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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

"The lintel low enough to keep out pomp and pride;
The threshold high enough to turn deceit aside;
The doorband strong enough from robber to defend;
This door will open at a touch to welcome every friend."
Henry Van Dyke

Our busy season of programs and events is in full swing! This year, we're embarking on many exciting new adventures and some traditional favorites as well. So far, our travels have taken us from William Miner's historic hydroelectric projects at the "Million Dollar Dam" and McGregor Powerhouse in Altona, down to Schroon Lake to explore the architecture of architect Ward Shippey with the architect's grandson Tom Lynch, fellow guides, and developers, and outside the Blue Line for our Slate Valley tour in Granville. It's hard to imagine that we've only just begun this year's adventures!

Part of the joy in bringing these exceptional programs to members and friends is connecting with both new and repeat faces along the way that help make these outings possible and enriching. The generosity and openness of hosts and guides to allow us into their homes, camps, and communities and sharing their stories is always a source of inspiration and hope.

We thank these partners, and as always, we also thank our members for supporting our work!

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A group of AARCH tour-goers visiting Valcour Island

AARCH group visiting Altona's McGregor Power House

The red slate-sided Willis house in Granville, NY

SUPPORT

2022 Summer Celebration at Northbrook Lodge

Honoring Howard Kirschenbaum

Saturday, August 13, 2022
3:00 – 6:00 PM | Paul Smiths

Purchase Your Tickets HERE
Join the Host or Honorary Committee or become a Corporate Sponsor HERE

Please join AARCH staff, board members, and special guests for an exceptional summer afternoon at the scenic Northbrook Lodge on Osgood Pond.

AARCH GRATITUDE

AARCH wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to Sally and Sandy Berk for hosting a magical evening at their enchanting and whimsical camp "No Vacancy" on Lake Adirondack in the Town of Indian Lake. It was an evening to not only show our deep appreciation to our donors but to share conversation, laughter, delicious food, and the beauty of the Adirondacks.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!

ADVENTURE

Seeking even more opportunities to attend our **summer tours** this season? We still have room on some of the outings listed below:

ARCHITECTURAL SKETCHING WORKSHOP July 22-23

STONE HOUSES OPEN HOUSE July 23

PRESERVING CAMP SANTANONI September 13

DRAWN TO NATURE AT SANTANONI September 24

Image: AARCH group exploring the architecture of Ward Shippey.

Northeast Regional Initiative for the Preservation Trades Survey

The Northeast region is currently experiencing a workforce shortage of preservation tradespeople, limiting means for historic buildings – whether notable or "everyday" – to be maintained, improved, and adapted to current needs. This problem has been exacerbated by a variety of factors: the increasing number of buildings at a critical age for repairs, the widespread retirement of existing tradespeople, and rural in-migration trends across the Northeast region increasing labor

demand. Historic preservation not only contributes to a local sense of place and connections to heritage, but it can also be an important environmental sustainability strategy toward climate change mitigation and resource conservation.

Are you engaged with preservation trades in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine?
Whether you are a current or retired tradesperson, a preservation advocate, a trades student, a historic property owner, or someone else connected to this area of work, we are interested in hearing from you about your experiences and perspectives pertaining to the preservation trades workforce.

The Preservation League of New York State is currently recruiting survey participants!

The survey is expected to take 10-15 minutes to complete. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Participation is voluntary. Upon completion, you will have the option to be entered in a drawing to win one of five historic preservation books.

TAKE THE SURVEY!

SUMMER AT GREAT CAMP SANTANONI

In only a matter of weeks, our two Santanoni staff members: Kevin Jensen and Leigh Robertson, are making a huge impact.

Besides welcoming visitors and giving tours, they have helped with a long overdue deep cleaning of the gate lodge; repainted and freshened the gift shop/visitors center at the gate lodge; installed a kitchen sink at the main camp; and built a new stand for servant's quarters model in the main camp kitchen.

This week DEC staff, AARCH/Friends of Santanoni volunteers, and AARCH ED Erin Tobin spent a day cleaning up the Farm Complex landscape. We are so grateful for our volunteer support and partnership with NYS DEC.

Images: Refreshed visitors center at the Gate Lodge
DEC staff and AARCH/Friends volunteers at the farm clean-up day

HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR SALE

Unique Historic Property

This historic property on Willsboro Point known as Soloman Clark's Scragwood was the winner of an AARCH Preservation Award. While the Clark's were best known for providing foundation stone for the Brooklyn Bridge and a host of other

local and regional edifices, the Clark family's entrepreneurship as farmers and shipbuilders was as important as their prowess as quarrymen. The house, outbuildings, grounds and a small quarry, are all part of the Ligonier Point National Register Historic District.

Scragwood is a 3+/- acre property with 200 feet of frontage on Lake Champlain on the north shore of historic Ligonier Point in Willsboro Point, New York, a small, exclusive enclave known for its spectacular lake frontage. The carefully conserved four-bedroom cottage and outbuildings date from the mid-1800s when the limestone quarry upon which they rest provided stone for the foundation of the Brooklyn Bridge among other major projects.
For more details visitHERE

MICHIGAN MONTH

July 1st officially marks**Michigan Month**in the Town of Plattsburgh. While the month-long festivity, dubbed "Michigan Month," was first declared in 2021, this year the town decided to make July even more special, adding hotdog-centered events and activities throughout the month.

The festivities kicked off with the installation of the newWilliam G. Pomeroy Foundation Hungry for History Marker.

The Hungry for History® grant programcelebrates America's food history by telling the stories of local and regional food specialties across the United States. This program is designed to commemorate significant food dishes created prior to 1970 and the role they played in defining American culture and forging community identity. Hungry for History is intended to help communities nationwide put the spotlight on their renowned locally and regionally created food dishes with historic roadside markers.

Image courtesy of the Town of Plattsburgh.

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