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# AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region.

***APRIL:***
**From the Latin verb*aperire* "to open."**

April – a for rebirth, regrowth, and renewal. As we get ready to publish our 2021 program offerings, we feel a surge of rejuvenation. Coming together again as the AARCH family provides much optimism in a year of recovery. While the pandemic still impacts our planning, we promise to ensure safe quality experiences, and are excited by the slate of new and classic outings paired with some unique workshops that are certain to delight.

We find inspiration in the ambitious revitalization efforts in communities like Malone and Gloversville. A new version of the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act (HTC-GO) H.R. 2294, Introduced in the House of Representatives last week, is a crucial step to help these communities.

Join the preservation communityin reminding our New York Congressional Representatives that historic preservation provides ample opportunity to aid in the nationwide economic recovery as we look towards our post-COVID-19 future.

We look forward to sharing our planned 2021 season schedule and reconnecting with all of you in the months ahead.

Stay well! Stay safe!

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*Above: Signs of Spring at Block House Farm in Essex, NY.* ***Learn more about this beautiful Greek Revival building here.***

## THE ENGELHART EDUCATION FUND

Please join the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Board of Directors in honoring Steven Engelhart's 30 years with AARCH and 27 years as its executive director by making a contribution to the

Engelhart Education Fund.
Proceeds from this fund will be used to further AARCH's educational work in a variety of ways, including to develop new programs, fund new publications, bring more educational content online, and reach and educate new audiences. The fund will ensure that AARCH's programming will continue to be innovative and far-ranging far into the future. The AARCH Board of Directors has established a goal of raising $200,000 from AARCH's members and friends over the coming year.

Please use the return envelope to make a contribution or DONATE ONLINE. THANK YOU for honoring Steven and ensuring the continuation of our remarkable educational programming with your support!

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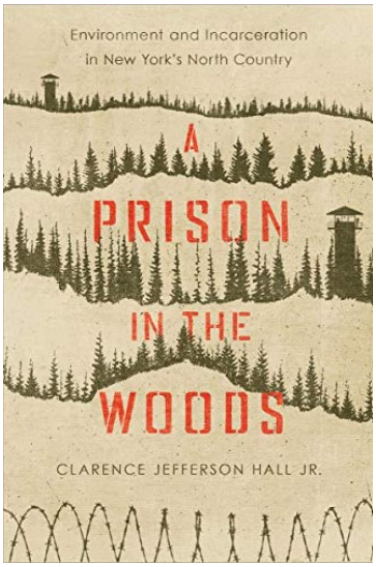
## LEARN




**A Prison in the Woods: Environment and Incarceration in New York's North Country (2020)**
by Clarence Jefferson Hall

*Having recently finished this welcomed piece of scholarship on the significant role of prisons and the intersections of infrastructure, incarceration, public works, and environmentalism in the Adirondacks, I would recommend this engaging academic work for anyone interested in Adirondack history and culture.*

*Hall skillfully navigates the histories and on-going changes in the North Country's carceral landscape, and fleshes out decades of infrastructural changes across the region emanating from prisons and their incarcerated populations. Architecture and adaptive reuse looms large at the center of these case studies, from Dannemora to Lyon Mountain - each site with a different history and each with the lasting legacy of the carceral landscape attached to it.*

*- Nolan, AARCH Programs Director*

Since the mid-nineteenth century, Americans have known the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York as a site of industrial production, a place to heal from disease, and a sprawling outdoor playground that must be preserved in its wild state. Less well known, however, has been the area's role in hosting a network of state and federal prisons. A Prison in the Woods traces the planning, construction, and operation of penitentiaries in five Adirondack Park communities from the 1840s through the early 2000s to demonstrate that the histories of mass incarceration and environmental consciousness are interconnected.

Read the rest of this blurb, courtesy of UMass Press, and more about this new work HERE.

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## SAVE THE DATE

***Celebrating Steven Engelhart***
*Afternoon Benefit for AARCH*
***Saturday, August 14* | 3:30 - 6:30**
Valcour Inn & Boathouse

After 27 years of spirited, cherished, and defining leadership and success, AARCH's founding Executive Director **Steven Engelhart** will be retiring this fall. Join us for an afternoon celebration to honor Steven, his great success, and his storied career as the most recognizable champion of historic preservation in communities across the Adirondack region and beyond.

Attendees will be able to thank Steven for all of his good work, and learn more about what lies ahead for himself and for AARCH. Relax and reflect on AARCH's 30 years of building a historic preservation ethic across the Adirondacks with staff, board members, and fellow members and friends.

## PRESERVE

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
### 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 **Saturday, September 18** at **Hotel Saranac**

*Projects of any size are eligible for consideration*

**Deadline for submissions:**

**June 31, 2021**

## UPCOMING EVENT

### *Historic Bridges of the Adirondacks*
### Hosted by the Saratoga Springs Public Library

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**
**Zoom Web Presentation** - **REGISTER HERE**

Please join our executive director, Steve Engelhart, for an exploration of the incredible variety of historic bridges found in the Adirondacks. These include stone arch bridges in Keeseville and Ticonderoga; covered bridges in Jay and Edinburg; iron trusses over the Ausable, Hudson, Saranac, Raquette, Moose and Sacandaga Rivers; reinforced concrete, stone-faced, spans in Keene, Piercefield and Black Brook, and the marvelous steel arch bridge over Ausable Chasm. These bridges reflect fascinating changes in technology and transportation and also tell important stories about the growth and development of Adirondack communities. As bridges are among our most endangered historic resources, the program also looks at successful strategies for preserving these regional treasures.

## SUPPORT

## THERE IS STILL TIME!! PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!
## 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.

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