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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region.

"Snow was falling,
so much like stars
filling the dark trees
that one could easily imagine
its reason for being was nothing more
than prettiness."
— Mary Oliver

This week, when many of us will experience our first snowfall of the season, we are reminded of the magic and beauty of winter. The winter solstice brings with it both excitement and a space for quiet reflection.

At AARCH, we are busier than ever preparing some enriching, COVID-safe summer programming, continuing our advocacy efforts to save Debar Pond Lodge, finalizing designs for the new Keeseville Waterfront Park, moving forward with preservation work at Santanoni, and finally, administering technical services across the region.

Optimism runs high as we prepare for 2021! News of a COVID-19 vaccine continues to encourage the possibilities 2021 has in store not only for AARCH but for our region, state, country, and beyond.

December marks the time of year when many celebrate holiday traditions; whether lighting the menorah, trimming the Christmas tree, or other celebrations, all of us at AARCH wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We know this year will seem different for many, but the spirit and hope of the season remain. The pandemic may have made getting together more challenging, but it also made us treasure home, family, friends, and community more deeply. There is no better time than now to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives and communities.

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ADVENTURE

2021 Programming

For 30-years, AARCH has offered a unique slate of educational opportunities and truly special experiences to our members and the general public. As we work through a much more challenging planning season, know that we are again prioritizing safety and accessibility and major pillars of 2021's educational programming.

Despite the pandemic, we navigated the 2020 season with success. This coming year, we seek to expand on not only what we have learned in 2020, but in 30 years of full, rich, and rewarding programming. Keep an eye out for the same quality, safe outings, some exciting new virtual content, and also some surprises along the way.

We regret we will not be able to offer our beloved ski adventure at Camp Santanoni due to the pandemic, but we encourage everyone to explore on their own.

Stay tuned for more in the coming months!

NEWS

The Stone Mill for Sale!

By now you have been reading and seeing the culmination of years of revitalization planning and work on the Keeseville Waterfront Park project. Standing proudly next to the upcoming park is our 1849 Stone Mill. With the removal of the collapsing 1954wood mill next door, this unique waterfront property is now for **SALE!**

This architectural gem sits resplendent on the banks of the Ausable River in the heart of Keeseville and awaits an excited and creative buyer!

PRESERVE

Malone Downtown Historic District

On December 2, 2020 the nomination for the proposed Malone Downtown Historic District was presented before the New York State Historic Preservation Office for approval to be listed on the State's Register of Historic Places. The nomination was unanimously approved and the district will be included on the National Register of Historic Places. This project is the culmination of a multi-year effort to include about one hundred 19th and early-20th century commercial, civic, and religious buildings in the heart of the village. Completed for the Malone Chamber of Commerce with support from the Malone Revitalization Foundation, this work was funded by a *Preserve New York* grant from the Preservation League of New York State. It is part of a larger effort to revitalize Malone's downtown.

For more information on the process to register your building on the National Register and the Malone Downtown Historic District see the video on the right.

You can read the entire nomination **here.**

Malone Downtown Historic District , courtesy ofthe New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

Malone Images:
West Main Street, facing north (top)
East Main Street, facing south (right)
Elm Street, facing southeast (bottom right)

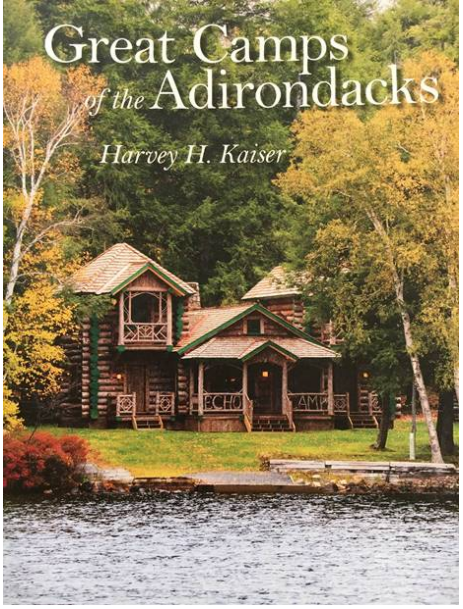
ANNUAL APPEAL

All of us at AARCH hope that you, your family, circle of friends, and community are safe and well in these difficult times.

As you may have read in our most recent*Year in Review*, there's also a lot of good news this year and many things to celebrate. Some of these are tangible accomplishments, highlighted in the Year in Review, but other reasons to celebrate are more nuanced – the way our staff rose to meet the challenges of this pandemic year with great agility and creativity or the way we've refocused our programming to meet the particular moment we're in, one that demands much great attention to creating harmony and civility, solving both small and existential problems, and not shying away from asking and addressing difficult questions.

AARCH has a lot to offer. The buildings, neighborhoods, and communities that we love and seek to preserve *are* the places where so much of our social, economic, and intimate lives happen and the quality of these places and spaces makes our gatherings and interactions richer and more meaningful. They are also what attract visitors, make us feel proud, reinforce our identity, and bring beauty and connection into our everyday lives. The pandemic may have made getting together more difficult but it also made us treasure these riches more deeply. After all, communities, like our woods and lakes and mountains, are restorative places, too.

Consider donating to our Annual Appeal HERE.



There is still time to Join our ANNUAL APPEAL!

This year we have two annual appeal incentives.**Donations of $250 and above will be matched**, up to $8,000 total, through the generosity of some special friends of AARCH, AND will also **receive a copy of the new edition of Harvey Kaiser's *Great Camp of the Adirondacks*.**

Please give as generously as possible so that AARCH can continue to help make the Adirondack region and its communities an incredible place to live, work, and visit.

Our work cannot be accomplished without the generosity and vital support you.

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