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"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

~ Maya Angelou

At the heart of our work is storytelling - one of the reasons we preserve the built environment is so it can help tell the stories of those who have shaped our communities. This summer, we look forward to sharing many stories with you, both new and revisited, in our tours, workshops, webinars, and events. As always, you can visit our **website** to see the stories we're sharing. You may have noticed the new **calendar feature** on our homepage, where you can see all our tours, events, and other programs in one place.

One of the new stories we're beginning to explore this year is the history of LGBTQ+ people and places in the Adirondacks. We hope you will join us for a **virtual discussion** on this topic on June 22.

This month, we also participated in **The American Historic Trades Summit** in Providence, Rhode Island. As we continue to look for ways to expand our educational offerings and promote better public understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of our region's architectural heritage, we see the historic trades as an opportunity for that and a critical area of need. Read more about the conference below as well as a volunteer opportunity for timber framing in Burlington, Vermont.

We hope to see you this summer! Read on for information about our programming throughout the Adirondack region as well as **visiting Camp Santanoni**.

*Participants on our May 19 Birding Expedition at Camp Santanoni with **Joan Collins**.*

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*Participants at our Preserving Historic Plaster Workshop led by **Richard Barrow**.*

ADVENTURE WITH AARCH

We hope you can join us at a tour, workshop, or event this summer!

We kicked off our programming season in May with a birding expedition at Camp Santanoni, led by expert ornithologist Joan Collins of Adirondack Avian Expeditions. Joan guided folks in identifying native birds around the Farm at Santanoni.

At the beginning of June, we held our second plaster workshop at the Graves Mansion in Au Sable Forks. Led by world-renowned plasterer Richard Barrow of Global Heritage Group and Jon Owens of Lancaster Lime Works, participants learned about the history and application of traditional lime plaster as well as how to repair it.

This week took us west to explore historic structures and current preservation projects in the Black River Valley communities of Lowville and Watertown. We have many more adventures planned all over the Adirondack region and beyond this summer and early fall - we hope to see you on one of them!

You can always check our website to see our full slate of programs and which still have spots available. As of June 16, these programs still have space:

- July 28 - Caroga Lake: Tanning, Tourism, and the Arts
- August 8 - The Women of Camp Santanoni
- August 22 - William and Alice Miner's Chazy
- September 15 - Lumber Yard Open House at Ward Lumber ***free, no registration***
- September 16 - Power Tools for Women Workshop
- September 21 - Mindfulness at Santanoni
- September 27 - Finding the Adirondacks in Albany
- September 27 - Albany Institute of History & Art Reception
- September 29 - Tahawus and Upper Works Village Trek
- October 3 - Preserving Camp Santanoni
- October 5 - Peterboro: Adirondack Land and the Architecture of Suffrage

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LGBTQ+ PEOPLE & PLACES VIRTUAL DISCUSSION

We hope you will join us on **June 22** at **12pm** for our next virtual program: LGBTQ+ People & Places: Uncovering a Forgotten Adirondack History. Co-hosted by AARCH and the CUNY LGBTQIA+ Consortium, this will be a Zoom conversation between Erin Tobin, Executive

Director of AARCH, and Clarence Jefferson Hall Jr., Associate Professor of History at CUNY-Queensborough focusing on people and places that highlight LGBTQ+ history in the Adirondack region.

REGISTER HERE

ADIRONDACK RURAL REVITALIZATION PROGRAM WEBINAR

We are currently accepting applications for our **Adirondack Rural Revitalization Program (ARRP)**! ARRP is funded through a **Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant** from the **National Park Service** and will fund capital rehabilitation projects that foster community vibrancy and enhance the sense of place within our region's community and agricultural centers, with a focus on historic main streets and agricultural buildings. This program will drive investment in our North Country communities, providing assistance to small business owners and nonprofits while encouraging rehabilitation in our historic community cores. Eligible buildings must qualify for or be listed on the National Register and be open to the public (not residential or office use).

The guidelines and application can be found HERE on our website. Contact Christine Bush at **adkrural@aarch.org** with questions. **The application deadline is August 11, 2023.**

July 10 ARRP Webinar

AARCH will host a virtual information session on **July 10** at **4:00 pm** to answer questions about the program.

Pre-registration is required.

REGISTER HERE

SUMMER AT SANTANONI

Though you can visit Great Camp Santanoni year-round, many of the buildings are only open during the summer (late June through late September), when the site is staffed full-time. We also have special programming each summer. In addition to AARCH's daylong tours on August 8 and October 3 (listed above), these include:

- **Daily tours of the Main Camp:** Our summer staff leads three tours a day, at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm, from July 1 through August 25. These tours are free and don't require a reservation.
- **West Cottage and Farm Tours:** Join these tours on July 28, August 25, or September 23 for an exclusive peek into the West Cottage and buildings at the Farm. Reservations required, **see details here**.

- **Gate Lodge Tours:** Join these tours on July 1, August 5, or September 3 for an exclusive exploration of the Gate Lodge, the entrance to the Santanoni Preserve. Reservations required, see details here.

Visit Great Camp Santanoni's website for more information on visiting during the summer, including reserving spots on the horse-drawn wagon into the Main Camp and renting bicycles.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AT WIAWAKA: *HONORING NANCIE BATTAGLIA*

Sunday, August 13 | 2:00-5:00 PM

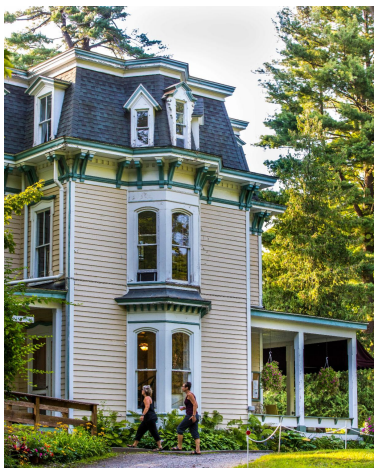
Save the date! Invitation to all AARCH members to follow.

AARCH's Summer Celebration is an opportunity for our members and friends to gather and celebrate our preservation work throughout the region. Your support of this event makes our work possible and we look forward to gathering with you each year at these special places.

This year, we are proud to honor photographer Nancie Battaglia, one of our first members to join in 1991 and a key supporter of our work. A prolific photographer who has covered 12 Olympics, Nancie's work documenting historic sites throughout the Adirondacks (like Wiawaka!) highlights the partnerships embodied in successful preservation work. Like AARCH, Nancie celebrates the places and people that make the Adirondacks special, and her photographs serve as an invaluable record of our region.

We invite you to join the Summer Celebration Honorary Committee in recognition of Nancie's work documenting places we love throughout the Adirondacks and in support of AARCH's work throughout the year.

JOIN THE HONORARY COMMITTEE



Top: Nancie Battaglia
Bottom: Fuller House at Wiawaka,

photo by Nancie Battaglia

THE AMERICAN HISTORIC TRADES SUMMIT

One of AARCH's educational goals is to increase awareness of historic trades so that property owners and tradespeople can best steward historic structures. Earlier this week, two members of our staff, Christine and Samantha, traveled to Providence, Rhode Island, for the **American Historic Trades Summit** on June 12-14. The goal of the Summit was to help develop a network for historic trades training programs, creating a central source of knowledge and resources on how to start, maintain, and propel a training program.

Christine and Samantha met attendees from all over the country (including the U.S. Virgin Islands!) who are in various stages of developing or running trades programs and came back with lots of ideas for ways that AARCH can continue to promote the traditional trades in the Adirondack region. We are excited to build on the hands-on workshop series we began in 2021 to increase awareness of and enthusiasm for historic trades!

The Summit was hosted by **The Campaign for Historic Trades**, a national program of **Preservation Maryland**, with support from the **National Preservation Partners Network**, the national network of state and local preservation organizations. The Campaign recently released a **report** on the current status of historic trades in America, which shows how integral the trades are to the construction industry and the future of historic preservation. You can learn more about the study and read the full report **here**.

TIMBER FRAMING COMMUNITY PROJECT

Are you interested in getting some hands-on timber framing experience? The Timber Framers Guild has an upcoming volunteer opportunity in Richmond, Vermont. Volunteers will work with four instructors from July 7 to July 14 to conserve the 1901 East Monitor Barn in Richmond. There are still a few spots left, so visit the **Guild's website** to learn more and sign up!

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