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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives" – John F. Kennedy

As 2021 winds down, we can't express how grateful we are for the response our recent Giving Tuesday campaign and Annual Appeal this season. Your generosity surpassed our dreamiest expectations, and your continued kindness supports numerous preservation efforts across the region.

AARCH's work throughout the year aims to highlight and showcase all the special places that make our communities exceptional places to live, to work, and to visit. And, as long as we have your support, we'll continue to be the passionate, leading voice for the buildings, bridges, and stories, that make the Adirondacks one of the most perfect places on Earth.

Thank you so very much to all of our dear friends and members who have dug a little deeper this season and contributed to our **Annual Appeal**. Your support of our work is both humbling and energizing!

There's still time to make a contribution to AARCH's 2021 annual fund. Click **HERE** to make a donation securely online through our website. THANK YOU!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS from all of us at AARCH

PRESERVE

Governor Signs Bill by Senator Hinchey and Assemblymember Barrett

to Resurrect the Historic Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit

State Senator Michelle Hinchey (SD-46) and Assemblymember Didi Barrett (AD-106) recently announced that bill **S.6042/A.6947** to create a tax program to help landowners restore historic barns across rural and upstate New York was signed into law by Governor Hochul. Thanks to the legislation, property owners will soon be eligible to apply with the State Historic Preservation Office for a 25% tax credit to restore barns constructed before 1945 back to productive use or into small businesses such as craft breweries, event spaces, and the like, to foster economic growth.

Dr. Michael Tomlan, President of the New York State Barn Coalition, said, "The need to rehabilitate the barns across the Empire State has never been greater. The support of the Senate and Assembly members and the Governor is a tremendous step forward, energizing the economy and assisting property owners and thousands of rural communities."

Barns are an iconic feature of New York State's landscape and this bill will help preserve thousands of barns across the state. e thank Governor Hochul for signing this important bill. AARCH looks forward to assisting barn owners to access this funding.

These photos show the Sprague-North Farm's historic barn, a 2019 AARCH Preservation Award Winner, which is currently owned and operated by Dillon Klepetar as **Echo Farm**, a farm-based catering company and working farm. Dillon rehabilitated the barn in 2018 into the farm's milking parlor and for other farm uses. This work was done with great respect for the historic fabric of the barn and used the state historic barn tax credit as a financial incentive.

The farm was recently listed on the National Registerof Historic Places with help and support from AARCH staff.

GIFT GIVING IDEAS

Still looking for that perfect holiday gift? From our friends at the **Preservation League of NYS** comes **A Hyperlocal Holiday Gift Guide**, a superb list of holiday gift items from small shops, New York-based artists, nonprofits, museums, and other producers of cool stuff from around the state. Shop small, shop local, and shop early.

You can never go wrong with a book, and **AARCH has several publications** perfect for the preservationists and Adirondack adventurers in your life!

New from local author and AARCH board member Rich Frost comes **"Rich in History: A Champlain Valley Reader"** which details historical vignettes from both sides of the lake, with sections on early settlement, military activity, transportation, and industry. You can find Rich's book Corner Stone Book Shop, Lake City Books, Bookburgh, Clinton County Historical Association, Keeseville Pharmacy, Cornerstone Pharmacy, and on Amazon.

Custom House Portrait by Cara Hanley

A gift membership to AARCH makes the perfect gift and comes with numerous benefits. An AARCH membership helps introduce individuals and families to the benefits of preservation in our communities. This is the gift that keeps on giving! Gift recipients receive a welcome letter introducing them to the organization, a complimentary, full color, 48 page *Visitor's Guide to Camp Santanoni*, and earn first priority in the AARCH tour lottery. We also include a gift card. Please enter it in the form after selecting a membership level during check-out.

SUPPORT AARCH WITH IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

Did you know that AARCH can accept donations through the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution?

Qualified Charitable Distributions are not taxed as income and can be used to support your favorite nonprofit - like AARCH!

It's not too late to give to the Annual Appeal and through membership contributions. Thank you for your continued support!

- Join AARCH or renew your membership
- Donate to the Annual Appeal
- Order books and other merchandise

You can do this easily online at www.aarch.org, or by emailing or calling the office, Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm at the address and number below. You may also mail a donation to Adirondack Architectural Heritage, 1745 Main Street, Keeseville, NY 12944

Plattsburgh First National Bank building image courtesy of Clinton County Historical Association.

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