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*Queen of the May (c. 1880), will be visited during our July 20 tour, The Painted Ladies of Malone*

## TOURS, WORKSHOPS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Every year we continue to discover new and exciting places to visit during our summer tour season and introduce you to sites that reveal a wealth of history and architectural interest. This year is no exception. We will take you to Granville to learn about the slate valley region and the many uses of this popular regional building material, explore the early settlement of New Russia, discover the rich collection of Queen Anne style homes in Malone, the Neoclassical architecture in Ticonderoga, the resort community of Speculator, a cold war-era missile silo in Lewis, and Camp Topridge on Upper St. Regis Lake.

Our popular *What Style Is It?* workshop will be offered in Chestertown on June 12.

Our 20th annual meeting will be held on June 19 at the Adirondack League Club near Old Forge and we will be hosting two benefit events this year. Please join us on Saturday, July 17 at the Werrenrath Camp on Chazy Lake; and on Monday, August 30 at the Whiteface Club on Lake Placid, for our second annual golf tournament.

The Mirror Lake Inn in Lake Placid will be the site of our preservation awards luncheon on Monday, September 27. This is our annual opportunity to recognize and thank the people who play a role in preserving the valuable built environment of the Adirondacks through their long-term stewardship, sensitive restoration and rehabilitation.

We look forward to seeing you this season and hope that you will join us for some of these wonderful events as we continue to explore this vast and remarkable region.

## AARCH ANNUAL MEETING: Adirondack League Club Saturday, June 19

Join us at the Adirondack League Club on Saturday, June 19 for our 20th annual meeting. In addition to conducting AARCH business, we will honor our 10-year members, and AARCH Executive Director Steven Engelhart will give a brief talk on the progress of the new AARCH office building in Keeseville, and our plans for the mill complex. Our guest speaker, Ted Comstock, will present a talk, *Adirondack League Club: An Overview, 1890 – 2010*.

The Adirondack League Club was established in 1890 as a private landowners' organization, used mainly as a hunting and fishing club. The main clubhouse, completed in 1914, was designed by Augustus Shephard. This is a rare opportunity to visit this privately owned club and to tour the buildings and grounds. There will be two optional tours prior to the meeting led by Ted Comstock, beginning promptly at 11 a.m. and again at 12 p.m. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. and ends around 3 p.m. and is free to members and guests.

*Registration for the Annual Meeting is mandatory, as each registered attendee will be checked in at the entrance; this is the policy of the Adirondack League Club. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

*As with all of our events, unless otherwise noted, reservations are required by calling AARCH at: (518) 834-9328.*

## NOTICE

*Tour Registration will begin:*

**MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010 - 9AM**

*To make your reservations call  
AARCH at: (518) 834-9328*

*Please see our registration policy  
on page 2.*

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## TOURS & WORKSHOPS

### REGISTRATION POLICY

AARCH tours, workshops, and special events are led by scholars, professionals, and knowledgeable volunteers. They are enjoyable learning experiences and help raise funds to support our preservation mission. In planning your outing with us, please keep in mind the following:

We will begin taking reservations on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. The best way to register is by telephone.

Advance registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. Attendance is limited and events are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Our tours are very popular and they fill up quickly, so register as soon as possible. If a tour does fill, we highly recommend placing your name on our wait list, as periodically we do get cancellations; once we receive notice of a cancellation, we begin calling those on the wait list in the order they were received.

Prompt payment is appreciated. Mail your check to AARCH, 1745 Main Street, Keeseville, NY 12944. Refunds will be given to those unable to attend an event only if we are notified at least 2 business days prior to the event date.

We cannot accept more than four reservations per member per tour.

Out of respect for property owners who are generous enough to allow us to tour their properties, please leave all pets at home.

Some tours require a fair amount of walking or exertion. Be sure you are physically able to participate in the outing as described. For more information call AARCH at: (518) 834-9328.

Unless otherwise noted, you are required to bring your own lunch and beverage.

Our events are held rain or shine. Dress for the variable weather conditions by wearing or bringing proper attire.



Main Street Ice Cream Parlor,  
Chestertown—do you know what style this is?  
Join us on June 12 to find out!



Valcour Lighthouse (1874)



Little Red (1884), Saranac Lake

### NEW! CHESTERTOWN: WHAT STYLE IS IT? Saturday, June 12

This workshop will use historic Chestertown as a classroom for learning about architectural style and vocabulary. Beginning at 10 a.m., the morning will be spent at the Town Hall where the group will learn about architectural styles from Ellen Ryan, AARCH Community Outreach Director, and Susan Arena, AARCH Program Director. After lunch, the group will walk around the village to look at buildings from the 19th and early 20th centuries. The walking tour ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH and Chestertown Historical Society members and \$40 for non-members. *Complementary ice cream cone will be given to all attendees, courtesy of the Main Street Ice Cream Parlor.*

### VALCOUR ISLAND Friday, June 18

The waters surrounding Valcour Island in Lake Champlain were the scene of the Battle of Valcour, an important naval battle during the Revolutionary War. Here, in October 1776, a small colonial fleet under the command of Benedict Arnold engaged the British fleet. During the 19th century, the island was briefly home to a fledgling “free-love” colony and, in 1874, a lighthouse was built on it. The island is now part of the Forest Preserve and the lighthouse is being restored by the Clinton County Historical Association. We will travel by boat to Valcour Island for a four-mile interpretive hike with AARCH Executive Director Steven Engelhart and naturalist David Thomas-Train. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH and CCHA members and \$50 for non-members.

### SARANAC LAKE: PIONEER HEALTH RESORT Tuesday, June 22

Co-sponsored by Historic Saranac Lake, this tour will be led by Mary Hotaling, former executive director of HSL. View many of the buildings and sites that made Saranac Lake America’s “Pioneer Health Resort.” The village’s late 19th- and early 20th century history is closely tied to the treatment for tuberculosis developed by Dr. Edward L. Trudeau. The tour will include the Trudeau Institute, where we will see Little Red, the first cure cottage; the former Trudeau Sanatorium, Saranac Laboratory, Union Depot, the Cure Cottage Museum, and the Béla Bartók Cottage. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Be prepared for uphill walking. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and HSL members and \$45 for non-members. Tour attendees will also receive a copy of *Cure Cottages*, by Philip L. Gallos.



*Hodge Podge Lodge (1926), Piseco Lake*

## PISECO LAKE

Wednesday, June 23

In the 1890s a group of friends and investors established the Piseco Company and Irondequoit Club Inn on over 11,000 acres of forest and lakeshore. The inn, an 1850s addition to the residence of Gene Adams, was erected in 1892. Club cottages were added nearby and some members chose to build their own residences along the lake's eastern shore. In addition to the club's buildings, many other independent camps were built. We will visit three of them built in the early part of the 20th century including: the Minich-Barnes camp (c. 1920), Hodge Podge Lodge (1926), and the Irish Camp (c. 1915). Led by members of the Piseco Historical Society, the tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH, Adirondack Museum, and PHS members and \$50 for non-members.



*Palace Theater (1926), Lake Placid*

## LAKE PLACID: MAIN STREET

Saturday, June 26

Take a walk along one of the region's best known main streets with author and columnist Lee Manchester. This tour offers an inside look at some of the village's best preserved examples of commercial architecture including the Lake Placid Library (1896), the Palace Theater (1926), the Olympic Center (1932), as well as several churches. Participants will receive a copy of *Main Street, Lake Placid*, a book

that explores the changing face of Main Street co-authored by Lee. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$45 for non-members.



*McNaughton Cottage (1834), Tahawus*

## TAHAWUS AND THE DESERTED VILLAGE OF ADIRONDAC

Monday, June 28

Look at more than a century of mining in the Town of Newcomb with New York State Archeologist Dave Staley, and NYSDEC Historic Preservation Officer Chuck Vandrei, courtesy of the Open Space Institute. We will see the 1854 McIntyre Furnace, the remains of the village of Adirondac, the Adirondack Iron and Steel Company operations, and the 20th-century mining operation at Tahawus. The McIntyre Furnace is an important early industrial site that has been documented by the Historic American Engineering Record. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH, Adirondack Museum, and Essex County Historical Society members and \$40 for non-members.



*Main Gate Lodge (1892), Camp Santanoni*



## WHITE PINE CAMP TOURS

*The 1926 Summer White House of President Calvin Coolidge*

Through the generosity of its owners, AARCH is again hosting tours of this private Great Camp at Paul Smiths

Saturdays, July 3 to September 4  
10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Adults \$10 · Children \$5  
Reservations are not required

Be sure to see the restoration of the Alpine Garden, one of the earliest works of horticulturist Fred Heutte.

## PRESERVING CAMP SANTANONI

Wednesday, June 30

Thursday, September 9

Santanoni was built for Robert and Anna Pruyn of Albany beginning in 1892. The estate eventually included 12,900 acres and nearly four-dozen buildings. Led by AARCH staff, the tour will include stops at the Gate Lodge, Santanoni's 200-acre farm, and the Main Camp on Newcomb Lake where we'll see the ongoing restoration of the Main Camp complex and learn first hand about the conservation planning and restoration work.

The round-trip walk is 9.8 miles on a gently sloping carriage road. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$20 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members. A limited number of seats are available on a horse-drawn wagon for an additional \$20 fee.

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*Huntington Wildlife Forest, Newcomb*

### HUNTINGTON CAMP WILDLIFE FOREST

Thursday, July 1

Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington were passionate about the arts, nature, and animals, and were no strangers to altruism. Their philanthropy created or supported numerous parks, libraries, and museums. Their largest regional contribution came between 1932 and 1939 when they donated 15,000 acres surrounding their W.W. Durant-designed, Arbutus Lake estate in Newcomb, to Syracuse University to create the Huntington Wildlife Preserve. The property was turned over to what is now the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and is the site of its Adirondack Ecological Center.

We will tour the camp, and learn about Durant's original design, the Huntingtons, and the use by the college of the preserve for ecological research. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$45 for non-members.



*Dannemora Prison, 1869 (Clinton Prison at Dannemora, Clinton Co. Historical Society, 1987)*

### INSIDE DANNEMORA PRISON

Wednesday, July 7

Registration Deadline: June 11

The Clinton Correctional Facility at Dannemora, originally built in 1845, is the

third oldest and the largest prison in New York State. This unique opportunity will take us inside this maximum-security prison where we will visit a cellblock modeled on the "Auburn System," the Church of the Good Thief built entirely by inmates, the North Yard, workshops, and the former Dannemora State Hospital. The history of the prison is fascinating and its architecture most dramatic. The tour begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and Clinton County Historical Association members and \$45 for non-members.



*Explore the Slate Valley region in Granville, New York.*

### NEW! SLATE VALLEY

Friday, July 9

Running approximately 24 miles along the border of New York and Vermont, the Slate Valley has been a source of slate since 1848, and is the only place in the world where such a wide variety of colors can be found. Over the past 160 years, this industry, which relied heavily on immigrant labor, has seen success, downturn, and finally a resurgence that continues to the present. On this tour we will explore the history of slate quarrying at the Slate Valley Museum, tour the town of Granville looking at examples of the way slate is used, and visit one of the nearly thirty quarries in operation today. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.



*The Waldheim (1904), Big Moose Lake*

### RUSTIC ARCHITECTURE OF BIG MOOSE

Tuesday, July 13

This tour will look at the distinctive rustic architecture on Big Moose Lake, including the work of Henry Covey, his son Earl, and the Martin family. The tour will include visits to the Big Moose Chapel and Manse, The Waldheim, Covewood Lodge, Brown Gables, and two camps on Crag Point. What makes many of these buildings unusual is their vertical half-log construction. The tour, led by AARCH's Steven Engelhart, begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$50 for non-members.



*The Inn at Loon Lake, Franklin County*

### LOON LAKE'S ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY

Thursday, July 15

Visit the remarkably intact resort community originally developed in the late 19th century by Fred and Mary Chase. We will visit many buildings and sites including The Inn at Loon Lake, the 1895 Loon Lake Golf Course, Clubhouse, and Caddy House, as well as several private camps, cottages, and bathhouses. This is a wonderful opportunity to see one of the region's most special places. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The tour fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$50 for non-members.

## NEW! THE PAINTED LADIES OF MALONE

Tuesday, July 20

As a gateway community to the Adirondack region, the city of Malone prospered during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. People came to the area for the affordable land and made their fortunes growing hops and harvesting lumber. Steady wealth, in addition to access to the railroad, led to the construction of dozens of buildings representing the Victorian era of architecture. Wonderful examples of elaborately adorned and painted Queen Anne and Italianate homes line the streets, many meticulously maintained. The day will begin with a visit to the Franklin County Historical & Museum Society, followed by a walking tour of an historic neighborhood including several interiors. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH and FCHMS members and \$40 for non-members.



*Post Office, New Russia*

## NEW! EARLY SETTLEMENT IN NEW RUSSIA

Saturday, July 24

New Russia's first settlers were not from Russia. They were Revolutionary War veterans from Vermont who came to the Champlain valley to farm. By 1825 farming had given way to iron mining, which was succeeded at the end of the century by the tourism industry. Led by local historian, Maggie Bartley, we'll explore remnants from these various stages and learn how they have shaped the identity of New Russia, located near Elizabethtown; and where the name actually came from. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$40 for non-members.



*Wilton Heritage Society Museum  
(Methodist Episcopal Church, 1871)*

## MT. MCGREGOR

Monday, July 26

Registration Deadline: July 16

Mt. McGregor is the home to Grant's Cottage and Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility. The latter is a compound of buildings that sprawls along the mountaintop and was constructed in 1912 as a tuberculosis hospital by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to care for its afflicted employees. By the 1940s it had become a veteran's camp, and then a center for people with developmental disabilities. After a period of vacancy, the site reopened in 1976 as a medium security prison.

Just over the fence is the cottage where Ulysses S. Grant spent his final months completing his memoirs before succumbing to throat cancer in 1885. The tour will be led by Wilton Town historian, Jeannine Woutersz, and will include a visit to the Wilton Heritage Museum. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH and Wilton Heritage Society members and \$50 for non-members.



*Rich Lumber Company housing, Wanakena*

## WANAKENA

Thursday, July 29

The village of Wanakena was established in 1902 by the Rich Lumber Company. Having purchased 16,000 acres on the southwest side of Cranberry Lake, the

company dismantled its company housing and other facilities in Granere, Pennsylvania, moved them via railroad, and reassembled them in Wanakena. When Rich left Wanakena for Vermont in 1912, rather than dismantling the worker's houses, they were sold to residents and tourists as summer camps. Bill Gleason will lead us on a walking tour to look at some of the original company houses.

We will enjoy a barbecue lunch at the Pinecone Restaurant's lakeside pavilion and then carpool to the New York Ranger School, which has offered a forestry program since 1912 and was built on land donated by the lumber company. The day will conclude with a visit to Knollwood, designed and built by Dr. Frederick R. Calkins in 1915. A complex of three summer camp buildings and a pedestrian suspension bridge, Knollwood is located at the Inlet on the Oswegatchie River. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$45 for AARCH members and \$55 for non-members. Lunch is included.



*Camp Hiawatha, a 1920s Magonigle-designed camp, Okara Lakes*

## OKARA LAKES AND THE ARCHITECTURE OF H. VAN BUREN MAGONIGLE

Saturday, July 31

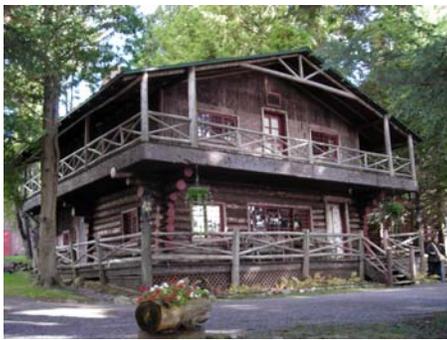
In 1920, Lyon and Horace de Camp, and Fred Reusswig, incorporators of Ga-Wan-Ka, purchased 17,000 acres of timberland with the intention of developing Thendara and the lands around Old Forge into a resort. The tract designated for development included First and Second Lakes of the Fulton Chain, Rondaxe and West Mountain Lake, Lotus and Nameless Lakes, Deer Land and Okara Lakes and twenty-two miles of frontage on the Moose River.

New York architect H. Van Buren Magonigle (1867-1935) was hired to design the buildings. Influenced by Japanese

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architecture-he designed the American Embassy in Tokyo- his recommendation for Okara was Japanese-style cottages and buildings with the characteristic irimoya roof and bright yellow and red trim.

Only camps designed by Magonigle or those with his approval were permitted in Ga-Wan-Ka. A few models were built, and sold quickly; additional cottages were then added to the site. After the deaths of Lyon and then Horace in 1954, the de Camp holdings were sold at auction. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and Adirondack Museum members and \$45 for non-members.



*Camp Pine Knot (1877), Raquette Lake*

### RAQUETTE LAKE'S LONG POINT AND ENVIRONS Wednesday, August 4

This boat and walking tour will include visits to Camp Pine Knot, St. William's on Long Point, and portions of The Antlers, a former hotel. William West Durant built Pine Knot beginning in the late 1870s and it was here that he first developed the features and details we now associate with Adirondack rustic architecture. Saratoga Springs architect R. Newton Brezee, a friend of Durant's, designed The Antlers in 1886. It originally operated as a hotel and cottage resort. Durant was also responsible for building Catholic St. William's in 1890 to provide services for his employees. The tour begins at 10 a.m., includes a one-mile walk along a wooded trail, and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$45 for AARCH members and \$55 for non-members.



*Eagle Island (1903), Upper Saranac Lake*

### THE RUSTIC CAMPS OF WILLIAM L. COULTER Saturday, August 7

Travel by foot and boat with Mary Hotaling, who will lead one of our most popular tours of two turn-of-the-century Great Camps on Upper Saranac Lake, both designed by William L. Coulter (1865-1907) and his firm. The tour will include Prospect Point, Eagle Island, and a slide lecture by Mary Hotaling. This is a rare opportunity to see some of the best rustic architecture in the region. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$45 for AARCH members and \$55 for non-members.



*Bearhurst (1894), Lake Pleasant*

### NEW! SUMMER LIVING IN SPECULATOR Tuesday, August 10

During the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Speculator, and the surrounding town of Lake Pleasant, grew as a year round tourist destination. This tour will look at that growth by visiting five properties around Lake Pleasant that represent the culture of second homes from this period. They vary in style, history, and use and include Bearhurst, which was featured in Ann Stillman O'Leary's *Adirondack Style*; Northwoods Lodge (c. 1939), which has remained in the

same family since its construction; as well as three other unique camps. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. **The fee is \$30 and is open only to AARCH sponsors, benefactors, and patrons.**



*Newton Falls Hotel (c.1910)*

### NEWTON FALLS Thursday, August 12

Tour one of the oldest and largest paper mills in the Adirondacks, recently re-opened as Newton Falls Fine Paper Company, and the community that it created. The day will include a tour of the mill where you will see all phases of production and learn the history of the mill. This will be followed by a walking tour of Newton Falls, led by a former resident, exploring this largely intact company town. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.



*Scragwood (c. 1880), Willsboro Point*

### THE CLARKS OF WILLSBORO POINT Saturday, August 14

During the late 19th century Orrin Clark, along with sons Solomon and Lewis, operated a successful quarry on Ligonier Point in Willsboro, providing "bluestone" for a number of regional buildings, as well as the Champlain Canal and the Brooklyn Bridge. In addition to the quarry the Clarks

ran a dairy farm and a shipbuilding business. This tour will visit the quarry remains; the Clarks' homestead, Old Elm; Scragwood, the quarry master's house, and the surrounding grounds. These buildings have remained nearly untouched since the Clarks' occupancy, providing a rare view of life at the turn of the century. You will also be able to explore the family's history through extensive documents meticulously organized in a private collection. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$45 for non-members.



*Stone Arch Bridge (1843), Keeseville*

## HISTORIC BRIDGES OF THE AUSABLE RIVER

Tuesday, August 17

This bus tour will explore more than a dozen bridges that cross the Ausable River. Bridge historian Richard Sanders Allen has said "There are few watercourses in America, comparable in length to the Ausable, over which so many early bridge types remain." Among them are an 1843 stone arch bridge, the 1857 Jay Covered Bridge, an 1888 pedestrian suspension bridge, a variety of metal truss bridges, several stonefaced reinforced concrete bridges, and the 222-foot steel arch bridge that spans Ausable Chasm. All of these were placed on the National Register in 1999. AARCH's Steven Engelhart, author of *Crossing the River: Historic Bridges of the Ausable River*, will lead the tour. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$40 for non-members.



*Asgard Farm (1840), AuSable Forks*

## ROCKWELL KENT, ARCHITECT

Thursday, August 19

Rockwell Kent is widely known as an extraordinary American artist as well as a social activist. Less well known is that Kent was trained as an architect and, while living at his home at Asgaard farm near AuSable Forks, designed and remodeled several buildings in the area. This tour will visit the farm and four other building and remodeling projects: the Brewster and Untermeyer houses in Elizabethtown, and the Cowdin House and a barbershop in AuSable Forks. The tour will be led by Anne Mackinnon, author of "A Home to Live and Breathe: The Adirondack Architecture of Rockwell Kent," which appeared in *Adirondack Life*. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The tour fee is \$35 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$45 for non-members.



*The Hancock House (1926), Ticonderoga*

## NEW! TICONDEROGA: THE TOWN THAT MOSES BUILT

Saturday, August 21

Wealthy Ticonderoga patron, Horace Moses, made his fortune in the paper business but never forgot his roots, making several substantial contributions to his home town. His philanthropy funded the

construction of several buildings such as the Community Building, the Hancock House, and the Moses -Ludington Hospital. Popular during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and a favorite of Moses was the Neoclassical style. The monumental proportions of this style made it a common choice for civic structures nationwide, but rare in the Adirondacks. This outing will look at Moses' impact on Ticonderoga and will discuss the elements of Neoclassical architecture. The tour, led by AARCH Executive Director, Steven Engelhart, and Ticonderoga Town Historian, Bill Dolback, begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH, Essex County Historical Society and Ticonderoga Historical Society members and \$40 for non-members.



*Forrence Orchards (19th century barn), Peru*

## 200 YEARS OF FARMING

Tuesday, August 24

Farming has been important to the Champlain Valley for more than two centuries. On this southern Clinton County tour, we will explore a series of homesteads and farms from the early 19th century to the present day, which will collectively show how farming has changed over time. We'll begin the day at the newly opened Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum, then visit the Keese Homestead (circa 1795) built by Quaker settlers in a community called The Union. Other stops include Forrence Orchards, one of the largest McIntosh orchards in the state; Remillard Dairy Farm, family owned for three generations; and finally Clover Mead Farm, where we'll see how organic cheese is made and sample their exceptional line of farm-fresh products. Led by AARCH's Steven Engelhart, the tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH and Clinton County Historical Association members and \$45 for non-members.

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*Pyramid Life Camp, Paradox*



*Conklingville Dam, Sacandaga*



*North Creek Railroad Depot*

### CHILDREN'S CAMPS OF PARADOX & SCHROON LAKE Thursday, August 26

Rooted in the progressive movement of the late 19th and early 20th century, children's summer camps reached their peak of development in the 1920s and 30s. Whether promoting equal opportunity for girls, experiential learning opportunities in an outdoor setting, or serving as recreational boarding schools, these camps were often a child's first introduction to the world of nature and outdoor recreation. This walking and boat tour will explore the architecture and history of three sites that exhibit the evolution of camps over the past century: Pyramid Life, Southwoods, and Word of Life.

The tour will be led by Hallie Bond, curator of the Adirondack Museum's 2003 exhibit, "A Paradise for Boys and Girls: Children's Camps in the Adirondacks," and co-author of the book of the same title. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$50 for non-members. Lunch is included.

### AARCH MATTERS

*AARCH Matters* is a monthly e-newsletter sent on the first of each month that provides information about preservation issues from around the region, upcoming AARCH events, and updates on our capital campaign and building project. If you would like to receive *AARCH Matters*, please visit our website at: [www.aarch.org](http://www.aarch.org) and sign up from our homepage.

### GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE Saturday, August 28

In the early 20th century yearly flooding of the Sacandaga and Hudson Rivers caused extreme damage to the communities located in the Sacandaga Valley, which then included a significant amusement park, a rail line, and a number of cottages. In an attempt to manage the rivers, the valley was evacuated and the Conklingville Dam was built in 1930, filling the valley with billions of gallons of water creating the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Local resident and AARCH board member Willem Monster will tell the story of Sacandaga Park and the resort community that once was, and how the valley came to be hidden beneath the Great Sacandaga Lake. We will travel from the former Fulton, Johnstown & Gloversville train station to the Conklingville Dam, exploring the use of dams to regulate water flow and the effect on the surrounding environs. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.

### INSIDE DANNEMORA PRISON Wednesday, September 1 Registration Deadline: August 6 See page 4 for details.

### RIPARIUS & NORTH CREEK BY RAIL

Thursday, September 2

This outing will feature walking tours of two Hudson River villages: North Creek, with its distinctive Main Street and restored historic railroad depot ([www.northcreekdepotmuseum.com](http://www.northcreekdepotmuseum.com)), where Vice President Theodore Roosevelt was informed of President McKinley's death in 1901; and the hamlet of Riparius, including the Epworth Institute, a 19th century summer religious colony. Best of all, we'll travel between these two villages on the Upper Hudson River Railroad train!

The tour will be led by members of the Johnsburg Historical Society and AARCH staff. The tour begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH and JHS members and \$50 for non-members.



*Land Of Makebelieve, Upper Jay*

### THE WORLD OF ARTO MONACO

Saturday, September 11

Born in AuSable Forks in 1913, Arto Monaco began drawing at an early age. He attended Pratt Institute in New York City, and later, worked for MGM studios in Hollywood. During World War II, he designed and constructed "Annadorf," a faux German village in the hills north of Los Angeles where American soldiers

experienced, prior to going to war, the cultural ambience and the dangers of a German town. After the war, he created Santa's Workshop on the slopes of Whiteface Mountain not far from his studio in Upper Jay. This pioneering theme park opened in 1947.

During the early 1950s, Arto built the Land of Makebelieve in Upper Jay. Everything was scaled for children who were encouraged to explore the park as their parents relaxed nearby. Join us on this behind-the-scenes tour of Santa's Workshop and the Land of Makebelieve, starting with a slide presentation by Bob Reiss, son of Santa's Workshop founder Julian Reiss. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$50 for non-members. Lunch is included.



*Interior, Boquett 556-6 Missile Silo, Lewis (photograph courtesy of www.siloboy.com)*

## NEW! COLD WAR ERA MISSILE SILO

Saturday, October 16

The Atlas-F ICBM silo was designated by the US Airforce in 1960 as Boquett 556-5, or Lewis Missile Base, as part of the Plattsburgh Ballistic program, which consisted of twelve missile sites located in Northeastern New York and Northwestern Vermont. These sites were located more or less on the perimeter of a circle with Plattsburgh Air Force Base as the center. The topography of the site varied from flat pasture or meadowland of the Lake Champlain vicinity to the mountainous rough, boulder strewn and forested lands of the Adirondack Mountains. All silos were built from a template design, and regardless of where any one silo was located, the layout, specification, building process and time frame always remained the same.

After remaining vacant for a number of years, the silo was purchased in 1998 and is now in private ownership. Extensive renovations have been made to turn the silo into a second home. There will be three tours beginning at: 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. The fee is \$20 for AARCH and Essex County Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members.



*Interior, Camp Topridge, Upper St. Regis Lake*

## CAMP TOPRIDGE

September date to be determined

In 1920, Marjorie Merriweather Post purchased what was then known as Camp Kanosa, from Alvin Lothrop, who had purchased the camp in 1897. Mrs. Post began extensive renovations to the camp, concentrating on the Main Lodge and the boathouse. At this time, she was married to E.F. Hutton and the camp's name was changed to Camp Hutridge. Mrs. Post continued to purchase additional property to add to the camp, including one acre in 1924, 85 acres in 1938, and the final 118 acres in 1957. In the early 20s, several additional cabins were added to the camp. Building continued throughout the 1920s under the guidance of local builder Ben Muncil and many Brighton residents. In the mid to late 1930s, the Russian Dacha was built by Mrs. Post as an office for her then current husband, Joseph Davies, who was the ambassador to Russia at that time. The camp's name was changed to Camp Topridge.

Join us for this rare opportunity to tour this private camp. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The fee is \$50 for AARCH members and \$60 for non-members.



*Fort Montgomery, Rouses Point*

## FORT MONTGOMERY DAYS

Saturday, September 25  
Sunday, September 26

Experience the second annual celebration of Fort Montgomery, in historic Rouses Point, New York on the US/Canadian border. This remarkable fort, the only Civil War era fortification on Lake Champlain, was constructed over a thirty-year period to guard the crucial "Northern Gateway" to the lake. AARCH has been involved in advocating for the preservation of this important site. Fort Montgomery was listed in 2009 as one of the Preservation League of New York State's *Seven to Save* sites.

The fort is privately owned and access to the public has been restricted to small, private tours for many years. For this celebration however, certain areas of the fort will be open to the public free of charge. These tours will be guided by trained docents knowledgeable about the fort. This event takes place at a rural site, and the grounds are undeveloped. Please wear proper footwear and attire for an outdoor event. Not all areas of the fort will be open to the public; access will be limited and everyone must be accompanied by a tour guide when inside the fort structure.

Sponsored in part by the Clinton County Historical Association, admission is free and at your own risk; and reservations are not required. Tours will be approximately 30 minutes in length. The tours begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. For more information, visit: [www.historiclakes.org](http://www.historiclakes.org).

### EXPLORING THE ADIRONDACKS: AN ARCHITECTURAL TOUR OF A GREAT RUSTIC TRADITION

Thursday, September 16 - Monday, September 20

Join us as we tour private and public camps of the Adirondacks, led by experts in the field of architectural history and historic preservation. Evenings will include lectures, free time, and a round of Adirondack Trivia!

Thursday, September 16:

- Arrival and pick-up at Albany International Airport (you will be greeted and transported from there by AARCH staff and taken to the Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid)
- Dinner, followed by an introductory lecture by AARCH Executive Director, Steven Engelhart

Friday, September 17:

- **Adirondack Museum**, Blue Mountain Lake, to tour the exhibits and learn more about the history of the region
- **Hemlock Ledge**, Tupper Lake: A privately owned camp, Hemlock Ledge is one of the most remarkable, intact, and little known camp complexes in the region. It was designed in 1907 by New York architect Julian Clarence Levi and includes several buildings, including rustic Birch Cottage, and some notable interiors.



*Hemlock Ledge (1907), Tupper Lake*

Saturday, September 18:

- **Raquette Lake and the Architecture of William West Durant**: travel by boat to Camp Pine Knot on Raquette Lake. This great camp was designed by William West Durant, and once owned by Collis P. Huntington, one of the leading railroad entrepreneurs of the nineteenth century. You will have a guided tour of this National Historic Landmark owned by the State University of New York College at Cortland, and operated as the Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education since 1949. We will then visit Great Camp Sagamore, once the summer residence of the Vanderbilt family. This National Historic Landmark is comprised of twenty-seven buildings, including an outdoor bowling alley. The day will end with a tour of Camp Uncas, a truly remarkable Great Camp and recently listed (2008) National Historic Landmark. Camp Uncas, once the summer residence of J. Pierpont Morgan, is a privately owned camp graciously opened to us exclusively for this tour.

Sunday, September 19:

- **The Rustic Camps of William L. Coulter**: William L. Coulter was the first resident architect to establish a practice in the Adirondack region. We will boat over to Eagle Island (1903) on Upper Saranac Lake to visit this Great Camp that was built for Levi Morton, Vice President of the United States under President Benjamin Harrison. While there, we will learn about the history of this National Historic Landmark and the significance of Coulter as a regional architect from local historian and Coulter expert, Mary Hotaling. We will then travel to Prospect Point (1902-1903), another Coulter-designed camp, this one for Adolph Lewisohn, the son of a German Jewish merchant family that first dealt in feathers and other commodities. Their great success however, came about when electricity was developed and Adolph realized formerly cheap and abundant copper would be in great demand for electric wire.

Monday, September 20:

- **Lake Placid**: After breakfast we will look at a privately owned camp on Lake Placid.
- **Keene Valley**: As we make our way south, we will drive through Keene Valley and stop for lunch.

The fee is \$2300/pp single occupancy, and \$1900/pp double occupancy. A \$300 per person, non-refundable deposit is due with the registration form by June 15, 2010. The balance is due by August 30, 2010. The price includes pick-up and drop-off at Albany International Airport, admission fees, lectures, meals (4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners), and accommodations at the Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid. Gratuities are included in the price; however, the cost of alcoholic beverages is not.

Registration forms are available on the AARCH website at: [www.aarch.org](http://www.aarch.org); if requiring transportation to or from Albany International Airport, please note pick-up and drop-off times and plan accordingly. For more information, please contact the AARCH office at: (518) 834-9328, or e-mail Susan Arena, AARCH Program Director at: [susan@aarch.org](mailto:susan@aarch.org).



Werrenrath Camp (1928), Chazy Lake



Whiteface Club, Lake Placid



Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid

**BENEFIT EVENT AT  
WERRENRATH CAMP,  
CHAZY LAKE**  
Saturday, July 17

Our 2010 benefit event will be held at the Werrenwrath Camp, designed in 1928 by McKim, Mead, and White for baritone Reinold Werrenwrath. Well known guests included Eleanor Roosevelt, Enrico Caruso, Joan Crawford, and Clark Gable. Spend the afternoon socializing and relaxing while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Chazy Lake. The day will include food and refreshments and an opportunity to tour the grounds. The event begins at 3 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call AARCH at (518) 834-9328.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT TO  
BENEFIT AARCH  
WHITEFACE CLUB**  
Monday, August 30

Join us for our second annual golf tournament! This year's event will be held at the Whiteface Club, Lake Placid. Built in 1898, it is one of the "most notable and majestic... in the eastern United States." The day will include a buffet lunch; a round of golf with cart; and the opportunity to win great prizes. The format will be a four man scramble with a shot gun start. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call AARCH at (518) 834-9328.

**2010 AARCH AWARDS  
LUNCHEON, MIRROR LAKE  
INN, LAKE PLACID**  
Monday, September 27

This year we are pleased to present our annual Adirondack Architectural Heritage Awards at a celebratory luncheon at the Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid. While enjoying lunch we will recognize several exemplary preservation and stewardship projects from across our region. Please join us as we honor the accomplishments and commitment of our awardees. The luncheon begins at 12 noon and ends around 3 p.m. The luncheon is \$40 per person. Please call AARCH at: (518) 834-9328 to make your reservations.

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### AARCH ANNUAL RAFFLE

This year we are pleased to present our annual raffle, the drawing for which will take place on Tuesday, May 25. We extend our appreciation to all who donated prizes. All prizes are for use in 2010, and include the following:

- An overnight stay for two at The Friends Lake Inn, Chestertown
- Two night's lodging for two at the Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid
- A night's lodging and full breakfast for two at The Wells House, Pottersville
- Two night's stay for two at White Pine Camp on Osgood Pond, Paul Smiths
- A three-hour guided boat tour and picnic lunch for four on Upper Saranac Lake
- Two evening tickets to the Depot Theater, Westport
- One performance for two at The Pendragon Theatre, Saranac Lake
- Lunch for two at the Main Street Ice Cream Parlor, Chestertown

For more information, or to purchase additional tickets, please call the AARCH office at: (518) 834-9328, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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