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"Once organic character is achieved in the work of Art, that work is forever. Like sun, moon, and stars, great trees, flowers, and grass it is and stays on while and wherever man is."
— Frank Lloyd Wright

As the weather grows colder and the nights longer, here at AARCH we are turning inward, reflecting on the past season of programs and beginning to plan for the next. As preservationists, we are always informed by the past, building upon what we have already achieved as we set new goals.

We recently sent out our **Year In Review** newsletter, which shares AARCH's activities over the past year. This year, we explored the ways in which historic preservation is at the heart of so many community endeavors, from traditional trades workforce development to the environmental economic benefits of reusing existing buildings.

Communities and the people who invest in them are also central to our work. We are deeply saddened to have recently lost one of our treasured members and supporters, Nils Luderowski. Nils contributed so much to the Adirondack region through his architecture, which honed the integration of meticulous design with a deep respect for the landscape. We are also grateful for all of the ways in which he supported AARCH's work. You can read more about Nils and his legacy below.

We are so grateful for everyone who makes our work possible. As we head into the holiday season, we hope you will join us in reflecting on all we have to be thankful for.

Sunflower, designed by Nils Luderowski.

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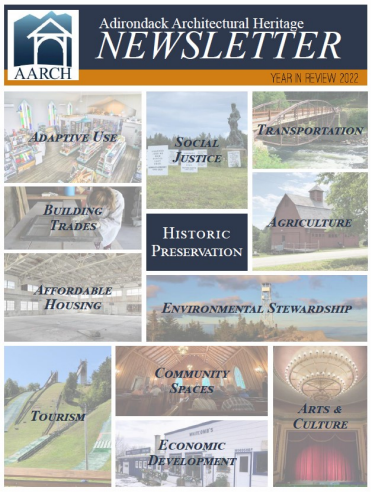

*Check out our **2022 Year In Review**!*

GIVE TO OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

IN MEMORIAM: NILS LUDEROWSKI

AARCH was deeply saddened by the news of architect Nils Luderowski's recent passing.

Nils was a great friend and long-time member of AARCH. Over the years, he served as an AARCH Board and Advisory Council member, going above and beyond with his support of our special events and fundraisers. His one-of-a-kind Adirondack chairs designed especially for our silent auction were a favorite. We had the pleasure of featuring his work in our educational tours as well as showcasing his projects in an AARCH gallery exhibit. In addition, Nils and his wife Muriel hosted a "Big Gratitude" donor event in 2018. Nils will be remembered for his distinctive architecture dotting the many lakes, rivers, and mountains of the Adirondacks.

Nils was curious about everything and had an insatiable quest for learning. He applied his thoughtfulness, deep understanding of design, creativity, whimsy, and masterful use of divine proportion to every project detail. An artist in every sense of the word, his work went far beyond plans and elevations. From unique light fixtures, furniture, planters, pennants, and stained-glass windows, he meticulously considered every aspect of a building, no matter how small or large.

Nils pioneered the New Adirondack Style of architecture, a blend of Shingle, Craftsman, Prairie, and regional expressions, while maintaining an eye for modern living requirements and technology. His structures are all thoughtfully designed to fit their surroundings, as if a part of the natural landscapes themselves, without losing the rich texture, color, and form that make his designs distinctive.

One of Nils's many unique gifts was his extraordinary ability to communicate through his drawing. His renderings were not only were they informative but beautiful and evocative . To sit in front of Nils while he faced you, effortlessly drawing upside down to illustrate his thinking, was to observe how the pencil in his hand acted as an extension of his heart, soul, and brain.

Nils contributed so much richness to architecture in the Adirondacks and beyond. His

legacy will continue through his buildings, family, and all who knew him. We are so grateful for everything he did for AARCH and his memory will be a blessing that lives on in our work.

His obituary can be read **here**. His family and loved ones are in our thoughts.

FUNDING PRESERVATION PROJECTS WEBINAR

Funding Preservation Projects: Grants
Wednesday, December 7
4:00 - 6:00 PM

REGISTER

The final webinar in our three-part series, *Historic Preservation as Economic Development*, will focus on historic preservation grant funds for project planning and capital restoration/rehabilitation. Investing in historic buildings promotes successful economic development, environmental protection, and sustainable community investment. Attendees will hear about public and private grant programs that support architectural services as well as brick and mortar costs.

A Q&A period will follow the presentations, where our experts will address audience questions and comments.

This event is FREE and open to the public, made possible through a Generous Acts grant from the Adirondack Foundation.

*If you missed the first two installments in our fall webinar series, you can find the recordings on our **YouTube channel**.*

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

As we approach the year's end, we wanted to **refresh last year's post** on IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions. An IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution contribution to AARCH (or your favorite nonprofit) is an excellent way to take your required minimum distribution and receive a tax deduction up to 60% of your adjusted gross income. We have a **sample distribution letter on our website** and your donation will make an immediate impact in support of AARCH's work preserving the architecture and communities of the Adirondacks through education, action, and advocacy.

CAMPAIGN FOR HISTORIC TRADES LABOR STUDY

This week, the **Campaign for Historic Trades** released a labor study on the status and impact of historic trades across the country. The **report**, completed by PlaceEconomics, found that for every $100 in labor income, an additional $186 is generated in paychecks for indirect and induced jobs and that almost 100,000 specialized trades workers will be needed over the next ten years. Here at AARCH, we look forward to bringing back our popular hands-on preservation trades training workshops next year!

DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY!

As you get ready to fire up your woodstove or fireplace for the season, don't forget to clean your chimney!

Home fires are most common in the winter months and are often caused by dirty chimneys. For more information on chimney maintenance, check out this **FEMA resource sheet**.

Left: Fireplace at Twitchell Lake Inn, Town of Webb

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