



THE BEAR HUG

An informal briefing of all the HAPPENINGS with the Friends of the Three Bears and the Court House Complex. **HAPPENINGS-12**

Presenting...The Bear Hugs !!

Papa Bear Hug Red

Mama Bear Hug White

Baby Bear Hug Blush

OR a great holiday gift 3 Pack



(\$14.95)

(\$9.95)

(\$7.49)

(\$34.40)

From each purchase, a donation will be made to the restoration of our 1845 "Three Bear" Court House Complex.

Where can they be acquired ?

Knapp Vineyards, Winery and Restaurant :

2770 County Rd 128, Romulus, NY 14541
1-800-869-9271 or winery@knappwine.com

Ovid Liquor Store:

(on the edge of the Court House Park Complex)
E. Seneca St., Ovid, NY 14521
1-607-869-4441

Give a Bear Hug to save a Bear !!

Personal, Party and Holiday GiftsClub Awards
Father's Day.....Mother's Day.....Baby Showers.....loads of options.

Welcoming New Members :

Bill Warne (Ovid)

This brings our members support to **212:**

176 Individuals + 36 Institutions..

HUGGING SPECIAL SUPPORTERS.....The Wine Kick-off Event.

At a Veterans Day Ceremony, the newly developed Three Bears wine offering was released for public sale by Knapp Winery. The owner, Gene Pierce, reaffirmed his commitment to a donation for every case sold to help restore the buildings. As a special kick-off gesture and in appreciation for his support, **NYS Senator Michael Nozzolio** received the first set of the bottles that mimic the three bears size and taste with a common architecture (packaging).

In response, the Senator commented on the community strength achieved through the fusion of the "second most important industry in Seneca County", the Wineries, and heritage tourism that results from preserving and adapting the Three Bears Complex.

The second set was presented by Dan Motill, Friends President, to the Director of Technical Grants and applications, **Tania Werbitzky**, of the Preservation League of NYS. "The League has been extremely helpful in forming our Preservation community contacts, in giving advice on this topic, and in helping to obtain seed funds from which major grants are secured."

Ms. Werbitzky said that the organization accomplishments of the Friends in a short year were extremely unusual in the preservation community. The League had helped with the original building condition report which was recently updated. She said that we have a unique building set, a unique organization, and a unique wine fund raiser. The League was honored to accept the Three Bears wine token.



The New Building Condition Report

Remember that our preservation architect direction was based on an exhaustive **1997** report which set our challenge at \$687,800 for the rehabilitation of all buildings. Also remember that the *Friends* worked very hard at forming a supportive group with the Town and Village to update that work.

Finally, it is done.

BUT the results show a major new challenge:

Building	1997	Now
Court House	\$497,800	\$823,000
Mama Bear	\$126,000	\$246,000
Baby Bear	\$64,000	\$129,000
Total	\$687,800	\$1,216,000 77 % increase

Because we have an outstanding grant application for **Mama Bear** of \$120,000 against a new need of \$246,000, we are looking into the "in-kind" labor which might be provided by volunteers. The newly formed *Rehabilitation Group* is working the estimates for solutions. If you wish to join this group or volunteer services, please contact Charles Mullins at 607-532-4611 or send a note to PO 75, Ovid NY 14521.

Hope this report finds you in good spirits and health,
Dan Motill, President