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"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

~ Vincent Van Gogh

Despite the nor'easter we recently experienced here in New York, we can feel that spring is on the way. As the land thaws and the days grow longer, we see that momentum reflected in our work as well.

The quieter winter months are often devoted to planning and we are beginning to see the results of our labor. The New York State Assembly and Senate have both included funding for **Camp Santanoni** in their proposed budgets for the second year in a row, which would provide critical support for the site's maintenance and interpretation.

This month, AARCH finally went to Guatemala as well! Like many, this trip was postponed due to the pandemic. Happily, this year we were able to gather members and friends for a ten-day exploration of this beautiful country with **Antigua Tours by Elizabeth Bell**.

While we continue to prepare for our summer tour season, we have another virtual program coming up, our **Preserving Debar Pond Lodge Webinar Panel**. You can find details on this below as well as events by other organizations.

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AARCH WENT TO GUATEMALA

AARCH group in Tikal National Park

After years of postponing due to the pandemic, AARCH finally made it to Guatemala this month! We spent ten days exploring the country, from the Spanish colonial city of Antigua and the highland villages on Lake Atitlán to the Maya sites at Tikal and Uaxactun, where we learned about the artisanal and agricultural traditions in different regions as well as the ongoing role of the Maya in Guatemalan culture. We were led by the expert guides at **Antigua Tours by Elizabeth Bell** and are so grateful for the insight they gave us into Guatemala's history and present-day culture.

We have shared some information and pictures from the trip on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, but stay tuned for a blog post reflecting on our trip as well. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in Guatemala and make this trip so special!

NYS FUNDING FOR SANTANONI

Earlier this week, the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate included funding for AARCH's work at Camp Santanoni in their individual budget bills. Thank you so much to the legislature for this proposed support, especially **Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins**, **Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie**, **Senator Pete Harckham**, **Assemblymember Deborah Glick**, **Senator Daniel Stec**, and **Assemblymember Matthew Simpson**.

Should we receive these funds in the final budget, they will be used for our work on interpretation and life safety projects, improving the breadth and depth of our work sharing the history of this National Historic Landmark Great Camp with the over 10,000 visitors it receives each year, while ensuring that those who do this work and occupy the camp during the summer can do so safely.

Now the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate come together with Governor Hochul to negotiate the final state budget, due on April 1st. Please consider reaching out to your state legislators and our governor to share your support for these funds in the final budget. You can find your NYS Assemblymember **here**, your NYS Senator **here**, and contact Governor Hochul **here**.

POKE-O-MOONSHINE SUMMIT STEWARD

Are you passionate about hiking, environmental stewardship, and Adirondack history? If so, you might be enjoy spending the summer atop Poke-O-Moonshine Mountain! The **Friends of Poke-O-Moonshine** are currently seeking a Summit Steward for this summer. The work week is 40 hours, Thursday to Monday, mid-May through late August or through Labor Day if possible (10-15

weeks). Pay for 2023 is $20/hour. Please visit the Friends' website, for additional information.

Applications should include a cover letter, resume, and at least two references. They should be directed to the Friends' Coordinator, David Thomas-Train at friendsofpokeo@gmail.com. The application deadline is **April 1, 2023** and the successful candidate will be hired by May 1st.

PRESERVATION NEWS

Building a Sustainable Future: Preserving What Exists
March 21 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join AARCH Executive Director Erin Tobin at the Whallonsburg Grange Hall for an installment of their Winter Lyceum Lecture Series, which will focus on the importance of historic preservation as a key part of a climate-friendly and sustainable future.

This talk will delve into the importance of historic preservation as a key part of a climate-friendly and sustainable future, from the small steps like storm window installation to the larger implications of our economy's drive to prioritize new construction.

The event is $5 for general admission and free for students.

Preservation Trades in the Northeast Webinar
March 28 | 3:30 pm

Anyone working in preservation in the northeastern United States knows how in-demand preservation tradespeople are for projects in our region. To address this, the Northeast Regional Initiative for the Preservation Trades conducted a survey last year and will be releasing their report alongside a webinar to review the results.

Join the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and their partners to learn more the project's findings and how this information can be used to address the preservation trades workforce shortage.

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A Tale of Two Sagamores
April 7 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm | Sagamore Resort, Bolton Landing

Join Great Camp Sagamore and The Sagamore Resort for an evening lecture highlighting the history of both of these Adirondack icons. Historian and author Bill Gates will speak to the history of The Sagamore, and Robert Engel, Great Camp Sagamore's historian, will share the history of one of the first Great Camps of the Adirondacks.

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Preserving Debar Pond Lodge Webinar Panel
April 26 | 4:00 pm

Join AARCH for an exploration of the history and future of Debar Pond Lodge in Franklin County. We will discuss the importance of preserving the lodge along with an in-depth conversation about the proposed constitutional amendment, its corresponding conservation easement, and why it makes good environmental sense to preserve the lodge.

In 1939, prolific Saranac Lake architect William G. Distin designed this sprawling 17-room, cedar log lodge. New York State the property and added the surrounding 1,200 acres to the Forest Preserve in 1979, and formally acquired the lodge in 2004. AARCH worked to add the site to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

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2023 AARCH PRESERVATION AWARDS

NOMINATE AN AWARD

We are now accepting nominations for the 2023 AARCH Preservation Awards! Each year, AARCH recognizes exemplary preservation projects throughout the Adirondacks, honoring businesses, organizations, and individuals who make the Adirondacks a better place to live, work, and visit through their preservation and stewardship work.

To submit a nomination, or for more information on the awards, visit our website or contact Preservation Services Director Christine Bush by email or at 518-834-9328. **Deadline June 16, 2023.** Self-nominations are encouraged!

2023 NEW YORK STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

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 New York Statewide Preservation Conference! This year, conference organizers are going ***Back to Basics***, exploring some of the programs and topics that are foundational to historic preservation. The event will still include the challenging and progressive preservation content that attendees 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 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 New York 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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