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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region.

"Resilience is based on compassion for ourselves as well as compassion for others."
— Sharon Salzberg

This past April was one of the most difficult (and the hottest, globally) on record. It brought the world through uncharted waters and continues to test us. Although we have remained optimistic amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, we have joined the struggles of the AARCH family, regional businesses, and fellow nonprofits this past month.

That being said, we are keeping are heads above water during this crisis, and navigating this uncertain time with the utmost care and attention, and like all of you, we remain **resilient**.

We hope that all of you will continue to support us through this tough time and trust us to continue to provide quality educational content, technical assistance, and our robust advocacy efforts across the region.

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Image: The National Register-listed "Little Red," a pioneering cure cottage built in 1884, sits today on the grounds of the Trudeau Institute in Saranac Lake. This small building embodies the resilience of Saranac Lake's cure cottage industry in the historic fight against tuberculosis.

LEARN

Map YOUR Backyard to Celebrate Preservation Month

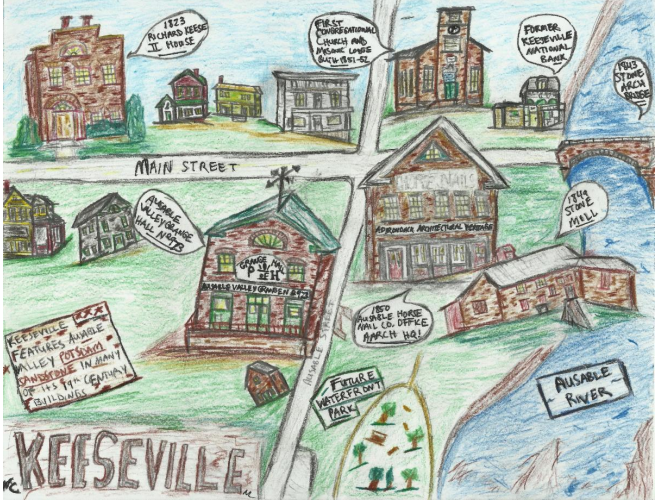
Need a break and some fresh air? Looking for some fun educational activities for your family?

Take this opportunity to head outside, take a

walk, and join us in celebrating Preservation Month this May by **contributing a "map" of your world right now to AARCH's Map You Backyard project**.

We want to learn about and share how our generous members and supporters see the Adirondacks and its distinct communities! Maybe it's a neighborhood, a block, you morning walk, your home's floor plan, or other ways you see your backyard. Share your love for the Adirondack with us!

To learn how you can participate, **CLICK HERE**.



Our "map" of our "block" in Keeseville, complete with several historic buildings made of Potsdam Sandstone quarried from the Ausable River, including AARCH's own office building. We want to see how YOU see your Adirondack "backyard."

PRESERVE

2020 Preservation Awards Nominations

A pandemic will not stop AARCH's recognition and support of the stellar rehabilitation and reuse projects still happening across our region!

Please send **nominations** to our Preservation Services Director Christine Bush at **christine@aarch.org** so that we may continue to support and highlight historic preservation projects, both large and small, that are happening throughout the Adirondack region.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

25th Annual AARCH Preservation Awards

Saturday, September 19 , 2020

Grace Memorial Chapel | Silver Bay

THE AARCH AWARDS PROGRAM ANNUALLY RECOGNIZES EXEMPLARY HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORK THROUGHOUT THE ADIRONDACK REGION.

Do you know of a historic building in your community that has been well cared for or brought back to life? Nominate friends, neighbors, and organizations, and help us spread the word about the good work going on in our region!

We are excited to honor our 2020 recipients during our Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards ceremony. This event will be held at the historic and colorful Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point near Silver Bay on Lake George.

The gathering will be followed by light refreshments on the porch overlooking Lake George.

COVID-19 UPDATE: The effects of the novel coronavirus have affected us all, especially impacting the ability of nonprofits and cultural organizations like AARCH to deliver its usual slate of rich slate of programming and events. It is at this time we must remain resilient. Although this year's events may be postponed and/or cancelled, we are remaining optimistic that we will bring this event to you.

Projects of any size are eligible for consideration

For applications and additional information, please visit:
www.aarch.org/preserve, and learn how to nominate a project!
Nominations will be accepted through June 1st, with the AARCH Awards Ceremony to take place on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

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Oscar's Observations

For further preservation resources, AARCH has tapped a new "teammate" for a new series called ***Oscar's Observations***. Oscar is a grotesque that lives in the eave of an Adirondack home and shares with us his years of studying preservation work in our region.

Follow the series in our **AARCHer BLOG**, and check out some recent entries below:

- **Eavesdropping**
- **Get to Know Your House**
- **Getting Technical with Oscar**
- **Celebrate Preservation Month**

Send along any and all preservation-related questions, concerns, and comments for Oscar to Christine at the email above - she knows how to reach him.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2020

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ADVENTURE

A Summer of Optimism

There is no doubt that our annual season of busy summer outings, programs, special events, and tours has already been and will continue to be affected by the impacts of the coronavirus. Nevertheless, as many

Image: An AARCH group touring some of Saranac Lake's most storied places, including the Trudeau Institute pictured here. This photo was taken exactly 101 years after the dedication of the monument to Dr. Trudeau, a pioneer in the fight against tuberculosis.

of you have seen or read in our **recent communication** and **Summer Newsletter**, we are remaining agile, attentive, and careful in how we proceed into an uncertain summer.

While we remain optimistic about getting the stories we want to tell this year out to you, we are also approaching this season realistically, and safety continues to be our number one concern. That is why we have opted to hope for the best, but remained planned for the worst in the event that events need to be cancelled.

That being said, we encourage everyone to still sign up so that we can direct our attention toward bringing you the quality educational content that you know and love.

NOTE: For those of you who would still like to fill out a tour request form digitally, please find a more accessible copy of the document **HERE**.

SUPPORT

Raffle Tickets: LAST CALL

The annual AARCH raffle fundraiser is heading toward its conclusion. Thanks to the generosity of several area businesses and organizations who have donated some fantastic prizes, even in the toughest of times. Through these wonderful local sponsors, we are able to offer:

- **Two Nights Lodging** at **White Pine Camp**
- **Three Nights Lodging** at the **46er Chalet**
- **Two Nights Lodging** at **Morningside Camps & Cottages**
- **A Bread Making Class** for four at the **Carriage House Cooking School**
- **Two Admission Passes** to the **Adirondack Experience**
- **Two 18-hole Rounds of Golf** with cart at **High Peaks Golf Course** (2 prizes)
- **Two Nights Lodging at The Hedges in Blue Mountain Lake**
- **$100 Gift Certificate** to **Ward Lumbar**
- **$25 Gift Certificate** to **North Country Creamery**
- **Dinner for Six** at a **Private Camp** on Lake Adirondack, Indian Lake

Tickets are $10 each or 5 for $45. For more information on these prizes and how to support this important fundraiser, **VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**

ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

Preserving the architecture and communities of the Adirondack region through education, advocacy, and action

THANK YOU

To This Important Business or Organization Member

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Historic Saranac Lake (HSL) is a not-for-profit architectural preservation organization that captures and presents local history from its center at the Saranac Laboratory Museum.

HSL continues to share wonderful insights, refelctions, and content about the intersection of Saranac Lake's unique past in dealing with infectious diseases. Follow the ***Letters from the Porch*** series for top-notch regional commentary connecting past and present.

A world of AARCH exists online. Join us there.

Visit our Website