation, preserving open space while enhancing your property with native species. Natural landscaping and woodland gardening is a way for you to protect your backyard environment and improve wildlife habitat. The trees and shrubs are native to the region and will survive and thrive in natural areas. Seedlings in 5x8" tree bands are 2 to 3 year old transplants, measuring from 12 to 36 inches.

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Redbud	5x8"	\$10.00		
Silky Dogwood	5x8"	\$10.00		
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White Pine	5x8"	\$10.00		
Bald Cypress	5x8"	\$10.00		
Blue Spruce	5x8"	\$10.00		
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Winterberry	5x8"	\$10.00		
Sweet Shrub	5x8"	\$10.00		
Spice Bush	5x8"	\$10.00		
Serviceberry	5x8"	\$10.00		
Flowering Dogwood	5x8"	\$10.00		
Cranberry Bush Viburnum	5x8"	\$10.00		

pickup. Free professional landscape consultation for orders over \$100 upon request.

If you do not wish to purchase plants for your property, contributions for shrubs will be accepted. The Mendon Foundation's Mendon Station Park is presently developing a natural habitat for wildlife. Various native trees and shrubs will be planted along the steep slopes of the property. Your

donation will be used for the purchase of the plants.

PLEASE NOTE: 50% OF YOUR PURCHASE MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. A SIGNED LETTER STATING YOUR TAX DEDUCTION FROM THE TREASURER OF THE MENDON FOUNDATION WILL BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS WITHOUT AN ORDER AND MEMBERSHIPS ARE A 100% TAX DEDUCTION.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Over the past 11 years, the Mendon Foundation has continued to increase its membership at a rapid rate. Land donations have increased; the Lehigh Valley Trail and Mendon Station Park development is becoming reality; fundraising has become a major undertaking. As a result of all this growth, the Board of Directors need help from you the members. Several committees have been established and volunteer time, talent and help is needed.

The Open Space, Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee manages all the Foundation's parcels. Some current projects include developing a data base to document all the demographics of our properties; working with the USDA's Natural Resources



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Chairman: Arlene Cluff, 624-3182 or ajcluff45@aol.com.

The Lehigh Valley Trail Committee manages the agreement with the Monroe County Parks Department for the development and maintenance of the Trail. Monthly meetings are held as work progresses for the Grand Opening. **Chairman: Dick Dehm, 624-4466 or dsdehm@rochester.rr.com.**

Mendon Station Park Committee is in the process of developing and implementing plans for the Park. Volunteers are needed for maintenance, planting of native trees, shrubs and groundcovers, application of grants and other building projects. The annual Mendon Arts Festival in September takes place in the Park. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month @ 8:00 AM.

Chairman: Warren Wallace, 624-5754 or warrfoote@aol.com.

Fundraising and Membership Committee develops projects and strategic planning for fundraising programs. The Bluebeard's Castle "Trip to Paradise" raffle is the foundation's major current fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to help solicit sponsors, ticket sellers, organize printing of tickets and

posters and coordinate ticket sales. Events sponsored by the Mendon Foundation for the Mendon Arts Festival are also a source of revenue.

Charitable contributions are the major means of acquiring money to keep the Mendon Foundation viable. Anyone who has fundraising experience and would like to donate their time and expertise would be an asset to this committee.

Membership has increased over the past couple of years. However, marketing strategies need to be developed and implemented to continue to membership growth. Meetings are held on as needed basis.

Chairman: John Farrell, 233-0094 or jmfarrell1@mmm.com.

Communications Committee publishes and distributes the newsletter and updates the web site. Anyone who is interested in writing or has experience in editing or web mastering should volunteer for this committee. Meetings are held on as needed basis.

Chairman: John Buck, 624-5525 or johnbuck@rochester.rr.com

This gives an overview of all the committees and their functions. We know our members are interested in the Foundation because of the response we've had from the newsletter and web site. Any time or talent you can give will be appreciated. Here is a way to give back to your community and continue to support the Mendon Foundation's goals for the future of Mendon.



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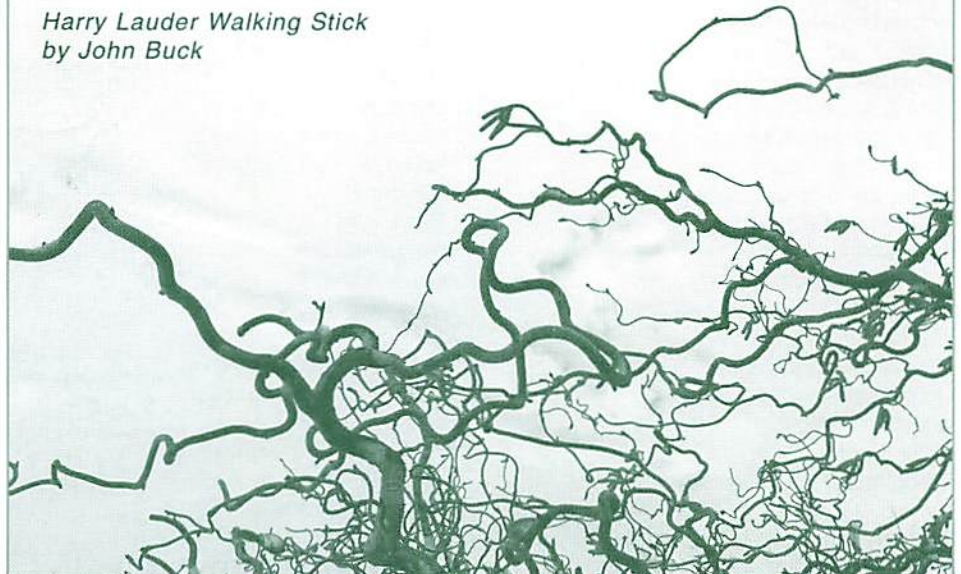
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On October 7, 2003 the Town of Mendon lost one of its long time residents. Jack Krebs loved the outdoors...Mendon's open spaces and woods, the Springwater tree farm, the Adirondack Mountains and Sanibel Island. He was his happiest hiking through the woods or hunting with his dog Annie. A retiree from Eastman Kodak, Jack turned his love of the outdoors into a rewarding hobby. In 1991 he became a certified NYS Master Forest Owner at Cornell University. Jack used this skill to manage his own tree farm of 430 acres in Springwater, NY and to evaluate forests and woodlots of private landowners. As a result of his innovative program on his property, he became 1994 NYS Tree Farmer of the Year. This tree farm is now under conservation easement under the stewardship of the Finger Lakes Land Trust.

Jack served on the Town of Mendon Conservation Board for 8 years as the expert in tree management and harvesting. Recently, Jack has been an active member on the Mendon Foundation's Open Space, Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee. He worked tirelessly until his untimely passing in developing a conservation easement program for the Foundation. Jack also evaluated and recommended sound tree management advice for all the parcels owned by the Mendon Foundation.

We will always be grateful for the many contributions he made to the Mendon Foundation and the Town of Mendon. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Mendon Foundation in memory of Jack may do so at PO Box 231, Mendon, NY 14506-0231.

*Harry Lauder Walking Stick
by John Buck*



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An update on the Old Oak Tree on 15A.

To date, 35 contributions have been received ranging from \$5 to \$100. Including a special contribution from the Mendon Foundation, of \$250, we now have \$950 to devote to saving this magnificent specimen.

This Spring, High Falls Tree Service will remove dead branches, correctively prune, and raise the bottom of the crown overhanging Rt. 15A. This will require a bucket-equipped truck and traffic control.


We have enlisted the expertise of Dr. Daniel F. Marion, a tree pathologist and professor in Tree and Ornamental Plant Health at SUNY. Dr. Marion's current assessment is the tree has a bright and healthy future with proper care. His plan includes a thorough check of the levels of road salt in root area soil and any infections the tree may have, including inspection of a seam in the main trunk. He will also encourage bark closure where needed.

We will have more information in our next newsletter. Keep those contributions coming!

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