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AARCH MATTERS

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

"Indeed the structure should be the outgrowth of, and harmonize with the site, so that when your work is completed the structure shall be a new object added by the hand of man to perfect and beautify its surroundings; and the whole when viewed shall produce an agreeable effect, like harmony in music and rhythm in poetry."
Log Cabins And Cottages by William S. Wicks

On a glorious Adirondack afternoon, over 100 AARCH members gathered at Northbrook Lodge to celebrate the work that your generous donations and support make possible. Amid the call of the loons, exquisite grounds, and stunning architecture, we enjoyed great conversation, masterfully prepared food by chef Kevin McCarthy and handcrafted drinks by bartender Zachary Blair. The highlight of the event was honoring Howie Kirschenbaum, our founding president, and his five decades of accomplishments in historic preservation.

Howie's enthusiasm and dedication to the Adirondack built environment has ensured the preservation of iconic structures throughout the region. He has saved many Adirondack Great Camps and other historic properties, including several National Historic Landmarks, through various roles as owner, manager, restorer, or advocate. Not only did he help establish AARCH and save Great Camp Santanoni in the early 1990s, but he championed other historic properties, among them Great Camp Sagamore, The Hedges on Blue Mountain Lake, White Pine Camp, and is currently advocating for the preservation of Debar Pond Lodge. In addition, Howie has authored five books on the historic architecture of the Adirondacks, including two AARCH publications: ***White Pine Camp: The Saga of an Adirondack Great Camp and Summer White House*** and ***Santanoni: From Japanese Temple to Life at an Adirondack Great Camp***, the latter of which he co-authored with Robert Engel and Paul Malo.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Jeff Robillard for opening Northbrook Lodge for our summer celebration, Hui Cox for providing the lovely music, Fire Sky Farm Flowers for the beautiful flowers, Kevin McCarthy and Zachary Blair for the fantastic food and drinks, Jay Dawson for coordinating logistics, and of course everyone

Howie Kirschenbaum, Erin Tobin - AARCH Executive Director, Dean Melville - AARCH Board President Image courtesy of John Eldridge.

Guests enjoying food prepared by master chef Kevin McCarthy. Image courtesy of John Eldridge.

who attended and supported the event.

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*Guitar Player and Grammy-Nominated Producer **Hui Cox** at the lean-to at Northbrook Lodge. Image courtesy of John Eldridge.*

Image left: Guests enjoying the Summer Celebration, courtesy of John Eldridge.

SUPPORT

JOIN AARCH as we celebrate this year's winners!

Sandy Hill Arts Center, Hudson Falls

September 17, 3pm-5pm • Suggested donation $35

Light refreshments served

RSVP by September 6, 2022

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AARCH 2022 Preservation Award Winners!!

Black Brook General Store, Black Brook

Elk Lake Lodge, North Hudson

The Hitching Post, Nettle Meadow Farm, Lake Luzerne

Prescott Cottage, Port Douglass

Sandy Hill Arts Center, Hudson Falls

The Pavilion at Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga

Wes Haynes, Individual Achievement

AN EVENING AT THE PAVILION
SPONSOR-LEVEL

An additional ten spots are available for this exclusive and unique "behind-the-scenes" experience for AARCH Sponsor-level members and up! Attendees will be among the first to explore **Fort Ticonderoga's recently restored Pavilion**, the 1826 summer home of William Ferris Pell and his family, and a popular hotel between 1840 and 1900. Explore the halls of this historic space that welcomed guests like Robert Todd Lincoln, son of president Abraham Lincoln; the prominent French & Indian War historian, Francis Parkman; and Adirondack photographer, Seneca Ray Stoddard. Today, Fort Ticonderoga has continued the work of William Ferris Pell's great-grandson, Stephen H.P. and his wife Sarah G.T. Pell, who began the restoration of the fort in 1909 and simultaneously undertook the restoration of the Pavilion as a summer residence. Recently, the superb, multi-year capital-funded restoration work on the Pavilion has concluded and we are thrilled to honor the work with an AARCH Preservation Award!!

Additionally, members will take a guided evening stroll in the beautiful King's Garden and get a rare glimpse of the "Y-D" House, the whimsical play space of the Pell children.

The fee is $55 for AARCH sponsor-level members (and up) only.

TOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ADVENTURE

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

PRESERVING CAMP SANTANONI September 13

DRAWN TO NATURE AT SANTANONI September 24

Images above left to right: Suspension bridge at Thousand Island, Chapel at Camp Gabriels, TB Infirmary Building at Camp Gabriels, Lighthouse at Thousand Island

Image right: AARCH group at Marble River & Jericho Rise wind farm

It's been a whirlwind of activities for our summer outings! In the last few days, AARCH tours have explored the stories of women at Great Camp Santanoni; the rich stories, architecture, and whimsey of Thousand Island Park; and a deeper look at the interplay between wind and solar energy projects in Clinton County.

2022 PRESERVE NEW YORK GRANT WINNERS

We are excited to announce The Town of Schuyler Falls as a 2022 Preserve New York Grant recipient.

The Preservation League of NYS, with their program partners at the NYS Council on the Arts, announced the 2022 Preserve New York grant recipients earlier this month. AARCH is thrilled that both the Town of Schuyler Falls and Clinton County received funding for preservation projects.

AARCH has been working with Schuyler Falls since 2019, consulting with the town to complete a cultural resources survey, also funded through Preserve New York, and we are excited to continue working with them on a National Register historic district nomination for the hamlet of Schuyler Falls. The hamlet is an intact example of early 19th and 20th century residential and commercial architecture in the North Country region. With National Register status, property owners can take advantage of historic tax credits and other grant opportunities not otherwise available.

We were also happy to see a Preserve New York grant awarded to Clinton County for a historic structure report of the Old State Road bridge, one of Keeseville's historic bridges over the Ausable River, closed since 2005 to pedestrian and vehicle traffic due to structural deficiencies. AARCH hopes this report is the first step towards bridge repair and reopening!

For the complete list of awardees please see HERE.

The Preserve New York grant program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State, made possible by NYSCA with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature

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THOUSAND ISLAND LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

Thousand Island Park Landmark Society Launches Local History Project

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society, established in 1976 for the purpose of preserving the historical and architectural resources of the Thousand Island Park, recently announced its intention to publish a book documenting the last 50 years of Park history as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration scheduled for 2025.

The Park is now operated as a privately held, non-denominational summer community by the Thousand Island Park Corporation. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The designation was updated in March 2022. with full community effort, led by the Landmark Society, supported with funding from the Preservation League of New York State and New York Council on The Arts Preserve New York Grant Program.

The Landmark Society has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to several historic preservation organizations, colleges, and preservation firms seeking applications for the contract of writing the book. The application process is still open. The project is expected to take approximately two and one-half years starting in January, 2023. This project is being funded by the Landmark Society, the Thousand Island Park Foundation, and the Thousand Island Park Corporation. For more information about the project or the application process, contact Julie Mathien: jm@juliemathien.ca or Marjorie Snelling: marjorie.snelling@gmail.com

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The White Pine Mimosa

Signature cocktail created by Zachary Blair for the AARCH Summer Celebration.

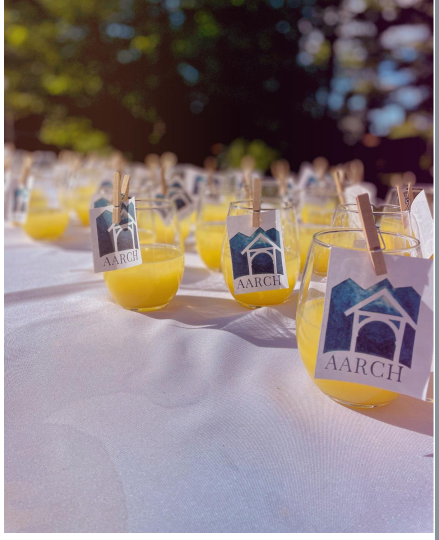
In the spring when pine trees start to regrow their needles, Zack picked

the tips when they where white. He collected enough to make a large batch of concentrated tea syrup and froze the tea syrup until the day before our summer celebration.

The tea syrup is equal parts hot tea and sugar and stirred until the sugar is dissolved.

Mimosa mixture
2 oz orange juice
1 oz white pine tea syrup
.5 oz lime juice
2 dashes orange bitters

Top with 2-3 oz of bubbles
Enjoy chilled with ice



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