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"A change in the weather is sufficient to recreate the world and ourselves."

~ Marcel Proust

As this strange summer - first too dry, then too wet - begins to wind down, we are looking forward to cooler, hopefully more temperate, days.

While we may not be able to control the weather, we can choose how we move through and interact with the world around us. As we explore Adirondack communities through our tours and other programming, we are pondering not only the stories of our region's people and places, but the history of our relationship with the land here. Were the natural resources extracted and sold, cleared for development, or preserved? How did they respond to and recover from catastrophic flooding, fires, and storms? In studying these stories, we can learn how we got to where we are now, as well as how we might move forward.

Summer's not quite over yet and we hope you will join us in savoring the end of this season. You can find our programs that still have space in the calendar on our homepage, which has all our available tours, events, and other programs all in one place. We hope to see you before the end of the season!

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*Thank you to everyone who supported our **Summer Celebration** this year, including our generous **Honorary Committee**! (Photo by John Eldridge.)*

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*Inside the **Atlas Missile Silo in Lewis**, which we toured in July.*

28TH ANNUAL AARCH PRESERVATION AWARDS

We are pleased to announce our **28th Annual Preservation Award winners**! We hope you will join us in honoring them at **The Hitching Post**, an iconic tavern in Lake Luzerne and 2022 AARCH preservation awardee.

AARCH's **Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony** recognizes the individuals, businesses, communities, and organizations whose efforts exemplify the best of historic preservation work in the Adirondack region. This event shines a light on the passions and extraordinary work of the people who make historic preservation such an important part of the region's vitality.

28th Annual AARCH Preservation Awards

The Hitching Post, Lake Luzerne
Friday, September 22 | 4:00-6:00 PM

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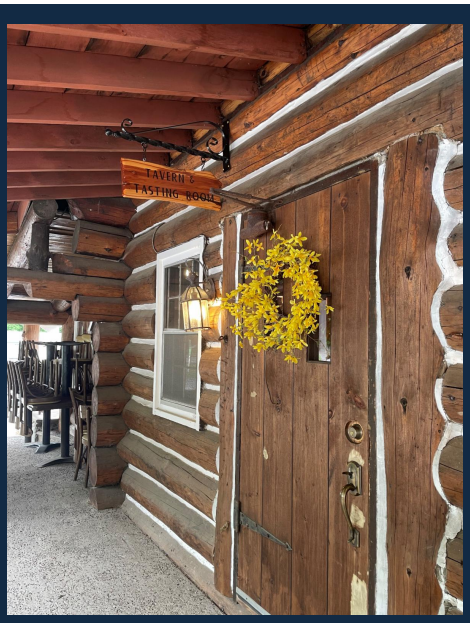
RSVP by September 7!



Presenting our 2023 award winners:

- **Tahawus Cultural Center**, Au Sable Forks - *Ongoing Rehabilitation and Stewardship*
- **The Bloom Cottage**, Loon Lake - *Restoration*
- **Schroon Lake Community Church**, Schroon Lake - *Community Revitalization*
- **Hillview Free Library**, Diamond Point - *Restoration and Stewardship*
- **The Church Garden**, Lake Placid - *Community Revitalization and Stewardship*
- **War Cannon Spirits**, Crown Point - *Rehabilitation and Revitalization*
- **Nils Luderowski** - *Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award*

*Read more about our 2023 awardees **here**.*

*Thank you **Adirondack Classic Designs** for sponsoring this year's event in memory of Nils Luderowski.*

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JOAN KAPLAN DAVIDSON'S LEGACY

The passing of Joan Kaplan Davidson was a loss keenly felt throughout New York State, including here in the

Adirondacks and at AARCH. Joan was a staunch supporter of historic preservation personally, professionally, and through the foundations she led, the J.M. Kaplan Fund and Furthermore. Funding from the J.M. Kaplan Fund helped AARCH get off the ground in our first years - a $10,000 J.M. Kaplan Fund grant gave AARCH the funds needed for printing and mailing the brochure for our first membership drive. This membership drive led to AARCH's first 400 members, establishing the sustainable community support that has since grown to over 1,200 members and continues to support us today.

The J.M. Kaplan Fund also created the Rural New York grant program administered by the Preservation League of NYS. Rural New York grants funded the historic structure reports for the Camp Santanoni Farm and Camp Santanoni Gate Lodge complexes, along with many other preservation planning projects in the Adirondacks.

Publishing grants from Furthermore made it possible for AARCH to publish **Santanoni: from Japanese Temple to Life at an Adirondack Great Camp** (2000), **Adirondack Churches** (2006), and **A Guide to Architecture in the Adirondacks** (2017).

Steven Engelhart noted, "Joan Davidson was a great friend to AARCH over many decades." We will miss Joan and know that her legacy will continue through all who knew and were inspired by her.

Photo courtesy of Furthermore.

ADVENTURE WITH AARCH

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

In the past month, we've been to Wanakena, a Cold War missile silo, Friends Lake (*photo at right*), Camp Gabriels, Caroga Lake, and Chazy, exploring the industries, institutions, landscapes, and tourism that have brought people to the Adirondacks for hundreds of years.

We have 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 August 25, these programs still have space:

- September 15 - **Lumber Yard Open House at Ward Lumber** ***free, no registration***
- 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**

We also hope to see you at Camp Santanoni this summer! Visit **Great Camp Santanoni's website** for more information on visiting during the summer and fall, including reserving

spots on the horse-drawn wagon into the Main Camp and renting bicycles. In addition to AARCH's daylong tour on October 3, we are offering the following programs in September:

- **West Cottage and Farm Tours:** Join us on September 23 for an exclusive peek into the West Cottage and buildings at the Farm. Reservations required, see details here.
- **Gate Lodge Tours:** Join us on September 3 for an exclusive exploration of the Gate Lodge, the entrance to the Santanoni Preserve. Reservations required, see details here.

SUMMER CELEBRATION REFLECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer Celebration at Wiawaka on August 13 to celebrate Nancie Battaglia and AARCH! We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon chatting with friends old and new and exploring the grounds of Wiawaka Center for Women.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the Summer Celebration, from our members, sponsors, and hosts, to our generous honoree Nancie - you make our work possible!

Photos by John Eldridge and Stefanie Noble.

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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