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"You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing you fall 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down."

~ Mary Pickford

Each new year holds the opportunity for a fresh start. Here at AARCH, we are excited for the partnerships, discussions, adventures, and projects that this new year will bring.

Our first programs in 2023 embody the hope of a fresh start, such as our **Rethinking Vacant Adirondack Prisons** webinar, which considers appropriate interpretation and the adaptive use potential of the vacant prisons in many of our Adirondack communities.

We are also hosting an in-person workshop led by the Preservation League of New York State on their **Preserve New York grant program**, which provides funding for the critical surveys and reports that lay the foundation for preservation projects.

Also on the horizon are two more **Winter Weekends** at Camp Santanoni and the **NY Statewide Preservation Conference**!

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View from the Main Camp complex at Santanoni's January Winter Weekend.

The 1897 Kieran Cottage at vacant Camp Gabriels complex.

RETHINKING VACANT ADIRONDACK PRISONS WEBINAR

Join us on at **6pm on Wednesday, February 15** for a discussion on rethinking vacant Adirondack prisons.

This webinar panel is free and open to the public thanks to generous funding from a Humanities New York Action Grant.

REGISTER HERE

Sponsored by Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) and John Brown Lives!, this project focuses on currently vacant Adirondack prisons that feature historic buildings, and the communities that emerged in and around those institutions. As the state considers new uses for these storied sites, AARCH will bring together multiple perspectives for a dialog on repairing economic health and social well-being involving communities of New Yorkers affected by these institutions. Our discussion will touch on appropriate interpretation and the adaptive use potential in these sites that will strengthen and restore communities.

PRESERVE NEW YORK GRANTS & WORKSHOP

Join the Preservation League of New York State and AARCH on **Wednesday, February 1 from 12 to 1 PM** at our Keeseville office for a **FREE** presentation and workshop exploring the League's Preserve New York grant.

These funds help municipalities, organizations, and nonprofits alike with preservation projects, large and small. The League's Grants and Technical Services Manager, Janna Rudler, will explain the requirements of the grants, the application process, and share some previous North Country applicants' success stories.

RSVP HERE

Applications for the 2023 Preserve New York grant cycle are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, March 31. All interested applicants must submit a pre-application to receive a full application form. Pre-applications are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, March 24. Visit the League's website to review grant guidelines and submit your pre-application.

GREAT CAMP WINTER WEEKENDS

Upcoming Winter Weekends:

- February 18-20
- March 11-12

We had a great turnout at our first of three **Winter Weekends** at Camp Santanoni this year! If you haven't already, we hope you can

Visit Great Camp Santanoni's [Facebook page](#) for more information on each event.

join us in February or March to experience the magic of Santanoni in the winter.

During the Winter Weekend events, cross-country skiers and snowshoers are able to go inside the gate lodge and main camp buildings and take interpretive tours with AARCH volunteers. The Artist's Studio, a stone building near the main camp on the shores of Newcomb Lake, will be open as a warming hut. Bring your own cup (or use one of ours!) and enjoy free coffee, tea, or hot chocolate by the woodstove. The Adirondack Interpretive Center will provide snowshoes at the Gate Lodge for any visitors without their own. These events are hosted by the Santanoni Partners: AARCH, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Town of Newcomb.

Looking for more great camp fun this winter? Join our friends at Sagamore on **January 21** and **February 25** from 9-4PM for a day of sledding, ice skating, snow croquet, and campfires! Guided snow shoe hikes and cross-country skiing sessions will also be available at 10AM and 1PM. Hot chocolate, coffee, and tea will be available. Chili will be served at noon (available until it is gone!).

FREE for Great Camp Sagamore Members and Raquette Lake year-round residents. $5 entry for all others. Please visit [Sagamore's website](#) for more information and to register.

Call for Winter Weekend Volunteers!

Love Santanoni, talking with people, and don't mind some good honest work on a winter day? AARCH needs a few more volunteers for the March Winter Weekend! AARCH volunteers staff the Artist's Studio, which is heated with a woodstove, offer warm drinks to skiers and snowshoers, and give tours of the main camp. Volunteers are limited to a small crew, who take responsibility as a team for operating the cabin safely, hauling water, splitting wood, serving visitors, acting as hosts, and interpreting the site. Interested in learning more? Please email santanoni@aarch.org to express your interest. Think snow!

2023 NY STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Save the Date: April 13-15, 2023 | Auburn, New York
Presented by: Rochester Colonial Manufacturing

Join preservation colleagues and enthusiasts in the small Finger Lakes City of Auburn this April for the 2023 NY Statewide Preservation Conference! This year, we're going ***Back to Basics***, exploring some of the programs and topics that are foundational to historic preservation. You'll still get the challenging and progressive preservation content that you know and love—with a focus on a few key topics: preservation in small upstate cities, the Main Street model, preparing for New York State's upcoming anniversaries, and the intersection of preservation and affordable housing.

With a more compact schedule (we'll have one set of sessions with all attendees in one big room)

and enhanced opportunities to pose your questions, this year's event is designed to be a convening of grassroots and professional preservationists from across the state. Your voice and perspective will be an essential part of the conversation.

The NY Statewide Preservation Conference is the only event of its kind in the state — a gathering for anyone involved in preservation and community revitalization. It's an opportunity to learn, network, become inspired and, yes, have fun! It is *the* preservation event in New York State and you don't want to miss it.

WHO IS THE CONFERENCE FOR?

Grassroots preservationists in villages, rural towns, and cities throughout New York; professionals working in the field or allied fields (architects, planners, landscape architects, developers, etc.); elected officials and municipal board members; city neighborhood leaders/activists; students in preservation and allied fields.

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