



# FRIENDS *of* LINDENWALD

PO Box 64  
Kinderhook, NY 12106

The year 2024 will be a milestone year for both Martin Van Buren National Historic Site and The Friends of Lindenwald as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of these two organizations. After 10 years as a national park, members of the community recognized the importance of the historic site and came together to create the friends to support the park and its activities. The Friends create community events in collaboration with the staff at the park; we also provide critical resources to support activities that taxpayer dollars cannot. Over the last four decades, the Friends have created a college scholarship fund, maintained and improved the Martin Van Buren Nature Trail on Route 9H in Kinderhook, and have provided environmental awareness programs for students from across the county.

This upcoming year, the Friends of Lindenwald have many exciting activities planned. Here is a snapshot of the coming year.

- Establishment of the Dana and Marion Berntson Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who is an exceptional student of history from each of the seven school districts in Columbia County.
- Supporting the park in the re-creation of the historic orchard at Martin Van Buren National Historic Site. This orchard has been years in the making with planning and research. The Friends will create a special “adopt a tree” program, allowing all who are interested to be part of the legacy.
- The Martin Van Buren Nature Trails improvements continue this year. Thanks to the participation of the Boy Scouts, new trail signage has been created and installed throughout the trail system.
- Provide funding for more area school children to participate in field trips at Martin Van Buren National Historic Site and the Environmental Awareness Days at Martin Van Buren Nature Trails.
- Host special guided walking tours at the Nature Trails for members of the Friends and the general public.
- Host special events for members of the Friends and the general public like the annual Party for Marty.

Please help us celebrate these milestones and provide more programs for the public. We ask you today to join us in this organization and help us maintain the activities that we bring to our community. Without support from friends such as you, these important initiatives will no longer be available to the public.



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## 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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

**ANNUAL MEETING: May 18, 2024** at MVB National Historic Site starting at 11:00 am.

Box Lunch cost per person is \$15 per person:

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Lunch is not tax deductible)

Please advise any nutritional needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**Youth Programs: \*\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**General Use: \*\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL Donation\*\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Meeting Lunch:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If you wish to donate additional support for the Nature Trails, youth programs such as the Environmental Awareness Days, and general use please add the amount above. Thank you for your generous support.