



# FRIENDS *of* LINDENWALD

Box 64  
Kinderhook, NY 12106

April 30, 2021

To our members, friends, supporters and lovers of history:

Spring is settling in across the Northeast and around the country signs of renewal and growth are emerging with the season. We have lived through an extraordinary year: one of great challenge for the many, and also one of perseverance and triumph. Our resilience was tested and we have persevered.

In 2020, the activities of the Friends of Lindenwald were sharply limited, like so much of normal day-to-day-life. There were few activities at the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site that we could support, given the limitations that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic imposed.

**The Friends of Lindenwald continues to devote its work supporting the scholarship and community education activities of the site and staff, while also working more actively to build greater awareness of, and interest in, the legacy of Martin Van Buren.**

- We helped support the Virtual Speakers Series developed by the site staff and underwrote the honorarium for Martin Van Buren biographer James Bradley, who gave a video lecture.
- We also provided financial support for the research conducted by the site on women's history, which culminated in the video presentation by Michelle Dempsey.
- We are supporting a biodiversity inventory research project at the site, which is a joint effort with Hawthorne Valley Farm's Farmscape Ecology initiative;
- We awarded scholarships to local high school seniors, as we have done annually for many years,
- In December 2020, we supported the annual gravesite ceremony to commemorate President Van Buren's 238<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Our members came through by renewing memberships and contributing to our scholarship fund and providing additional financial support. We are always grateful for this generosity, and especially so given the hardships that many experienced in 2020.

Through your support of the Friends, your contributions are used to complement and support the activities of the site staff – providing critical resources that taxpayer dollars cannot. To continue to support the site, we need to expand our reach to members and supporters so that we can bring our rich local history to the forefront of those

interested in history and historical preservation. You can do this through our website at <https://friendsoflindenwald.org/get-involved>, or by returning the attached membership form with your dues.

In 2021, we are looking forward to resuming our traditional activities, as well as expanding our support for new site activities, including the acquisition of more Martin Van Buren artifacts. The scope of our work includes:

- The care and upkeep of the 70-acre Martin Van Buren Trails
- Scholarships for seven High School students who excel in history
- Supporting special events at the site, including the annual Winter Celebration and welcoming new and seasonal NPS staff
- Supporting the Dutch Heritage Farming Trail Run

**Martin Van Buren was a political pioneer whose impact and influence on local, state and national political and cultural life extends well beyond the Village of Kinderhook.**

The time is right for renewed interest in this political pioneer: as a politician, governor, president, statesman, farmer and local citizen. You can follow our work on the Friends of Lindenwald Facebook page and website.

You can find more information about these projects at [www.nps.gov/mava](http://www.nps.gov/mava) and [friendsoflindenwald.org](http://friendsoflindenwald.org).

Thank you for your interest and support.

## **Friends of Lindenwald**

### **The Friends of Lindenwald Board of Trustees**

#### **2021 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Lindenwald**

Please join us on **May 22, 2021** on the lawn of *Martin Van Buren National Historic Site* 1013 Old Post Road, Kinderhook, NY 12106 for the annual meeting of the Friends of Lindenwald. We will gather under a tent, and observe recommended Covid-19 safety protocols.

10:30-11:00 Registration and meet and greet  
11:00-11:40 Meeting  
11:45-12:20 Speaker: Megan O'Malley, Site Superintendent and others  
12:20 Lunch\*

\* Box lunches will be provided by Chris' Cafe in Valatie, for \$15 per person. The lunch box will consist of a sandwich/wrap, a side, and a light dessert. Sandwich choices will be: Turkey/cranberry wrap, Roast beef wrap, and a Vegetarian wrap. To RSVP Please fill out and return the form below.



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Please complete and place in the return envelope with  
your check made payable to:

## Friends of Lindenwald

Thank you for your membership!

Membership may also be submitted on our website using PayPal:

<https://friendsoflindenwald.org/get-involved>

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship fund:\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MVB Trails:\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING AND  
ENCLOSE \$15 FOR THE BOXED LUNCH.**

**(Choose one) \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian**

\*\*If you wish to donate additional support for the Scholarship fund and/or  
towards the maintenance of the MVB Nature Trails, please add that amount  
to your donation and those amounts will be earmarked to support those  
items.