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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

"A new year , a fresh, clean start! It's like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on! A day full of possibilities! It's a magical world, Hobbes, ol' buddy ... let's go exploring!"

— Bill Watterson, It's a Magical World

We hope you had a peaceful and joyous holiday and began this new year full of optimism for 2022. After spending two years amid a pandemic, AARCH hopes for a better, brighter, and healthier new year.

Winter brings a whole new world of possibilities for fun and adventure, and the Adirondack region has so much to enjoy. You might ski into Great Camp Santanoni, tour Ausable Chasm and view giant icicles, attend the in-person and virtual history programs at the New York State Museum and Fort Ticonderoga, sit by the fire, and read a good book. The possibilities are endless. With the leaves off the trees, you might find yourself noticing buildings previously obscured by foliage. Winter is a perfect time to take a day trip to someplace in the region you've never traveled. AARCH has some suggestions on our website. However, you enjoy this magical place we live, stay safe and healthy.

Stay tuned for our winter newsletter, appearing in mailboxes next month. We will also soon announce our winter webinar series. In addition, summer program and special event planning is in full swing! You will see some AARCH favorites, along with new exciting programs.

To all our supporters near and far we can't express our gratitude enough for all your support in 2021! 2022 indeed looks bright.

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A winter's day at Great Camp Santanoni

Fort William Henry Museum, Lake George.

1901 Ice Castle, courtesy of Historic Saranac Lake. The Saranac Lake Carnival returns this year!

PRESERVE

National Park Service Releases Annual Report on the Economic Impact of the Federal Historic Tax Credits for Fiscal Year 2020

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program, administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Offices, is the nation's most effective program to promote historic preservation and community revitalization through historic rehabilitation. With over 46,000 completed projects since its enactment in 1976, **the program has leveraged over $109.18 billion in private investment in the rehabilitation of historic properties**—spurring the rehabilitation of historic structures of every period, size, style, and type in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

According to National Park Service project data, 51% of the certified rehabilitation projects in 2020 were located in low- and moderate- income census tracts and 75% were located in economically distressed areas.

This program provides a **20% federal tax credit to property owners** who undertake a substantial rehabilitation of a historic building in a commercial or other income-producing use while maintaining its historic character.

Do you own a historic income-producing property? Did you know AARCH can work with you to apply for the NYS and Federal Tax credit programs?

For more information on how AARCH can help visit our website or contact the Preservation Services Director, Christine Bush.

The historic Oval Wood Dish Company complex in Tupper Lake is being redeveloped to create mixed-income apartments, market-rate apartments, offices, and businesses. The project will take advantage of Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives .

Built in 1888, The Vilas Home in Plattsburgh was originally built to care for aging widows. This National Register-listed building underwent a renovation and large expansion utilizing the Federal Historic Preservation Tax incentive

VOTE FOR KEESEVILLE'S HISTORIC BRIDGES

2021 is the 10th Anniversary of the The Bridgehunter's Chronicles "Bridgehunter Awards." Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Save Keeseville's Historic Bridges, this year, the Historic Bridges of Keeseville have been nominated for three different awards!

You can vote using multiple browsers, devices, log in accounts, etc. A win would help draw greater attention to the need to take care of these historic Keeseville icons and would be a point of pride for the community. Vote for "The Historic Bridges of Keeseville" in the following three

categories. Voting ends January 21. Lets get a win for Keeseville!

Endangered Truss Award (Historic Bridges of Keeseville)
Bridge Tour USA Award (Historic Bridges of Keeseville)
Bridge of the Year Award: (Historic Bridges of Keeseville)

GREAT CAMP SANTANONI ROOF STUDY

Last year we completed the largest restoration project ever to be undertaken at Santanoni. Thanks to a $370,000 grant to AARCH from the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures program and matching funds from New York State ($250,000) and the Town of Newcomb ($120,000), we hired Titan Roofing, Inc. to install new shingles on the lodge's 18,000 square foot roof.

Selecting the right roofing materials for this project was essential. After much consideration Landmark® CertainTeed shingles were selected. CertainTeed has used this project as a case study for how a high-performance roofing product can be beneficial in restoration projects. You can read the report here.

SEEKING AARCH 2022 PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS

Our 2021 Preservation Award Winners (from left to right): Ted Comstock–Adirondack League Club, Ben Strader & Adam Bailey–Blue Mountain Center, Travis Proulx–Basselin House, Beryl & Bob Ierardi–Camp Paradiso Trovato

Photo courtesy of John Eldridge.

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.

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 throughout the Adirondack region.

DEADLINE: June 30, 2022

PRESERVATION LEAGUE'S 2022-2023 SEVEN TO SAVE

Our colleagues at the **Preservation League of New York State** is now accepting nominations for the **2022-2023 Seven to Save** list. Building on partnerships with groups and individuals, the Seven to Save listing has been a key catalyst to the successful revival of dozens of buildings, landscapes, downtowns, and neighborhoods endangered by threats such as lack of regulatory protections, neglect, imminent demolition, and incompatible development.

The League encourages applications reflecting the cultural and economic diversity of New York state and its history, as well as its extraordinary heritage of architecture and design reflected in all property types. Click **HERE** for a full description of the program and a link to the nomination form. The deadline for nominations is March 4, 2022.

AARCH SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

AARCH offers a monthly sustaining membership program. For the cost of a few cups of coffee each month, you can support our work preserving the architecture and communities of the Adirondack region.

Sustaining members make a convenient, ongoing monthly contribution to AARCH. This means less mail, no renewal notices, and uninterrupted status as one of our passionate members working to make a difference in our region's treasured communities and places. Your contribution will go further with fewer administrative costs.

All members receive the following benefits:

- 20% discount on purchases of AARCH publications & merchandise
- Discounts and priority registration on AARCH sponsored tours, workshops, and certain special events
- Invitations to take part in rewarding volunteer projects
- Invitation to our Annual Meeting
- Subscription to our Newsletter and E-Newsletter
- Free initial in-home technical assistance consultation
- Recognition in our Winter Newsletter

To all our members and supporters, THANK YOU!

Photo of AARCH members and friends at a 2021 tour of Hitchins Pond.

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To This Important Business or Organization Member

We are most appreciative for devoted, generous, and enthusiastic partners like our friends at the **Town of Newcomb**!

For 30 years, AARCH has partnered with the Town of Newcomb to preserve Great Camp Santanoni as an educational and recreational destination for locals and tourists alike. The Town supports the Santanoni summer staff each year, which provide free daily tours of the camp's various complexes. In addition, Newcomb supports the ongoing conservation work on Santanoni's many buildings, from the Gate Lodge to the Main Camp.

There's more to Newcomb than just Camp Santanoni - learn more about the town's history or plan a trip to "the heart of the park" to explore all it has to offer, from historic sites to outdoor recreation.

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