

# News letter



ADIRONDACK  
ARCHITECTURAL  
HERITAGE

## Tours, Workshops & Special Events



*Roaten Camp (1924), designed by Albert E. Price, is one of the private camps we will visit on our June 28 tour of Piseco Lake.*

In organizing this remarkable series of outings and events, we are once again reminded just how rich the architectural heritage of the region is. Whether one is exploring large rustic camps, industrial settlements, historic bridges, lakeside resorts, 19th-century farms, an island lighthouse, or a maximum-security prison, it is apparent that there are many places of great interest and intrigue throughout the Park. We are also reminded that to be able to offer such an ambitious and far-reaching program we rely on the hospitality and generosity of literally hundreds of people, who help us plan and open doors and who welcome us into their homes, camps, businesses, and historic sites. Without their enthusiasm and support, none of this would be possible. To all of you who help make this happen, thank you.

We are repeating many of our most popular outings but offer many new events as well. These include tours of

little known rustic camps at Piseco Lake, new architecture in South Colton, and notable village buildings in downtown Lake Placid and Northville.

For our annual meeting, we'll gather on June 17 at the Beth Joseph Synagogue in Tupper Lake for a special afternoon that will include author Sally Svenson discussing the new AARCH publication, *Adirondack Churches: A History of Design and Building*. Two special benefit events are also planned — an outing to Three Star Camp near Tupper Lake on June 24 and an afternoon of camaraderie with refreshments and a silent auction at the former Walter Hochschild camp at Eagle Nest on Eagle Lake on August 1. On September 15 we will hold our fourth biennial conference, *Celebrating and Saving Historic Houses of Worship* at the Hotel Saranac and our annual awards luncheon will be held on October 6 at the Ausable Club in St. Hubert's.

# Tours, Workshops & Special Events



## **AARCH ANNUAL MEETING: Beth Joseph Synagogue in Tupper Lake Saturday, June 17**

AARCH's 2006 Annual Meeting will be held at the Beth Joseph Synagogue in Tupper Lake. The synagogue, the first erected in the Adirondacks, was built in 1905 by Jewish immigrants, some of whom arrived in Tupper Lake as peddlers. The restored synagogue is on the National Register of Historic Places and now offers services, houses a museum of local history, a gallery for exhibits, and is a venue for concerts and lectures. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. and will feature a presentation by Sally Svenson, author of *Adirondack Churches: A History of Design and Building*, to be published by AARCH in 2006. In addition to conducting AARCH business, new members will be introduced and 10-year members will be honored. The meeting will end around 4 p.m. with a book signing and brief reception. The meeting is free to AARCH members and guests. By special arrangement, The Wild Center, the new natural history museum of the Adirondacks, will be open to our meeting participants in the morning. **As with all of our events, unless otherwise noted, reservations are required by calling AARCH.**

## **CAMP SANTANONI: Adirondack Great Camp Sunday, June 18**

Explore one of the most magnificent Great Camps with Howie Kirschenbaum, co-author of *Santanoni: From Japanese Temple to Life at an Adirondack Great Camp*. Santanoni was built for Robert and Anna

*AARCH's tours, workshops, and special events are led by scholars, professionals, and knowledgeable volunteers. They are enjoyable learning experiences and help raise funds to support our preservation mission. In planning your outing with us, please keep in mind the following:*

- **Advance registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted.** Attendance is limited. Events are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Our tours are popular and they fill up quickly, so register as soon as possible. **The quickest way to register is by telephone.**
- **Prompt payment is appreciated.** Mail your check to AARCH, Civic Center, Suite 37, 1790 Main Street, Keeseville, NY 12944. Refunds will be given to those unable to attend an event if we are notified at least 48 hours prior to the event date.
- **Some tours require a fair amount of walking or exertion.** Be sure you are physically able to participate in the outing as described. For more information call (518) 834-9328.
- **Our events are held rain or shine.** Dress for the variable weather conditions by wearing or bringing proper attire.

Pruyn of Albany beginning in 1892. The estate eventually included 12,900 acres and nearly four-dozen buildings. The tour will include stops at the Gate Lodge, the remains of the barn and the 200-acre farm, and the Main Camp on Newcomb Lake. Participants will see restoration work in progress and view some of the camp's interiors. The round-trip walk is 9.8 miles on a gently sloping carriage road. The tour begins at 10 a.m. at the parking area of the Santanoni Preserve off Route 28N in the hamlet of Newcomb. We will return about 4 p.m. The fee is \$10 for AARCH members and \$15 for non-members. A limited number of seats are available on a horse-drawn wagon for an additional \$15 fee. **Note: see also Preserving Camp Santanoni, the AARCH tour offered on September 2.**



## Special AARCH Benefit Event

### **THREE STAR CAMP** **Saturday, June 24**

Three Star Camp was designed by Davis, McGrath, and Shepard and was built for William A. Read on Little Simon Pond near Tupper Lake in 1906. The camp's large main lodge, which was constructed of 10-inch spruce logs, is perched high above the lake. Nearby is an octagonal dining room and kitchen, connected to the main lodge by a long covered walkway. A boathouse and service buildings complete the complex. This is a rare opportunity to see an extremely beautiful, intact, and private camp, one that received considerable attention in the national architectural press at the time of its construction. The afternoon outing will include refreshments. The event begins at 3 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person.

### **VALCOUR ISLAND** **Wednesday, June 21**

The waters surrounding Valcour Island in Lake Champlain were the scene of the Battle of Valcour, an important naval battle during the Revolutionary War. Here, in October 1776, a small colonial fleet under the command of Benedict Arnold engaged the British fleet. Although most of the American fleet was sunk or scuttled, the effort succeeded in holding off the British southern advance until the following year, thereby buying the Americans much needed time. During the 19th century, the island was briefly home to a fledgling "free-love" colony and, in 1874, a lighthouse was built on it. The island is now part of the Forest Preserve and the lighthouse is being restored by the Clinton County Historical Association. We will travel by boat to Valcour Island for a four-mile interpretive hike. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.

### **COMPANY, CLUB, AND COTTAGES AT PISECO LAKE** **Wednesday, June 28**

In the 1890s a group of friends and investors established the Piseco Company and Irondequoit Club Inn on over 11,000 acres of forest and lakeshore. The inn built onto the 1850s residence of Gene Adams soon opened to the public as it remains today. Club cottages were added nearby while some members chose to build their own residences along the lake's

eastern shore. Two of these cottages built in the rustic style, Camp Irondequoit (1904) and Roaten (1924), as well as Chanopa (1930) built using trusses from the dismantled Wells covered bridge, share a family legacy and building tradition. Led by members of the Piseco Historical Society, the tour will visit these sites beginning at 10 a.m. and ending around 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH and PHS members and \$45 for non-members.

### **THE LEGACY OF WILLIAM AND ALICE MINER** **Tuesday, July 11**

William H. Miner grew up in rural Chazy and made his fortune by inventing, patenting, and manufacturing railroad equipment. In 1903, he and his wife, Alice T. Miner, returned to the family's Chazy farm and began more than three decades of innovative philanthropic work in the region. In this outing, we will explore two of the Miners' most significant and lasting achievements—Heart's Delight Farm and the Alice T. Miner Colonial Museum. The farm was an organizational and technological marvel in its day with 300 buildings on 15,000 acres and 800 employees. In the 20th century, the farm evolved into the Miner Institute, which focuses on pioneering agricultural research and livestock breeding. The museum was established in 1924 in a three-story stone mansion built to house Alice's collection of art and decorative objects. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$40 for non-members.

**TWO GREAT CAMPS  
ON OSGOOD POND  
Thursday, July 13**

Visit two turn-of-the-century Great Camps at Paul Smiths, Northbrook Lodge and White Pine Camp, with Howie Kirschenbaum, White Pine Camp director. The latter was designed by two architects, William Massarene in 1907 and expanded by Addison Mizner in 1911, in a pre-modern eclectic style for Archibald and Olive Moore White. It served as the summer White House in 1926 for President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. Northbrook Lodge, built around 1919 for Dr. Wilfrid McDougald, exhibits the signature bungalow style of master builder Ben Muncil. Muncil built both camps as well as several notable camps and other buildings in the area. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$40 for non-members.

**A DAY AT CAMP UNCAS  
Saturday, July 15**

Enjoy a day of education and relaxation at Camp Uncas on Mohegan Lake. Grosvenor Atterbury designed the camp in the 1890s for William West Durant. Durant, who was responsible for building camps Pine Knot and Sagamore, is widely recognized as the pioneer of Adirondack rustic architecture. Uncas was owned by J.P. Morgan for many years. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a morning tour, led by owner Howie Kirschenbaum. In the afternoon participants may enjoy swimming, canoeing, hiking, or simply relaxing on the grounds. The day will end around 3:30 p.m. The tour fee is \$45 and is open to

**White Pine Camp Tours**

*The 1926 Summer White House  
of President Calvin Coolidge*

Through the generosity of its owners,  
AARCH is again hosting tours of this private  
Great Camp at Paul Smiths



**Saturdays, July 1 to September 2  
10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

**Adults \$10, Children \$5**

*Reservations are not required*

**Be sure to see the ongoing restoration of the  
Alpine Garden, one of the earliest  
works of horticulturist Fred Heutte.**

AARCH members only.

**INSIDE  
DANNEMORA  
PRISON  
Wednesday, July 19**

The Clinton Correctional Facility at Dannemora, originally built in 1845, is the third oldest and the largest prison in New York State. This unique opportunity will take us inside this maximum-security prison where we will visit a cellblock modeled on the "Auburn System," the Church of the Good Thief built entirely by inmates, the North Yard, workshops, and the former Dannemora State Hospital. The history of the prison is fascinating and its architecture is dramatic. The tour will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

**TAHAWUS AND VILLAGE OF ADIRONDAC  
Saturday, July 22**

Look at more than a century of mining in the Town of Newcomb with George Canon, Town Supervisor and former mine employee. Courtesy of the Open Space Institute, we will see the 1854 McIntyre Furnace, the remains of the village of Adirondac and the Adirondack Iron and Steel Company operations, and the 20th-century mining operation at Tahawus. The McIntyre Furnace is an important early industrial site, one that has been documented by the Historic American Engineering Record. In the afternoon, we'll learn more from Dave Staley, archeologist from the New York State Museum, and Chuck Vandrei, Department of Environmental Conservation historic

preservation officer, about their recent survey of the site. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### **LOON LAKE'S ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY Tuesday, July 25**

Visit the surviving resort community developed in the late 19th century by Ferd and Mary Chase. We will visit many buildings and sites including the Inn at Loon Lake, the Irish House, the 1895 Loon Lake Golf Course, the former Caddy House, as well as an historic boathouse, and other private cottages. Todd Kemp will lead us with additional interpretation by individual property owners. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. and end around 3 p.m. The tour fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$40 for non-members.

### **SARANAC LAKE: Pioneer Health Resort Thursday, July 27**

Co-sponsored by Historic Saranac Lake (HSL), this tour will be led by Mary Hotaling, executive director of HSL. It will include many of the buildings and sites that made Saranac Lake America's "Pioneer Health Resort." The village's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is closely tied to the treatment for tuberculosis developed by Dr. Edward L. Trudeau. The tour will include the Trudeau Institute, where we will see the first cure cottage, Little Red, and the bronze sculpture of Trudeau by Gutzon Borglum. We'll visit the former Trudeau Sanatorium, Saranac Laboratory, Union Depot, the Cure Cottage Museum, and the Béla Bartók Cottage. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. Be prepared for uphill walking. The fee is \$30 for AARCH and HSL members and \$35 for non-members.

### **HISTORIC BRIDGES OF THE AUSABLE RIVER Saturday, July 29**

This bus tour will explore more than a dozen bridges that cross the Ausable River. Bridge historian Richard Sanders Allen has said "There are few watercourses in America, comparable in length to the Ausable, over which so many early bridge types remain." Among them are an 1843 stone arch bridge, the 1857 Jay Covered Bridge, an 1888 pedestrian suspension bridge, a variety of metal truss bridges, several stone-faced reinforced concrete bridges, and the 222-foot steel arch bridge that spans Ausable Chasm. All of

## *Special AARCH Benefit Event*



*Pioneer Bridge was built in 1891 by William West Durant in memory of his father, Dr. Thomas C. Durant. It crosses the channel between Blue Mountain Lake and Eagle Lake and provides access to Eagle Nest.*

### **EAGLE NEST Tuesday, August 1**

In 1901 Eagle's Nest Country Club was incorporated with William Seward Webb as president and William West Durant as vice-president. The club opened with great fanfare, but it also coincided with the demise of Durant's fortunes. By 1904, the property had passed into the hands of three men from New York City — Ernest Ehrmann, Henry Morganthau, Sr., and Berthold Hochschild. By 1948 it was entirely owned by the Hochschild family. Harold K. Hochschild built a rustic camp there in 1926 that was designed by M.M. Feustmann of Saranac Lake. In 1938 William Distin of Saranac Lake designed an elegant camp for Harold's brother Walter and remodeled the former clubhouse for family use.

This event will take place at the former Walter Hochschild camp on Eagle Lake near Blue Mountain Lake, where we will enjoy the company of AARCH members and friends while sampling hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and tour other parts of the property. We'll also have a silent auction, where participants will be able to bid on a variety of wonderful items donated by our gracious supporters. The event begins at 3 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person.



*The Palace Theater (1926) with its original neo-classical features intact will be a stop on the Main Street tour of Lake Placid on August 5. Photograph courtesy Lee Manchester.*

these were placed on the National Register in 1999. AARCH's Steven Engelhart, author of *Crossing the River: Historic Bridges of the Ausable River*, will lead the tour. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### **TUPPER LAKE CAMPS Thursday, August 3**

On this tour we will visit the recently restored Men's Infirmary at the former American Legion Veterans' Mountain Camp on Tupper Lake and see Hemlock Ledge, an intact and little known camp. The latter was designed in 1907 by New York City architect Julian Clarence Levi and includes several notable buildings, including rustic Birch Cottage, and some extraordinary interiors. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends 3 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.

### **MAIN STREET, LAKE PLACID Saturday, August 5**

Take a walk along one of the region's best known main streets with author and columnist Lee Manchester. This tour offers an inside look at some of the village's best preserved examples of commercial architecture including the Lake Placid Library (1896), the Palace Theater (1926), the Olympic Center (1932), as well as several churches. A luncheon discussion on how to preserve community character through sensitive design will be led by

Paula Dennis, AARCH's program director. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### **RAQUETTE LAKE'S LONG POINT AND ENVIRONS Monday, August 7**

This boat and walking tour will include visits to Camp Pine Knot, St. William's on Long Point, the Church of the Good Shepherd on St. Hubert's Isle, and portions of the former hotel The Antlers. William West Durant built Pine Knot beginning in the late 1870s and it was here that he first developed the features and details we now associate with Adirondack rustic architecture. Saratoga Springs architect R. Newton Brezee, a friend of Durant's, designed The Antlers in 1886. It originally operated as a hotel and cottage resort. Durant was also responsible for building the Good Shepherd in 1880 and St. William's in 1890 to provide services for his employees and the expanding summer community. The tour begins at 10 a.m., includes a one-mile walk along a wooded trail, and ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$45 for AARCH members and \$50 for non-members.

### **RUSTIC ARCHITECTURE OF BIG MOOSE Tuesday, August 8**

This tour will look at the distinctive rustic architecture on Big Moose Lake, including the work of Henry Covey, his son Earl, and the Martin family. The tour will include visits to the Big Moose Chapel and Manse, The Waldheim, Covewood Lodge, Brown Gables, and two camps on Crag Point. What makes many of these buildings unusual is their vertical half-log construction. The tour, led by AARCH's Steven Engelhart, begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 for AARCH members and \$40 for non-members.

### **ROCKWELL KENT, ARCHITECT Thursday, August 10**

Rockwell Kent is widely known as an illustrator, painter, and decorative artist, as well as a social activist. Less well known is that Kent trained as an architect and, while living at his home at Asgaard Farm near AuSable Forks, he designed and remodeled several buildings in the area. This tour will visit the farm and four other building and remodeling projects. Included will be the Brewster and Untermeyer houses in Elizabethtown, and the Cowdin House and a

barbershop in AuSable Forks. The tour will be led by Anne Mackinnon, author of “A Home to Live and Breathe: The Adirondack Architecture of Rockwell Kent,” which appeared in *Adirondack Life* magazine. The tour begins at 10 a.m. in Elizabethtown and ends around 4 p.m. in AuSable Forks. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.

### **NORTH COUNTRY SCHOOL AND CAMP TREETOPS**

**Friday, August 11**

At North Country School near Lake Placid, we find an unusual modern complex of buildings that were produced by one of the most prominent proponents of the mid-20th-century American architectural movement. Douglas Haskell, then editor of *Architectural Record*, designed the only known examples of his work here, within the context of a turn-of-the-century farmstead and children’s summer camp. Also here, is the little known Glass House, designed by architect Harwell Hamilton Harris. On this tour, led by Richard Longstreth, professor of architectural history at George Washington University and AARCH board member, we will take an intimate look at the influences and art of the movement and view works by Ezra Stoller, architectural photographer and colleague of Haskell. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### **NORTHVILLE’S DOWNTOWN**

**Thursday, August 17**

In 1788, Samuel Olmstead of Connecticut established the first settlement near the present village of Northville. Others soon followed and reaped the benefits of fertile farmland, abundant game, and reliable water power. Increased prosperity came to the community when the Fulton, Johnstown, and Gloversville Railroad established a line linking the village’s commerce to neighboring cities to the south. Tourism expanded with the building of Sacandaga Park, a recreational playground sponsored by the railroad. Great change came to the region with the construction of the reservoir, Great Sacandaga Lake in the late 1920s. In Northville much of the downtown’s architectural integrity remains, illustrating this community’s rich heritage and diverse past. Join members of the Town of Northampton Historic Landmark Commission and Paula Dennis, AARCH’s program director to tour many of these fine homes. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. The

fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### **FOUR RUSTIC CAMPS OF WILLIAM L. COULTER**

**Monday, August 21**

Travel by carpool and boat with Mary Hotaling, who will again lead one of our most popular tours of four turn-of-the-century Great Camps on Upper Saranac Lake, all designed by the Saranac Lake architect William Coulter. The tour will include Prospect Point, Eagle Island, Moss Ledge, and The Wawbeek. This is a rare opportunity to see some of the best rustic architecture in the region. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at The Wawbeek around 4 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.



*The Spier House (1835) is one of many early residences surviving in the village of Northville. Photograph courtesy William Gillis.*

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT AT CHESTERTOWN**

**Friday, August 25**

Chestertown contains some of the earliest surviving architecture in the region. Following the Revolutionary War, the settlement grew, primarily along the early transportation corridor now retraced by much of NYS Route 9. We will visit some of the oldest homesteads in the community and learn about the families that settled there from their descendants. Stops will include the 1837 Chester Inn, the former 1912 Chester High School (now the Main Street Ice Cream Parlor), and the 1884 Church of the Good Shepherd, all of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends at

## 2006 AARCH Slide Presentations



*The Penfield Homestead Museum in the Ironville Historic District in Crown Point is one of many sites throughout our region with a rich industrial legacy*

**AARCH Executive Director, Steven Engelhart, will resume his popular series of slide presentations this summer.**

Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.  
*There's More to Adirondack Architecture than Great Camps.* House of History and Chateaugay Revitalization Committee, Chateaugay Theater, Chateaugay.

Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m.  
*Camp Santanoni: Past, Present, and Future.* Edinburg Historical Society, Edinburg Town Hall, Edinburg.

Tuesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.  
*Historic Bridges of the Adirondacks.* Westport Historical Society, Westport Library, Westport.

**And offered this year, by AARCH Program Director, Paula Dennis, a new lecture in the series.**

Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m.  
*Defining a Preservation Approach.* Piseco Historical Society, Piseco Lake Historical Museum, Piseco.

**Be sure to catch one of our lectures. For more information or to schedule additional programs, call AARCH at (518) 834-9328.**

4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH and Town of Chester Historical Society members and \$35 for non-members.

**EARL WOODWARD: Dude Ranch Entrepreneur Sunday, August 27**

Join us as we take a look at another aspect of camp culture, the dude ranch legacy of Earl Woodward. In the early 1930s Woodward amassed 1400 acres of forest, fields, and streams near Lake Luzerne to create a recreational haven he called Northwoods Dude Ranch. The first of its kind in the region, it started a trend that would thrive for nearly 30 years. Woodward's tourism vision, with its associated architecture and landscape features not only transformed the area into the Dude Ranch Trail, but his later involvement in the greater regional tourism industry changed the built environment surrounding Lake George. We will visit three of his dude ranches originally known as Northwoods, Rocky Ridge, and Hidden Valley. We will see an assemblage of log bungalows and rustic cabins, many now private homes that retain their original furnishings. At the former Hidden Valley Ranch, now Double H Hole in the Woods Ranch, we'll see many buildings from the dude ranch era as well as a mural by the late Arto Monaco, and the C.V. Whitney Chapel. Mike Griffin and Dick Cook of the Northwoods Association will lead us. The tour begins at 10 a.m. with a slide presentation and ephemera display and ends around 3 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

**FLAT ROCK CAMP AND ENVIRONS Tuesday, August 29**

Augustus G. Paine, Jr., moved to Willsboro in 1885 to take over management of the local pulp mill. With his oversight, the mill prospered and became part of the New York and Pennsylvania Paper Company, one of the country's leading paper manufacturers. Paine began assembling land on Willsboro Point just north of the Boquet River which today remains the family estate of some 1,000 acres. The property encompasses a varied and dramatic landscape, plus several residences and support structures. Flat Rock Camp, sited on the shore of Lake Champlain, is a fine example of an Adirondack Great Camp. Begun in 1890 and constructed in stages over roughly the next 20 years, the camp was designed by A.G. Paine and was largely built by Lyman Smith and stonemason Peter Lacey. The tour led by Peter Paine, Jr., begins at

10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.

### **OTIS MOUNTAIN CAMPS Thursday, August 31**

Led by author Maggie Bartley, this tour will explore several camps perched on the mountainsides overlooking the Boquet River Valley near Elizabethtown. In her *Adirondack Life* article, "With Sky for a Front Yard," she wrote, "Like seven reclusive sisters, the camps on Otis and Iron Mountains have remained hidden from all but their closest neighbors for more than a century." Wear your hiking shoes and be prepared for an uphill trek, as we visit several of these remote camps built for and designed by women. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3:00 p.m. The fee is \$40 for AARCH members and \$45 for non-members.

### **200 YEARS OF FARMING Friday, September 1**

Farming has been important to the Champlain Valley for more than two centuries. On this southern Clinton County tour, we will explore a series of homesteads and farms from the early 19th century to the present day, which collectively show how farming has changed over time. We'll see the Keese Homestead, circa 1795, and Miller Homestead, 1822, built by Quaker settlers in a community called The Union. We'll also visit Forrence Orchards, one of the largest McIntosh orchards in the state, and Adirondack Farms, a modern 1300-head dairy farm. At Clover Mead Farm, we'll see how organic cheese is made and sample their exceptional line of farm-fresh products. Led by AARCH Executive Director Steven Engelhart. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### **PRESERVING CAMP SANTANONI Saturday, September 2**

Explore the Main Camp at Camp Santanoni (see June 18 tour above) with master carpenter Michael Frenette and AARCH Program Director Paula Dennis. Participants will see restoration work in progress and learn first hand about the conservation planning and restoration work underway at the camp complex on Newcomb Lake. The tour and discussion will include this year's progress on the Main Camp boathouse, which is funded through a \$92,000 New York State



*Mountain Grove Memorial Church (1922) overlooking Lake George near Hulett's Landing.*

Environmental Protection Fund grant to AARCH. The round-trip walk is 9.8 miles on a gently sloping historic carriage road. The tour begins at 9 a.m. at the Santanoni Preserve parking area in the hamlet of Newcomb. We will return about 2 p.m. The fee is \$10 for AARCH members and \$15 for non-members. A limited number of seats are available on a horse-drawn wagon for an additional \$15 fee.

### **ON HISTORIC PLACID LAKE Friday, September 8**

Led by Mary Hotaling, this special tour of Lake Placid will take us along the lakeshore aboard the historic *Lady of the Lake*. As we cruise, we'll learn about many of the lake's notable camps, old and new. We will stop at some of the earliest camps including Gull Rock designed in 1907 by the Saranac Lake firm of Coulter and Westhoff. The tour starts at 11 a.m. and ends around 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$45 for AARCH members and \$50 for non-members.

### **COTTAGE CULTURE AT HULETT'S LANDING Tuesday, September 12**

Throughout the 19th century, lakefront hotels and cottage colonies evolved from earlier subsistence farmsteads. North of Black Mountain on Lake George, Philander Hulett inherited his father's farm, and established the first hotel at what became known as Hulett's Landing around 1870. A fire in 1915 prompted the building of the new Hulett House on a grander scale. Flanking the hotel complex, summer



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**YES!** I want to be part of AARCH's important work. Enclosed is my tax-deductible membership contribution.

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- My company has a matching gift program. I will send a form to AARCH.
- My check is enclosed, payable to "Adirondack Architectural Heritage" or "AARCH."

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cottages and enclaves soon replaced neighboring farms. Today the hotel is gone, but many cottages remain. Join us as we carpool to several cottage properties and nearby churches cherished from a bygone era. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. The tour fee is \$40 for AARCH and Friends of Huletts members and \$45 for non-members.

### HISTORIC KEESEVILLE AND AUSABLE CHASM

**Monday, September 18**

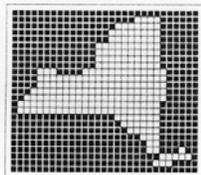
During the 19th century, both Keeseville and Ausable Chasm prospered as industrial villages. Early entrepreneurs used waterpower from the Ausable River, abundant local natural resources, and ingenuity to make iron products, textiles, finished wood products, and other manufactured items. In Keeseville, we'll see evidence of this prosperity in the village's many fine homes, sandstone buildings, mills, and historic bridges. After lunch, we'll walk around the hamlet of Ausable Chasm, visit two hydroelectric sites, and take the walk-and-raft ride (optional) through the "Grand Canyon of the East." Steven Engelhart, AARCH executive director and a resident of Keeseville, will lead the tour. The tour begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

### DAMMING THE SACANDAGA

**Friday, September 22**

Tour the historic Conklingville and Stewart Dams in the Town of Hadley, which were completed in the 1930s to regulate the floodwaters of the Sacandaga River. View many sites along the present-day shore of the man-made Great Sacandaga Lake including ruins, trans-burial gravesites, buildings moved to higher ground during the evacuation of the river valley, and the Town of Day Historical Museum. We will also visit Kathan Kamps, where we'll see an early Greek Revival residence, a granary, and a schoolhouse, all relocated by the Kathan family. The tour, led by Paula Dennis, AARCH program director, with Robert Foltan, Hudson River-Black River Regulating District engineer, begins at 10 a.m. and ends around 3 p.m. The fee is \$30 for AARCH members and \$35 for non-members.

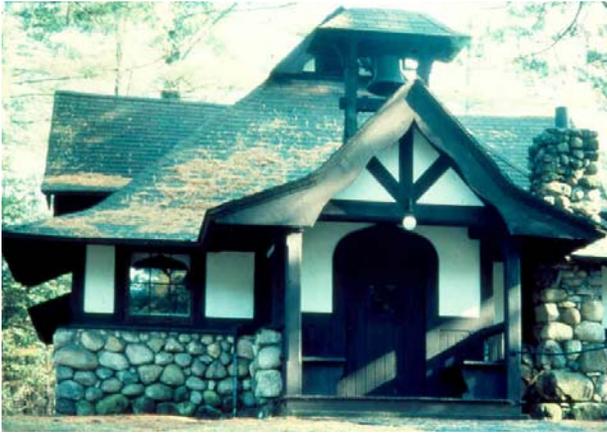
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# AARCH Conference & Workshop



*St. Regis Presbyterian Church (1898), Paul Smiths, designed by William L. Coulter.*

## **CELEBRATING AND SAVING HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

**Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake  
Friday, September 15**

The conference will help stewards of older and historic religious properties across the region face the challenges of caring for their churches and synagogues at a time of declining congregations and financial resources as well as rising costs. It will bring together preservationists, clergy, congregation members, community and cultural leaders, elected officials, planners, architects, craftspeople, and historians, who will share solutions and offer suggestions for protecting and preserving treasured sacred places.

The conference will include a morning plenary session with presentations by experts and practitioners on a number of

broad topics. The keynote address will be by Sally Svenson, author of the AARCH publication *Adirondack Churches: A History of Design and Building*. In the afternoon, concurrent educational workshops will cover a variety of topics including: planning and maintenance, historic interiors, stained glass and decorative finishes, energy conservation, restoration and adaptive reuse, and fundraising strategies.

The daylong conference begins at 9 a.m. and will include a book and resource area as well as a walking tour of select Saranac Lake churches. The fee is \$50 including lunch. For a additional program information, visit our website at [www.aarch.org](http://www.aarch.org) or call (518) 834-9328.

## **UNCOVERING ADIRONDACK HISTORY: A Community Local History Workshop** **Great Camp Sagamore, Raquette Lake** **Friday, July 7**

This day-long workshop is presented by the Upstate History Alliance (UHA) in partnership with the Big Moose Lake History Project and Adirondack Architectural Heritage. UHA, a non-profit organization, provides support, advice, and training to historical societies, museums, historians, and others interested in the history of upstate New York. The workshop will give participants many of the basic tools needed to develop community history projects. Keynote address will be by historian and author Amy Godine, who will introduce participants to the many aspects of local history: why do it, what can we learn, and how can we work together. Adirondack Museum librarian Jerry Pepper will moderate a discussion by local historians, who will use a single record—a photograph, map, diary, account book—to guide participants through their research project. How did they find the artifact or document? What did they learn from it? Folklorist Varick Chittenden will provide a hands-on introduction to oral history, a way of gaining community memories independent of the written record. The day will end with a discussion by members of the Big Moose Lake History Project Committee, who worked together to write, edit, and publish *Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks: The Story of the Lake, the Land, and the People* (Syracuse University Press, 2004).

Anyone interested in collecting family history or the history of both summer and year-round communities, local historians, and local historical society members will benefit from this workshop. This workshop is generously supported by the Big Moose Lake History Project. The workshop fee is \$40 and includes lunch. To register or for more information, visit [www.upstatehistory.org](http://www.upstatehistory.org), email the Upstate History Alliance at [info@upstatehistory.org](mailto:info@upstatehistory.org) or call them at 1-800-895-1648.

## 2006 AARCH Awards Luncheon



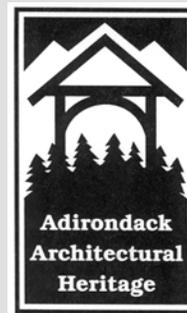
### **The Ausable Club, St. Hubert's Friday, October 6**

This year we are pleased to present our annual Adirondack Architectural Heritage Awards at a celebratory luncheon in the clubhouse at the Ausable Club.

On the National Register of Historic Places, the clubhouse, originally constructed in 1890 as St. Hubert's Inn, remains the architectural and social center of the Adirondack Mountain Reserve. Situated among over 7,000 acres of preserve, the site provides a stunning view of the Adirondack high peaks.

While enjoying a lunch in the newly restored historic dining room, we will recognize several exemplary preservation and stewardship projects from across our region. Please join us as we honor the accomplishments and commitment of our awardees.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with a tour of the clubhouse. The luncheon will begin at 12 noon and end around 3 p.m. The luncheon and tour is \$30 per person. Be sure to call AARCH at (518) 834-9328 to make your reservations early.



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