



THE BEAR HUG

An informal briefing of all the HAPPENINGS with the Friends of the Three Bears and the Court House Complex. **HAPPENINGS-27**

Business Owners learn about THE BEARS

The Seneca County Chamber of Commerce October "Business After Hours" session was a spectacular success at the Three Bears complex. Each month, the Chamber promotes a local business, which is a Chamber Member, by this social interacting event. The local business hosts the invitees who are Seneca County business persons and other adjoining Chambers- Trumansburg, Schuyler, Thompkins, etc., local nonchamber businesses and the public. The purpose of the event is to promote cross understanding of business resources in our region.



This year, the **National Bank of Geneva** and the **Friends of the Three Bears** jointly sponsored the event behind the Three Bears. The Friends garnered the support of the **Culinary Bounty**, the Seneca and Cayuga Wine Trials and the Cayuga Lake Creamery.

This combination produced five excellent restaurants, a premier Coffee Roaster and a superb Austrian Bakery.

The *Culinary Bounty* is a nonprofit Corporation consisting of local businesses who are dedicated to the promotion of local cuisine and local wines. They are a natural partner to the *Friends* who are dedicated to the preservation of local history. The event demonstrates the powerful draw that can result by the combination of cuisine, wine, and history. The regional visitors center in Mama Bear hopes to be an annual setting for this event.

The attendance exceeded any south county event by the Chamber to far. The great foods were complemented by the great music (Scott Adams) and building tours by the *Friends* and the *Sons of the Civil War Veterans*.



Knapp's Winery Restaurant



Raffle Fund Raising

Francis Ratcliffe Painting Raffle winner is Donna Arnett. Congratulations!! And thank you, Donna, for supporting the Three Bears!

Knapp Wine Case Raffle: Shortly you will receive an opportunity to win a full case of outstanding wine. The \$5.00 raffle tickets will be mailed, no one will call. Your donation will be used on the Three Bears Projects in 2006. Please be generous.



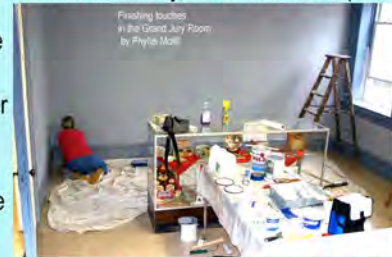
Holiday Bazaar at the Court House

For six months, Sally Tillinghast has been planning the first-ever holiday craft show in the Court House. After several clean-out and clean-up projects, she and the Papa Bear are ready for the public showing and shopping on Saturday, **November 12, 9:00 AM til 3:00 PM**. A wide array of holiday items will be available for your holiday shopping as well as delicious refreshments. All proceeds benefit the Three Bears.

Vendor spaces are still available, call Sally at 607-869-9545.

Papa Bear gets a clean-up

While building stabilization and roof replacement projects are getting the focus of our community, there is a small (and growing) group that are interested in



Finishing touches in the Grand Jury Room by Phyllis Motill

repair and renovation in the Court House. This group received a blessing when the South Seneca School District formed a "community service day" for 9th grade students in order to teach this service attitude early. On Friday, October 7th, these interests crossed paths and

twenty students were allocated to help "clean-up" the first floor of the Court House. Under the supervision of Nancy Ganough and at the direction of Phyllis Motill and Tom Bouchard, the students helped propel this project forward to get ready for the public involvement in the coming Holiday Bazaar. The group washed windows, painted the Grand Jury Room and decorated for the holidays.



Earlier this year, Sally Tillinghast coordinated a general clean-out of all the rooms and the attached storage shed.



Dear Reader, Once again, I want to thank all the volunteers who have given of themselves to advance this restoration cause.

Dan Motill, President