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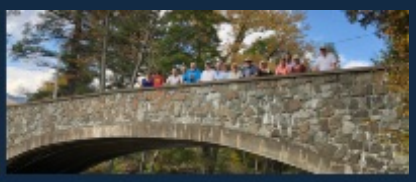

AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

We started our summer season with a message of Resilience – "the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties" – a trait that allows plants, animals, and humans to adapt and even thrive in adversity. And it is a characteristic that we admire and learn from, as it's what makes or should make each generation better than the last. As we strive to create a world that is safer, sustainable, more equitable, and resilient we at AARCH are grateful to our partners, friends, and members who continue to support the work we do. We are truly heartened.

On a glorious August afternoon AARCH welcomed our members and guest to an afternoon retreat at the Glen Overlook. It was a day filled with celebration, joy, introspection and much needed social interaction. For many it had been their first outing in as many as five months. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and the trust you hold in AARCH to provide a safe and enriching event during these challenging times.

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ADVENTURE

SUMMER TOUR SEASON

Despite having to deal with the fickle Adirondack weather, from oppressive heat to tropical storms and an ongoing pandemic we continue to forge ahead with many diverse programs.

Our enthusiastic ,intrepid members have joined us for some wonderful adventures. From exploring the shores of Bolton

Landing on the floating classroom or experiencing our new tour Harnessing Hydroelectric AARCH continues to offer unique and enriching programs

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As we continue to follow all CDC and New York State guidelines, we feel fortunate to be able to safely share the rich heritage of our region with our members. The summer is in full swing, but we still have limited space on the tours below:

- 9/30 Santanoni
- 10/1 Going Green: Building Adirondack Sustainability
- 10/8 Tahawus
- 10/10 Colton: Barn Quilts & Beyond

Contact Jessica to register as soon as possible.

For more, **CLICK HERE** to see the tour page on our website, registration information, and full itineraries of tours.

Top: We explored the rich stories and shoreline architecture of Lake George during a boat tour in Bolton Landing.
Below: An AARCH group explore the 1904 Wadhams Hydroelectric Plant during our brand new "Harnessing Hydroelectric" outing.

PRESERVE

Saving Keeseville Historic Bridges

Our friends and neighbors in Keeseville have launched an effort to Save Keeseville's Historic Bridges. The grassroots efforts have gotten the attention of Assemblyman Dan Sec , county and local officials as well as Channel 5 news and the Press Republican. The group hopes to gain support for the restoration, rehabilitation, and continued preservation of three historic, defining bridges in our backyard, Keeseville, New York.

AARCH has been advocating for better stewardship of these National Register-listed historic structures for several years, and we are thrilled to join in this new effort to help protect Keeseville's historic bridges, and we are prepared to offer guidance on their preservation.

Image: Keeseville's Historic 1888 swing bridge.

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Image: .DAVID HISLOP/PHOTOFirefighters tackle a blaze at the home at 35 Braidlea Farm Way in Willsboro Monday. The structure, built around 1910, has ranged throughout its history from serving as a home for the Keyser family, the Fulton family and a retreat for the

FIRE PREVENTION IN HISTORIC BUILDINGS

It seems that hardly a week goes by that we are not reading about a tragic fire destroying another historic home. In June we posted a **blog about fire safety** and prevention in Historic buildings. If there is anything we have learned about fire it is that prevention and planning are the key to minimizing damage or eliminating a potential fire all together.
Fire does not respect historic buildings. Wood tends to be drier and more brittle quite often in older buildings, so they do tend to be tinderboxes for the most part. Yet property owners can be proactive. Visit our blog post to see how you can avoid potential fire risks and implement prevention strategies — some of which can be done for little to no cost.

Prevention is the best approach to protecting properties from life-threatening and ruinous blazes. That includes checking electrical systems, being smart about other potential risks, and employing proper renovation techniques. Having good detection and suppression systems and a fire escape plan also is vital.

Scholastic Brothers of the Oblates.

Read HERE for more information.

SUPPORT

Membership Offer Continues! This offer ends soon!

Till the end of August we are offering a great bonus when you join AARCH. No matter what membership level you join at, you'll get a free copy of one of our three publications described below. Whether your interest is in Great Camps, Adirondack churches, or exploring the length and breadth of the region, there's a book for you. To take advantage of this offer, **CLICK HERE**.

Tickets are on sale for our 2020 Special Events. For more information on these and how to support these important fundraiser, **VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**

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

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The mission of Humanities New York is to strengthen civil society and the bonds of community, using the humanities to foster engaged inquiry and dialogue around social and cultural concerns.

We would like to sincerely thank Humanities New York for awarding AARCH a generous Emergency Relief Grant as part of the HNY CARES program. With this vital funding, we are able to expand our virtual programming and create a more robust, accessible digital presence for our organization.

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