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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

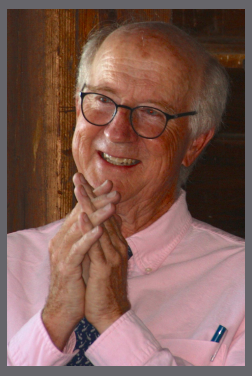
"It's always good to remember where you come from and celebrate it. To remember where you come from is part of where you're going." *Anthony Burgess*

What a day! This past Saturday, theAdirondack Architectural Heritage family came together to celebrate the 27-year career, accomplishments, and superb leadership of our founding Executive Director, Steven Engelhart, who will retire at the end of this year. Several speakers and over 160 friends of our "small but mighty" organization shared their appreciation and adoration for Steven and his distinguished leadership at AARCH.

Thank you to our special guests: **Wint Aldrich, Anne Van Ingen, Chris Lozner, Susan Prescott Buck, Anne Mckinnon**, and **Chester Liebs,** who spoke so eloquently and passionately about Steven, his work and lasting impact.

We also celebrated 30 years of AARCH's good work. From our advocacy efforts to save Great Camps, fire towers, bridges, and more to the diverse and rich educational programs, the breadth and reach of AARCH's work under Steven's leadership serve as a template and legacy for our continued work.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the many individuals, organizations, partners, and AARCH members and friends, who share our enthusiasm and are excited to explore the rich and diverse cultural fabric of our region. As we transition to new leadership in the Fall we see great opportunity and excitement as we build on our past. Thank you all for being such a vital part of the AARCH family.



AARCH members and friends gather at the Valcour Boathouse Images: Susan Darrin

Left: Steven enjoying the benefit Image: John Eldridge

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Below: AARCH Members and friends enjoying the benefit
Images: John Eldridge

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 30 YEARS

1990: The founding members come together to save Camp Santanoni and establish AARCH. AARCH incorporated 1991.

1991-2021: AARCH offers an extraordinary series of educational programs, totaling more than 820 tours and workshops and nearly 500 lectures all across the region.

1991 - 2021: Over 20 completed National Register Nominations

1997-2015: Michael Frenette is master builder in residence at Camp Santanoni and restores many of the camp's most important buildings. 2000: Camp Santanoni is designated as a National Historic Landmark, a Unit Management Plan is adopted, and "Camp Santanoni: From Japanese Temple to Life at an Adirondack Great Camp" is published.

2001: The "Fire Observation Stations of the NYS Forest Preserve" National Register nomination paves the way for saving many of the region's fire towers.

2006: The Bow Bridge in Hadley is rehabilitated and reopened, thanks to a $1.2 million grant secured by AARCH.

2007: AARCH plays a big role in saving "The Closet" - the

Image: Howie Kirschenbaum at Camp Santanoni 1990

segregated cabin built for Fulton Fryar at the Seagle Music Colony.

2014: The Old Stone Barracks in Plattsburgh is saved from an inappropriate development plan and is restored as the home of the Valcour Brewing Company.

2015: AARCH is awarded the Trustee's Award for Organizational Excellence by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

2017: Five years in the making, AARCH publishes "A Guide to Architecture in the Adirondacks" by Richard Longstreth.

2019: Work begins on the Keeseville Waterfront Park.

2021: A $750,000 roofing project on Great Camp Santanoni is underway.

Image: Camp Santanoni designated at National Historic Landmark (2000)

Image: 2006 rededication of the restored Hadley Bow Bridge

Image: The Fryars in front of "The Closet".

SPECIAL EVENT - AND MEET THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIROECTOR

JOIN US FOR THE AARCH ANNUAL MEETING & PRESERVATION AWARDS LUNCHEON| Hotel Saranac | Saranac Lake, NY September 18, 2021

Please join AARCH staff, board members, and awardees for an exceptional event at the historic Hotel Saranac.

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 a better place to live, work, and visit.

In the morning, our free Annual Meeting will give attendees a chance to meet and hear from our new executive director, Erin Tobin as well as to mingle with other AARCH members and friends.

After a break, we will re-convene for our annual Preservation Awards luncheon and ceremony, where we will recognize the individuals, businesses, communities, and organizations whose work exemplifies the best of historic preservation work in the Adirondack region. This event, more than any other we offer, showcases the passions and extraordinary work of the people who make historic preservation such an important part of the region's vitality.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our new leadership, to see a superb restoration project at the historic hotel, to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our friends and neighbors, to meet AARCH board and staff, and to enjoy each other's company. The gathering will include light refreshments in the morning and

lunch in the Hotel Saranac's historic and stylish interior.

The Annual Meeting from 10 am to 12 pm is FREE. The afternoon Preservation Awards Luncheon and Ceremony from 12 pm to 3 pm is $50 for AARCH members, non-members, and guests. Please **RSVP to AARCH** on the tour request form or by contacting the office.

SUPPORT

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.

You may mail in 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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Preserving the architecture and communities of the Adirondack region through education, advocacy, and action.

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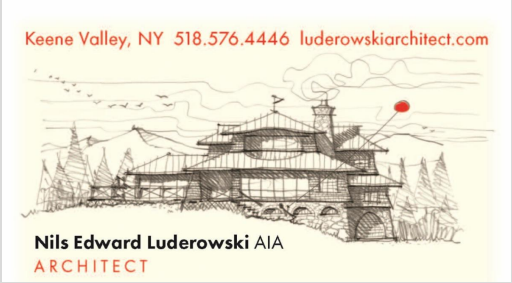
To This Important Business or Organization Member



We are most appreciative for the many years of great support from Nils Luderowski Architect. Nils Luderowski is best defined as specializing in residential architecture and design in an Adirondack vernacular. His full-service studio offers traditional architectural services including site planning, interior design, furniture design and custom artisan work.

Nils pioneered the "New Adirondack Style" of architecture, an authentic blend of Shingle, Craftsman, Prairie and regional expressions, while also incorporating modern living requirements and current technology. His structures thoughtfully address natural site features and are carefully scaled. They are rich in texture, color, and have a close relationship with the natural landscape — becoming part of the landscape itself.

Nils Luderowski Architect

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