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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

"Don't let the sun go down without saying thank you to someone, and without admitting to yourself that absolutely no one gets this far alone."
~ Stephen King

Whoever said If you don't like the weather, wait a minute, must have been talking about the Adirondacks. This May has had it all from a foot of snow, followed by torrential rain, and then 90 degrees. But May is a gorgeous month; the sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, the garden is growing, and it's the start of the **AARCH tour season!**

We were overwhelmed and delighted by the hundreds of tour requests we received. It is heartening to see how you, our members, value and cherish the months of hard work that go into planning and creating our unique summer offerings. The lottery is complete and we are in the process of sending out confirmations. We still have space on some of our tours, see below for more information. If you sent in your tour request and do not hear from us by May 27, please contact nolan@aarch.org.

May is also Preservation Month - a time to celebrate the nation's heritage through historic places. The most common resource that comes to mind when we talk about historic preservation is buildings. But our historic landscapes parks, cemeteries, gardens, ruins, and rural landscapes, and structures like bridges, fire towers, sculptures and monuments also have stories to tell about the rich and lively history of people and places in the Adirondacks. We encourage you to participate in many of the events happening around the state..

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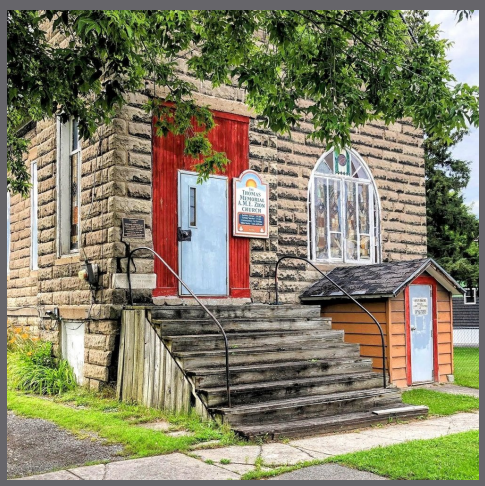
Did you know that lilacs can last for hundreds of years?! So if you happen to see a lilac seemingly growing in the middle of nowhere, take a closer look. There is a good chance an old home once stood there. Want to read more about lilacs?
Image: Schuyler Falls, NY - Christine Bush

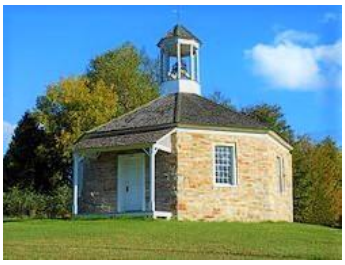


Thomas Memorial AME Zion Church in Watertown is one of the one of the Preservation League of NYS Seven to Savesites for 2022-2023 sites for 2022-2023.
Photo Credit: Richard Margolis, www.WatertownLandmarks.com

ADVENTURE - 2022 PROGRAMS and EVENTS

Thank you for the tremendous response to the 2022 programs and events. We still have a few spaces on the following tours.

- PRESERVING HISTORIC PLASTER WORKSHOP June 3-4
- VALCOUR ISLAND & LIGHTHOUSE July 7
- OPEN STUDIO & HISTORIC MILL WITH JOHN VAN ALSTINE & CAROLINE RAMERSDORFER July 9
- STONE HOUSES OPEN HOUSE July 23
- THE WOMEN OF SANTANONI August 8
- VALCOUR ISLAND & LIGHTHOUSE September 7
- BIKING THE BOQUET VALLEY September 15
- DRAWN TO NATURE AT CAMP SANTANONI September 24



LEARN – HISTORIC BARN TAX CREDIT WORKSHOP

Image: Historic barn in Keene Valley

From our Colleagues at the

Preservation League of New York State

Historic Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Webinar

- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- 12:00 PM 1:30 PM

Owners of historic barns (built before 1946) may be eligible for New York State's new Historic Barn Tax Credit program for qualifying expenses to rehabilitate or maintain their barns. Join Olivia Brazee from the New York State Historic Preservation Office and Janna Rudler of the Preservation League for an introduction to the Historic Barn Tax Credit.

Free! **Click here to register.**

READ

To Build or Not to Build?

Architects struggle with the future of their craft in a warming world

By Frances Anderton | Dec 16 2021

"Sustainability is to make things already existing last longer. Demolition is a waste of energy, materials, a waste of history. For us, it is an act of violence. We say, instead of demolishing, we should work with what already exists." *Jean-Philippe Vassal*

This article, featuring the work of architects Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal, 2021 recipients of the Pritzker Prize explores new ideas on building reuse and focuses on bringing new life to building types that are typically torn down, like the public building block shown here.

The architects are offering a common-sense approach: Build as little as possible and use what's already there.

The complex in France, shown here was built in the 1960s (shown here after adaptive reuse). Photo by Philippe Ruault

SUPPORT - 2022 AARCH Raffle

Thank you to our generous donors and everyone who purchased tickets!

And the winners are…!

- **Two Nights Lodging for two at The Hedges - Connie Reitz**
- **Two Nights of Glamping at The Lake Harris Lodge - Scott Sheffield**
- **Private Guided Paddle and Lunch for six at Great Camp Sagamore - Richard Greguski**
- **Dinner (or lunch, if preferred) for six at "No Vacancy" Dan Bird**
- **A Luncheon Cruise for Two on Raquette Lake aboard the W.W. Durant followed by a Guided Tour of Great Camp Sagamore - Sue Mitchell**
- **Two Spots on any 2022 AARCH Tour - Karen Cady**
- **A one-year subscription to *Adirondack Life* Magazine and gift basket - Melissa Barber**
- ***2 Prizes** Each prize includes: **Two 18-Hole Rounds of Golf with cart at High Peaks Golf Course** in Newcomb - **Karen Noble and Jim Peterson**
- **$50 Gift Certificate to Raquette River Brewing in Tupper Lake - Cliff Costa**
- **Cheese & Chocolate Bundle: $25 Gift Certificate to North Country Creamery and Gift Certificate to Adirondack Chocolates for a one-pound box of chocolates - Rush Holt**
- **Two Tickets to one of Great Camp Sagamore's 2-hour Walking Tours - Anne King**

NEWS – AARCH 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

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

Photo courtesy of John Eldridge.

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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