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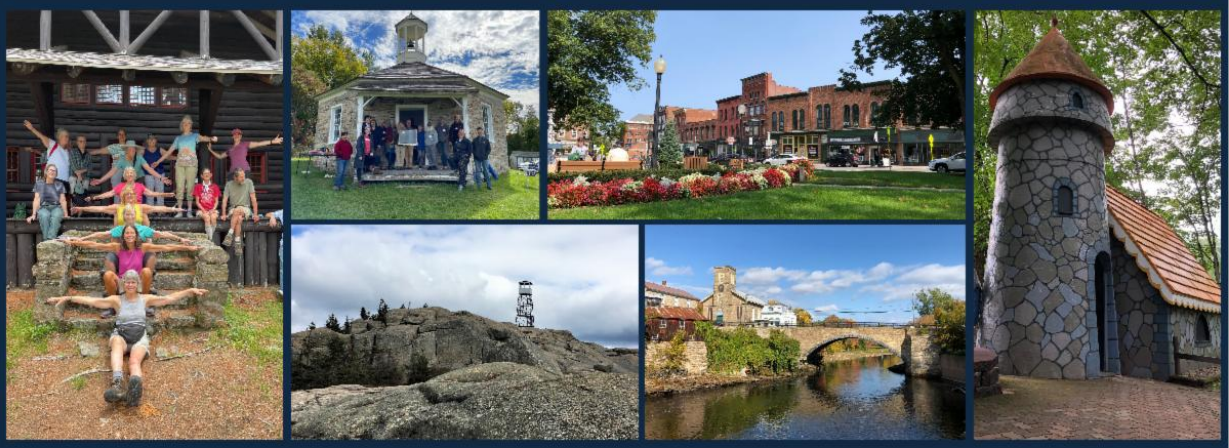

Your Preservation News for the Adirondack Region

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"When crisis comes, we begin to see that community is the true and irreplaceable infrastructure."

~ Unknown

Adirondack communities are no stranger to crises, especially those that come at the hands of Mother Nature. As we see the news updates roll in with photographs of the damage caused by flooding throughout our region, we are once again reminded of the strength of our communities. We are so grateful to have invested municipalities organizing evacuations and swift responses to the flooding as well as local businesses like **Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner** in Blue Mountain Lake, who are providing free meals to emergency responders and those in need. Read on for resources to help you recover after a flood.

Great Camp Santanoni was briefly closed due to the recent flooding, but luckily there was no damage and the site is back open. We look forward to welcoming visitors back to Camp! For updates on Camp Santanoni's activities and conditions, you can always check our pages on **Facebook** and **Instagram**.

In addition to providing resources for you in the face of events like this week's flooding, we also aim to provide a sense of hope and local pride through our programming and the stories that we share. We hope to see you at one of our programs or events this summer! Read on for information about our involvement in the **Keeseville Community Arts Festival** and other programming throughout the Adirondack region.

*High water levels at the entrance to Great Camp Santanoni on Newcomb Lake Road (top) and the Gate Lodge Boathouse (bottom). After a brief closure, Camp Santanoni is back open - you can always check our **Facebook page** for updates.*

You may also have noticed the new calendar feature on our homepage, where you can see our available tours, events, and other programs all in one place.

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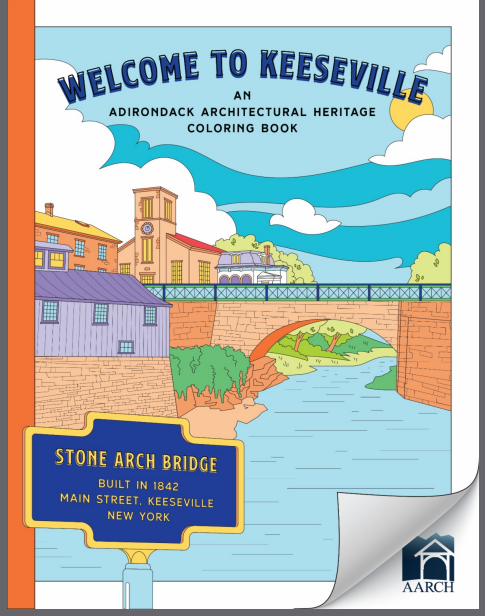


*Join us at the **Keeseville Community Arts Festival**! We will have free copies of our new "Welcome to Keeseville" coloring book at Arts in the Park (Anderson Falls Park) and our office across the river on Saturday, July 22, from 9 am to 2 pm.*

RECOVERING FROM A FLOOD

Our friends at the Preservation Trust of Vermont recently shared some helpful flood recovery resources, which we are passing on below. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns about flood damage to your home or building.

We have also collected ways that you can help our neighbors and communities recover from the flooding.

- Donate to the Adirondack Foundation's SUN Fund, which will be distributed to the Central Adirondack communities of Long Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, and Indian Lake for flooding relief.
- Check out this list of community agencies that the Adirondack Foundation put together.
- Donate to the GoFundMe for historic Hemlock Hall in Blue Mountain Lake to help them rebuild.
- Other North Country communities were also hit heavily by flooding, including those further north like Saranac and Standish. Please let us know of other resources to support those communities and individuals impacted by the flooding and we will share them.

The following checklist will help you respond to flood damage in historic and older buildings. Read the steps through carefully and take time to plan. While it is tempting to wade right in with a shovel and mop, it is very important to develop a plan for cleanup and rehabilitation. Unfortunately, overly zealous cleanup efforts can result in historic materials being carted away, excessively rough cleaning methods, and the unnecessary loss of historic fabric. The best way to prevent additional damage to historic structures and materials during a time of duress is to use caution and plan ahead.

- Follow all emergency rules, laws, and regulations
- Turn off all utilities
- Document building damage
- Wear protective clothing

- Stabilize any unstable structures with temporary bracing
- Use caution when pumping basement water
- Keep building properly ventilated
- Clean everything that got wet with a disinfectant
- Allow saturated materials to dry using natural ventilation
- Check for foundation damage
- Replace soil around foundation
- Save historic materials if possible
- Use caution when removing lead-based paint or any products containing asbestos
- Clean and repair roof and roof drainage systems to protect building from future damage

*Adapted from: INFORMATION, National Trust for Historic Preservation Booklet No. 82, 1993, **Treatment of Flood-Damaged Older and Historic Buildings**.*

RESOURCES FOR FLOOD DAMAGED PROPERTIES

- National Trust for Historic Preservation Disaster Response Resources
- 19 Tips for Bringing Historic Properties Back From a Flood
- Tips for Drying Out a Flood Damaged Building
- Saving Wet Books After a Flood
- Returning Home After a Flood

IN MEMORY OF MARY RAPP

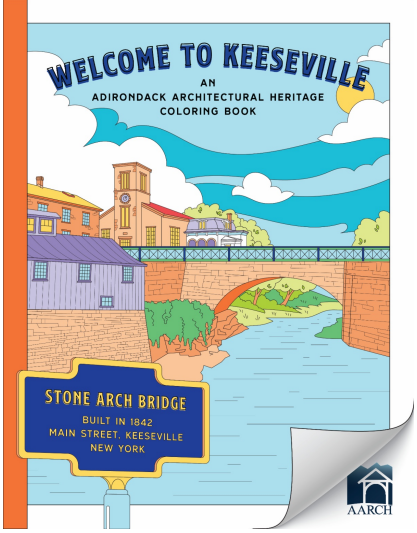
We recently said goodbye to one of our founding members, Mary Rapp, who passed away on June 23. Mary supported AARCH's work for the past 33 years and was the wife of our founding board president, Howie Kirschenbaum.

Mary spent her career working in education and became involved in AARCH through Howie. Over the years, they have supported many of our projects and generously opened their family camp in Tupper Lake for AARCH events.

Mary's family and loved ones are in our thoughts. You can read her obituary here.

WELCOME TO KEESEVILLE COLORING BOOK

Come color with us at the Keeseville Community Arts Festival this year! Organized by AdkAction, this family-friendly event brings together artists, residents, and families to celebrate place each year. This year, adults and children alike can pick up a free copy of AARCH's new "Welcome to Keeseville" coloring book on **Saturday, July 22,** from **9 am to 2 pm** at the Anderson Falls Park and AARCH's office across the river. Part imagination and part scavenger hunt, the coloring book features six scenes throughout historic downtown Keeseville and was made possible by AARCH's Engelhart Education Fund.



Learn more about the festival here.

MEET THE SANTANONI SUMMER STAFF

If you haven't had a chance to visit Santanoni yet this summer, we hope you will stop by and meet our Summer Staff before the end of the season! In addition to our seasoned Santanoni Interpretive Coordinator, Jennifer Betsworth, we are joined this summer by Patrick Donohue and Jiayi Li.

Hello from **Patrick Donohue**! I'm a certified Social Studies teacher from Western New York and I have worked as a history teacher, an antique photographer, and now an intern at Great Camp Santanoni. I'm excited to explore opportunities within historic preservation, interpretation, and communication and I am currently finishing my masters degree.

This is **Jiayi Li**! As a current graduate student in Cornell's Historic Preservation Planning program, I have a passion for preserving historic architecture and landscapes. Digging for stories and delving into the history of a place gives me a sense of understanding, respect, and belonging to wherever I am. As one of the undergrad professors said about designing the space, most people think about what you want the audience to do in the space, but real forward-thinking takes into account what you want the visitors to do after they visit the space. The same idea applies to preservation. As an architect and preservationist, I hope and I believe that citizens will take pride in and respect their community, I hope to inspire others to be attached to architectural memories.

We hope to see you at Camp Santanoni this summer! In addition to AARCH's daylong tours on August 8 and October 3, our summer programming includes:

- **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.

ADIRONDACK RURAL REVITALIZATION GRANT DEADLINE

Adirondack Rural Revitalization Program

Application Deadline: August 11, 2023

The deadline for our Adirondack Rural Revitalization Program grant application is coming up soon! We are so excited to offer this support to projects that will benefit our region's communities.

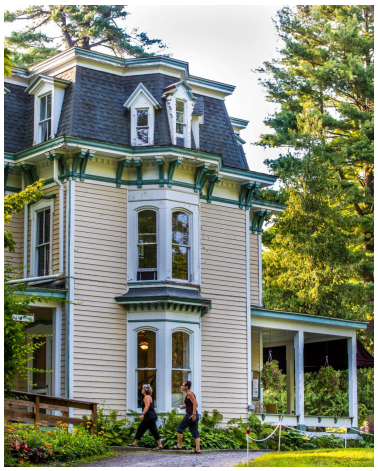
Visit our **website** to access the application and reach out to us at **adkrural@aarch.org** and 518-834-9328 ext. 7 with any questions.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AT WIAWAKA: *HONORING NANCIE BATTAGLIA*

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

RSVP by July 24!

BUY TICKETS



Top: Nancie Battaglia
Bottom: Fuller House at Wiawaka,

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 hope you will **join us**! Buy your tickets or join the

Honorary Committee here.

photo by Nancie Battaglia

ADVENTURE WITH AARCH

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

In the past month, we've been to small farms in Keeseville, Santa's Workshop and the summit of Whiteface Mountain, Valcour Island, and Big Moose.

We also held our second Restoring Wood Windows Workshop with Kurt Riegel in Keeseville at the Ausable Valley Grange and our office. We got to work on a couple of the Grange's windows and attendees left empowered to work on their own windows.

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
- October 3 - Preserving Camp Santanoni
- October 5 - Peterboro: Adirondack Land and the Architecture of Suffrage

SUPPORT THE THOMAS MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH

AARCH is proud to support the Friends of Thomas Memorial in Watertown, who are doing important work to save a local landmark. Led by former Watertown resident Shameika Ingram of ***Preservation in Color***, the Friends group formed in 2021 to save the Thomas Memorial AME Zion Church. Built in 1909 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the church was once an integral part of Watertown's African American community. The church was designated one of the Preservation League of New York State's "Seven to Save" in 2022. The Friends' goal is to preserve this important piece of Watertown's history by finding a new use for it that benefits the surrounding community and serves as an inspiration for people in the region and beyond.

The Friends of Thomas Memorial is now accepting donations through the Northern New

York Community Foundation. Follow the Friends on Facebook to stay updated and learn more about what you can do to help. You can also read about AARCH's visit to the church on our Watertown tour in this Watertown Daily Times article.

DONATE NOW

PLNYS JOB POSTING: DIRECTOR OF PRESERVATION

Our friends at the Preservation League of New York State are currently hiring a Director of Preservation. Check out this amazing opportunity to join the team at New York's statewide preservation organization.

You can find the job posting and application details here.

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