



FRIENDS *of* LINDENWALD

**PO Box 64
Kinderhook, NY 12106**

April 2026

Dear Friend,

Thank you for recognizing the importance of local history. Your support for the Friends of Lindenwald helps us fund many events organized by the park staff at the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site—providing essential resources that taxpayer dollars cannot. Here are some ways we support the home of President Martin Van Buren:

- Support for the Dana and Marion Berntson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards a \$1,000 scholarship to outstanding history students graduating from each of the seven school districts in Columbia County.
- Support for the Naturalization Ceremony, welcoming new citizens to the United States; another ceremony will be hosted at the park this coming June.
- The Martin Van Buren Nature Trails improvements continue this year, including the addition of a new shed for storing equipment and tools needed to maintain the trails and access the property.
- Increasing funding to enable more local schoolchildren to participate in field trips at the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site and during Environmental Awareness Days at the Martin Van Buren Nature Trails. Last year, we hosted students from Ichabod Crane, Chatham, and Taconic Hills schools. Environmental Awareness Days will be held again this June.
- Hosting special events with the National Park Service, such as the Pinkster event at Rothermel Park on May 16.
- Organizing special events for Friends members and the public, including lectures in collaboration with local historical organizations and other activities throughout the county.

Please join us for the annual meeting on May 30, 2026, at Martin Van Buren National Historic Site for a picnic lunch, a tour of the park, and a brief update on upcoming events.

We look forward to your continued support of these important initiatives, which will help us bring more activities to the park that focus on the life and times of President Martin Van Buren.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Friends of Lindenwald.

Sincerely,

Jane Miller, President



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2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please complete this form and return with a check made payable to:

Friends of Lindenwald

Thank you for your membership!

Membership may also be renewed via our website:

<https://friendsoflindenwald.org/become-a-donor>

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

(Please circle membership choice.)

Chief of Staff	\$500	Family	\$50
President's Cabinet	\$300	Senior Couple	\$35
President's Advisor	\$200	Individual	\$30
Ambassador	\$100	Senior/Student	\$25

NAME (s): _____

Membership: \$ _____

MVB Nature Trails: \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____

Youth Programs: \$ _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

General Support: \$ _____

PREFERRED EMAIL: _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

ANNUAL MEETING: May 30, 2026 at the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site

Picnic lunch costs \$25 per person, please advise of nutritional needs

Number attending _____ X \$25 per person = \$ _____

(Lunch is not tax-deductible)