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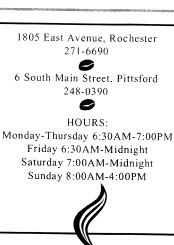
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There will be fun for all ages at this year's bigger and better than ever Mendon Arts Festival on September 18-19. See inside for a schedule of this year's events.

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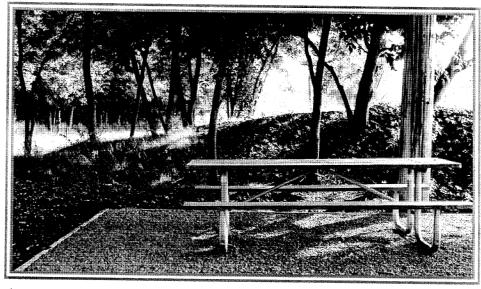
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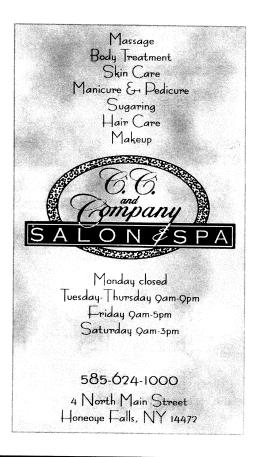
A pretty plce for a picnic at Mendon Sation Park

### Happy Trails & A Pretty Park

After a very wet spring, work on the Lehigh Valley Trail and Mendon Station Park has resumed and is progressing:

- 1. Bridge and trail work by RUC to be completed by late August. Bridge #1 to be ready by mid August.
- 2. Steve King and Bud Smiths' crews have been working on trail grading and drainage improvements along the East-West trail. Cross culverts are poured and drying out.
- 3. Cinder placement is underway, with stone dust, boulders and horse mounting blocks to follow. Town trail work scheduled to be completed by mid September.
- 4. RG&E has installed lights in the park.
- 5. 2 new donated benches will be installed this Fall.
- 6. A picnic table area has been leveled on the East end of the park.

- 7. George Baker is drafting plans for park signage.
- 8. Volunteers will soon begin construction of the maintenance building.



### Help Us With The 2nd Annual Mendon Foundation "Ticket to Paradise" Raffle.

by John Farrell

**The Who:** The Mendon Foundation and the many generous prize sponsors. See the Prize List for individual 2004 Bluebeard's Castle Raffle sponsors.

The What: An annual fundraiser with 100% of monies dedicated to the ongoing development and maintenance of the Lehigh Valley Trail (LVT.) Take a good look at the road crossings. The eastern portion of the trail is already laid down. The raffle is improved too: there are 11 prizes this year vs.14 last year, (down 30%), yet a net 19% increase in total value of our prizes thanks to the generosity of our sponsors!

**The When:** Right now! Winners to be drawn on Sunday, September 19th, 5PM at the Mendon Arts Festival in Mendon Station Park.

The Where: Tickets are available from any Director of the Foundation. See the newsletter masthead for names and phone numbers. Tickets are sold weekends at Honeoye Falls Market Place or Mendon Meadows Market Place grocery stores. Ticket calls to our answering machine 624-8730 will be returned promptly. More ticket outlets:

Honeoye Falls: Hair Designer and Tan & Nails
Mendon: Canandaigua National
Bank, Golden Lynx and Hair & Hound

The Why: The trail now is an every-day project for a construction team from the Rush and Mendon highway departments. Front-end loaders, dump trucks, a road grader and the stone-dust paver are transforming a sometimes muddy and always rocky path into a smooth family friendly linear trail.

The Winners: Every ticket wins! Auburn Creek Golf Range offers ALL TICKET HOLDERS a free round on their new miniature golf course or hit a bucket of balls free! Next, every ticket owner can pick either the free Buckman's car wash or a free medium Mark's cheese pizza on Assembly Drive in Mendon. Tickets are worth more than what you paid with the two free offerings.

The End: In simple language, we need money to build the best trail possible. We have a new garden, new benches, improved lighting, a new picnic grove and the cupola for the picnic pavilion. The list goes on, but the budget is tight, very tight, so I'll close with a request that you go buy a ticket or ten and consider volunteering for sales. Government just does so much. If you, we, us want more, then "we the people" must do it for ourselves. So let's just do it, together.

### PRIZE LIST:

**Grand Prize:** Airfare & Condo for 1 week at Bluebeard's Castle in St. Thomas

### **Sponsor Prizes:**

\$1000 shopping spree at H-F Market Place or Mendon Meadows Market

\$500 shopping spree at **Mendon Village Common** (participating stores)

\$500 max for 4 tires at **Tire World** in Webster \$300 24 speed bike from **Towner's Bike** 

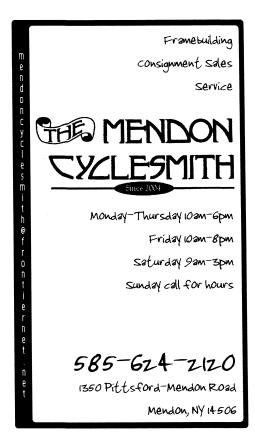
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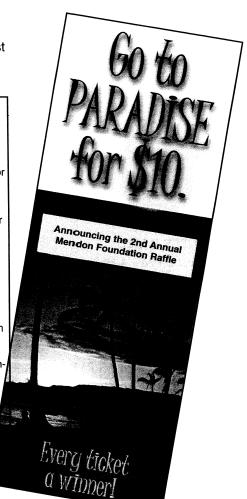
### Restaurant & Entertainment Packages:

Mario's Via Abruzzi-\$100 certificate, 2 RPO tickets & wine sampler package from Fox Run Vineyards

Joe's Mendon House gift certificate for \$50, 4 tickets to Garth Fagan Dance & a wine sampler package from Casa Larga Vineyards Champs \$50 gift certificate, 2 GEVA tickets, & \$50 gift certificate to Gander Mountain Tom Wahl's \$100 gift certificate, 4 one day passes to Seabreeze Park

Auburn Creek Driving Range & Mini Golf \$120 gift certificate





## THE MENDON ARTS FESTIVAL

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:**

MENDON EXPRESS YOURSELF DISPLAY: 10 AM - 5PM

ARTISTS AND CRAFT VENDORS 10 AM - 5 PM

HANDCRAFTED, UNIQUE AMISH FURNITURE SALE AND AUCTION: 10 AM - 5PM

KARATE DEMONSTRATION (Park Stage): 11 AM - 12 NOON

MENDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR (Park Stage): 12 NOON - 1 PM

FEVER PITCH - BARBERSHOP QUARTET (Roaming): 12 NOON - 4 PM

JACK RUSSELL "MENDON CUP" TERRIER RACES: 1 PM - 2 PM

COMMUNITY BAND (Park Stage): 2 PM - 4 PM

JIM SCHLEICH TRIO (Folk Music @ Chicken Barbeque): 1 PM - 4PM

PONY RIDES: 11 AM - 3 PM

HORSE DRAWN TROLLEY RIDE: 12 N - 4 PM

ROSCOE THE COURT JESTER CLOWN: 10:30 AM - 4 PM

MINIATURE TRAIN RIDE: 10 AM - 5 PM

ROCK VENTURES CLIMBING WALL: 10 AM - 5 PM

BLUE APPLE INFLATABLE CHALLENGES: 10 AM - 5 PM

MASONIC CHILD ID VIDEO

FACE PAINTER ( MENDON STATION PARK)

GAMES OF SKILL (MENDON STATION PARK): 11AM - 4:30 PM

CRAZY SACKS: 10 AM - 5 PM

BASEBALL THROW & DUNKING TANK: 10 AM - 5 PM

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:**

MENDON EXPRESS YOURSELF DISPLAY: 12 - 5PM -- PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD @ 5 PM

1ST ANNUAL PET PARADE MENDON STATION PARK: 1 PM

40 ARTISTS AND CRAFT VENDORS: 12 N - 5PM

HANDCRAFTED, UNIQUE AMISH FURNITURE SALE AND AUCTION: 12N - 5 PM

YOUNG IRISH DANCE GROUP (PARK STAGE): 12 NOON - 1 PM

LEHIGH STATION BONES (Park Stage) 1 PM - 2 PM

JACK RUSSELL "MENDON CUP" TERRIER RACES:

(Mendon Station Park) 2 PM - 3 PM

JIM SCHLEICH TRIO (Folk Music @ Chicken Barbeque): 1 PM - 4PM

PONY RIDES: 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

HORSE DRAWN TROLLEY RIDE: 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

MR. BEAU THE CLOWN: 12:30 PM- 4:30 PM

MINIATURE TRAIN RIDE: 12 N - 5 PM

ROCK VENTURES CLIMBING WALL: 12 N - 5 PM

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BASEBALL THROW & DUNKING TANK: 12N - 5 PM

### BLUEBEARD RAFFLE DRAWING

MENDON STATION PARK: 5 PM

MENDON ARTS FESTIVAL RAFFLE DRAWING -

MENDON STATION PARK: 5 PM

### Third Annual Mendon Arts Festival

Saturday, September 18, 2004 & Sunday, September 19, 2004

Hamlet of Mendon and Mendon Station Park

Rts. 251 and 64 in the Town of Mendon

The Mendon Business Association is the proud sponsor of the Third Annual Mendon Arts Festival. This family-oriented event will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM and Sunday, September 19th from 12 Noon - 05:00 PM. The Mendon Foundation and several local businesses also sponsor and subsidize the event. The venues for the various activities will be scattered throughout the Hamlet of Mendon and Mendon Station Park. The organizing committee has worked diligently to provide a true Americana family experience in this year's festival.







A new event on Sunday at 1 PM will be the first annual Pet Parade, where people can dress up their pets and parade them for all to see at Mendon Station Park. Prizes will be awarded.

Continuous musical and dance groups at Center Stage in Mendon Station Park and throughout the festival site will entertain all ages.

### Other highlights:

Jack Russell Terrier races for the "Mendon Cup".

Horse drawn wagon rides, dog and cat adoptions, Letchworth State Park Animal Show, and Wild Wings bird show.

Masonic Child ID video program.

A native tree, shrub and fall bulb sale.

Local restaurants and vendors will offer a wide variety of food for every taste and diet

The proceeds of the Festival will benefit the beautification of the Hamlet of Mendon and the development of the Mendon Station Park.

Admission is free with plenty of free parking and rest room facilities. Plan to bring the entire family and visit quaint Mendon for a fun filled, exciting country weekend.

For any questions and more information please contact the following people:
Arlene Cluff, Festival Chairman at 624-3182 or e-mail @ ajcluff45@aol.com,
Warren Wallace, Entertainment
Chairman at 624-5754 or e-mail
warrefoote@aol.com,
Ann Frank, Artist & Craft Vendors
Chairman @ 624-7720.



### NATIVE TREE AND SHRUB SALE SEPTEMBER 2004

The Open Space, Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee are promoting a native tree and shrub sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Mendon Foundation's preservation and conservation of open space and land acquisition, conservation easement and stewardship programs. Here is a perfect way to support the Mendon Foundation, while preserving open space by 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. Seeds for these native species are collected in Western New York and grown at White Oak Nursery in Canandaigua, NY. The trees and shrubs are native to the region; are field grown and will survive and thrive in natural areas. Seedlings in 5x8" containers are 2 to 3 year old transplants.

**Prices:** All 5x8" pots - 1 plant for \$12.00 OR 5 plants for \$55.00 plus \$.50 deposit for each container

Orders paid by check MADE PAYABLE and SENT TO: Mendon Foundation, P.O. Box 231, Mendon, NY 14506-0231 no later than September 15, 2004. Anyone who becomes a new or renewing member with

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your order will receive A FREE TREE OF YOUR CHOICE FROM THE LIST ABOVE, MENDON FOUNDATION WATER BOTTLE OR BLUE-BEARD RAFFLE TICKET.

Pick up orders on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 OR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at the Mendon Arts Festival in Mendon Station Park from 12 noon to 5PM. If you have questions or unable to pick up your order, please contact Arlene Cluff @624-3182 or AJCLUFF45@AOL.COM. Arrangements for a refund on your containers will be made at pickup.

Limited quantities of additional unusual plants will be for sale both days of the Festival in Mendon Station Park.

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.

Several varieties of naturalizing plants and shrubs will be planted.

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Please send your check & order by September 15 to:

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

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### How to Benefit by Donating Appreciated Securities.

By Christopher Carosa, CTFA

Here's something we came across the other day that we thought a few of you might be interested in reading:

In the race to stay ahead of stock market ups and downs, it can be easy to forget that by considering your charitable giving as part of your general investment strategy, you can support your favorite organizations (like the Mendon Foundation - ed.) while reaping substantial tax benefits. In other words, making a gift of appreciated securities can be a very wise financial decision.

You may already be aware that by donating appreciated stocks you can avoid capital gains tax you would have incurred had you just sold the shares instead. In addition, you will receive an income tax deduction for the full market value of the donated shares if you have owned the securities for at least one year.

Of course, some people, while generally interested in donating, still want to maintain the composition of their portfolio. This is actually quite simple. The giver would merely donate the stock, then use the cash they would have otherwise donated to purchase the same securities in the open market. The cost basis of the newly-acquired shares will be the current market value; this will likely reduce your future capital gains tax liability. Your financial advisor may be able to provide further details.

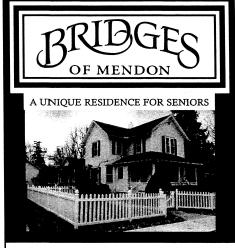
So, how can you give stocks to the Mendon Foundation? Just contact one of the Directors listed in this issue and we'll help make the appropriate arrangements.

Mr. Carosa, a Certified Trust and Financial Adviser, is President of Carosa, Stanton & DePaolo Asset Management, LLC

A view of the Sibleyville preserve







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### New tractor, old hand.

Photo & text by Warren Wallace

Above, Ben Kopec, who for the second year, has volunteered to work in the Park during the summer, drives the Foundation's new 34 hp Kubota Tractor. This two year old tractor was purchased this spring, to replace a 17 year old smaller Kubota. Its features include four - wheel drive, hydrostatic transmission, 5' bucket and a 5' Woods rotary cutter. Currently, its primary use is to build and maintain the Mendon Station Park. However with the completion of the Lehigh Valley Trail this fall, it will also be used to cut the grass on the horse trail and for general trail repairs.

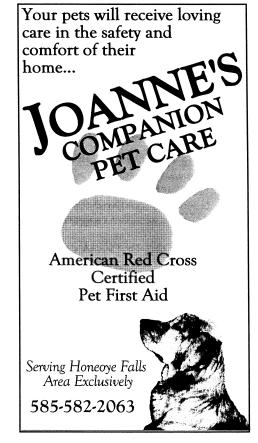
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The trade-in value of the old tractor and other Foundation funds.

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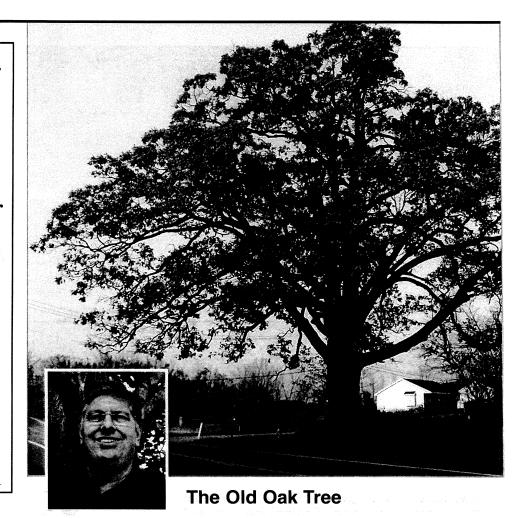
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Dr. Dan Marion, a Professor of Tree and Ornamental Plant Health at SUNY/Finger Lakes College has been doctoring the magnificent white oak (Quercus Alba), thought to be approximately 300 years old. This beautiful white oak has in recent years gone into a severe state of decline in which the transport tissues have partially collapsed. The result of this is a complete dying back of the upper crown of the tree. This is typical of trees which have both environmental predisposing agents, as well as infectious agents acting in concert to bring about the demise of the tree. Among the factors causing this infection is the elevated level of road salt, root compaction, and, in one area, hydrocarbon root damage. This, coupled with the infectious agents has resulted in a relatively rapid degenerative trend.

Since the early spring, Dr. Marion and his staff have been caring for this tree by way of specifically weighing these component problems and administering a series of micro excisions, disease and varied root tissue treatments to deal with both the disease development and root tissue formation. In this, he is happy to report that we are on target and making excellent progress.

As a matter of fact, Dr. Dan Marion will be presenting on the topic of Trees and Decline and their Preservation at the International Society of Arboriculture to be held in Pittsburgh.

Over the last 10 years he has been asked to speak and has presented on some aspect of tree health and management at the international conference. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Arboriculture Journal.

Dr, Dan also works with major government and private organizations, but finds his greatest enjoyment in helping homeowners to preserve and maintain their trees. He encourages their calls (585-394-6706) and will be happy to help.

Dr. Marion indicates that it is a pleasure to help preserve such a beautiful, stately tree that serves as a living link from one generation to the next, and is an integral part of the heritage of Mendon.



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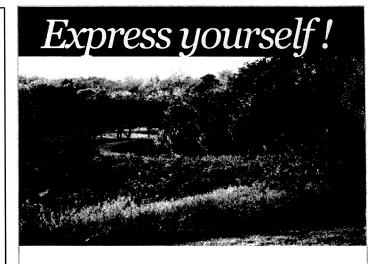
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Please make checks payable to The Mendon Foundation P.O. Box 231 Mendon, N.Y. 14506-0231



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Mendon for an exhibit at the
Mendon Arts Festival in September 18th-19th.
No matter what age, no matter what medium,
all entries will be displayed! We love our
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