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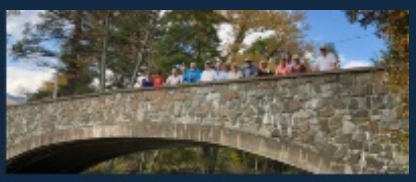

AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region.

"It isn't important if you reach the summit... what matters is how you make the climb."
Grace Hudowalski, *the first woman to become an Adirondack 46'er.*

March is **Women's History Month** – commemorating and encouraging the study, observance, and celebration of women's vital role in American and global history. The Adirondack region is known for its rugged and resilient people, and women are no exception to this rule. Throughout history, **Adirondack women** have played important roles throughout the region and beyond. You can learn more about amazing women who changed history through virtual programs exploring important **women in New York's history.**

March is also sugaring season, and as the sap begins to run and the snow melts we at AARCH are ready to welcome Spring. The 2021 season of AARCH programs promises both new and classic experiences. We look forward to sharing the full schedule in our summer newsletter.

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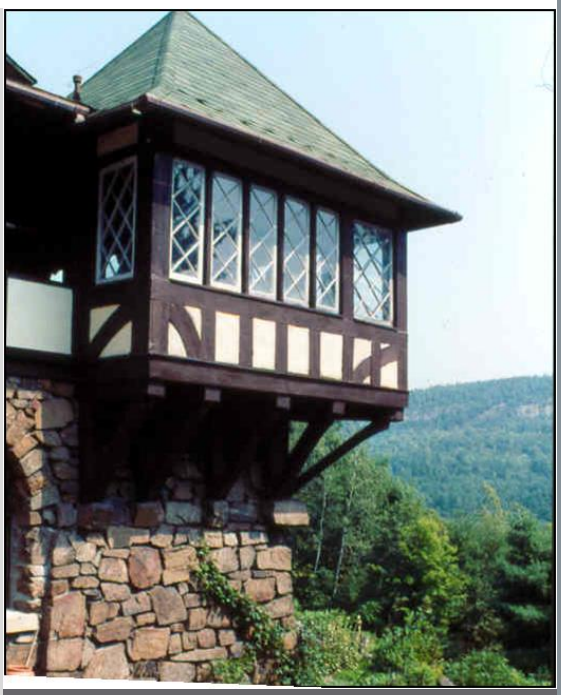


Camp Windy Cliff - Built 1895 for Lucy Carr Rexsamer

One of the seven camps on Otis and Iron Mountain created for and designed by women.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Board of Directors of Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) has formally launched a nationwide search for a new Executive Director who will lead AARCH into the future.

In making the announcement, Board Chair Dean Melville said that "as Steven hands the reins to a new successor, he can look with pride at AARCH's many accomplishments during his tenure. Today, AARCH has 1,500 members who hail from 38 states and 4 countries in addition to the Adirondack region, a Board of Directors with wide-ranging professional backgrounds and skills and a passion for the work of the organization, and four full-time professional staff."

In recent years, AARCH has conducted over 150 educational programs for a broad audience, secured a $370,000 Save America's Treasures grant to further its restoration of Great Camp Santanoni, transformed an industrial site in Keeseville into a historic site for public use, listed properties on the National Register, provided technical assistance to historic property owners, advocated for the preservation of significant threatened architectural resources, and supported other organizations in their preservation initiatives.

This is an incredible opportunity for someone to lead what National Trust President Stephanie Meeks called "one of the most effective rural preservation organizations in the nation." Over the past 30 years AARCH has developed an effective and far-ranging program of public education, advocacy, technical assistance, and historic site management that serves hundreds of communities in New York State's Adirondack region.

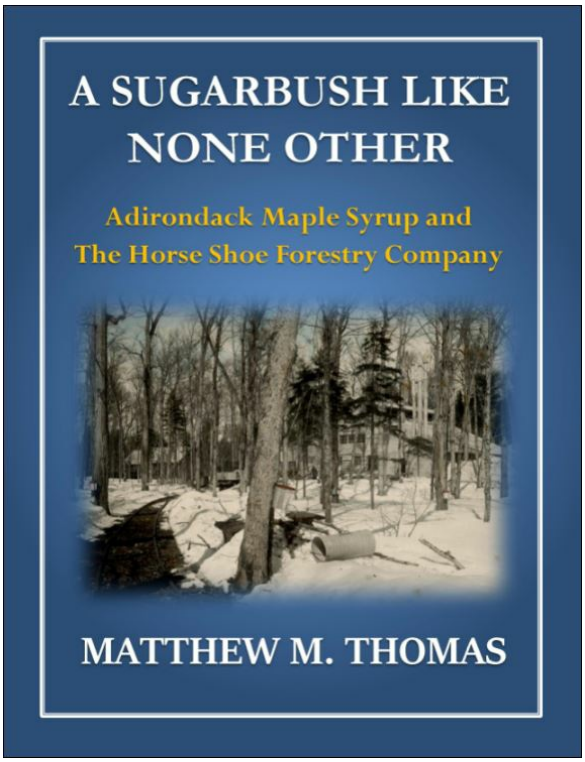
The position profile, which includes information about AARCH, its current strategic priorities, a description of the position, and the qualifications of applicants, is available HERE.

LEARN

A Sugar Bush Like None Other
Adirondack Maple Syrup and
The Horse Shoe Forestry Company
by Matthew M. Thomas

A meticulously researched book and fascinating exploration into A. A. Low and the history of the Adirondacks, this work is well worth a read.

"This book tells the history of how, from 1896 to 1908, Abbot Augustus Low and his Horse Shoe Forestry Company carved an industrial landscape out of the Adirondack forests of northern New York state, complete with railroads, electrification, mills, dams, a private camp, and the centerpiece maple syrup operation. Exploiting a sugarbush of 50,000 taps using a network of pipelines to carry sap from the woods to collection points and boiling sap on nearly twenty colossal evaporators in a series of syrup plants, the Horse Shoe Forestry Company's maple syrup operation was a novel attempt at making maple syrup in the Adirondack wilderness on a scale never before experienced. In time the landscape of A.A. Low's private estate changed hands and uses, but as this book shares, the archaeological remains of the story of the Horse Shoe Forestry Company can still be found on the land"--Matthew Thomas



To learn more about this book, visit https://sugarbushlikenoneother.com/

ADVENTURE

AARCH Memories

Save the date, Saturday, August 14 at the Valcour Inn & Boathouse. We are planning a major celebratory event to honor Steven's time at AARCH.

The **Engelhart Education Fund**, a fund dedicated to advancing and

AARCH Board member and former Camp Santanoni staff Jennifer Betsworth shared the following reminiscences:

"In 2014, after a long day volunteering at my second-ever Santanoni Winter Weekend, Steven, Michael Frenette, my husband, and I made an impromptu decision to walk to Deliah Spring. I'll always remember the quarter-mile walk across the lake as fresh fluffy snowflakes came down and we discussed winter, life, and the Adirondacks."

sustaining our educational programming across the region will be launched soon.

We ask you to share your stories, ask Steven your questions, which we will share here on AARCH Matters. We would love to hear your stories.

You can send your stories and questions to info@aarch.org.

PRESERVE

2021 Preservation Awards Nominations

The AARCH Annual Awards Program recognizes exemplary historic preservation work throughout the Adirondack region.

For over 20 years, our annual awards program has recognized sensitive restoration, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic structures that are consistent with our mission of long-term stewardship. The awards honor the organizations, businesses, and individuals who, through these projects, make the Adirondacks better places to live, work, and visit.

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.

For applications and additional information, please visit www.aarch.org/preserve

The 2021 AARCH Preservation Awards will be held September 19, 2021 at Hotel Saranac

More details coming soon!

SUPPORT

Support AARCH through our Annual Raffle

The annual AARCH raffle is on! Thanks to the generosity of several area businesses and organizations, you have the chance to win one of these **13 fantastic prizes**:

Three Nights stay at **Camp Dragonfly**
Two Nights Lodging at The Hedges **in Blue Mountain Lake**
Two Nights Glamping Experience at Lake Harris Lodge
Dinner for Six at a **Private Camp** on Lake Adirondack, Indian Lake
A $250 Visa Gift Card generously donated by Imerys
A $100 Gift Certificate to Smoke Signals
A Gift Package, including two Admission Passes to the Adirondack Experience (2021 season)
Two 18-hole Rounds of Golf with cart at the High Peaks Golf Course (2 prizes)
A $100 Gift Certificate to Ward Lumber
A $25 Gift Certificate to North Country Creamery
Six admission passes to Ausable Chasm
A one year subscription to Adirondack Life Magazine **and gift basket**

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

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

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