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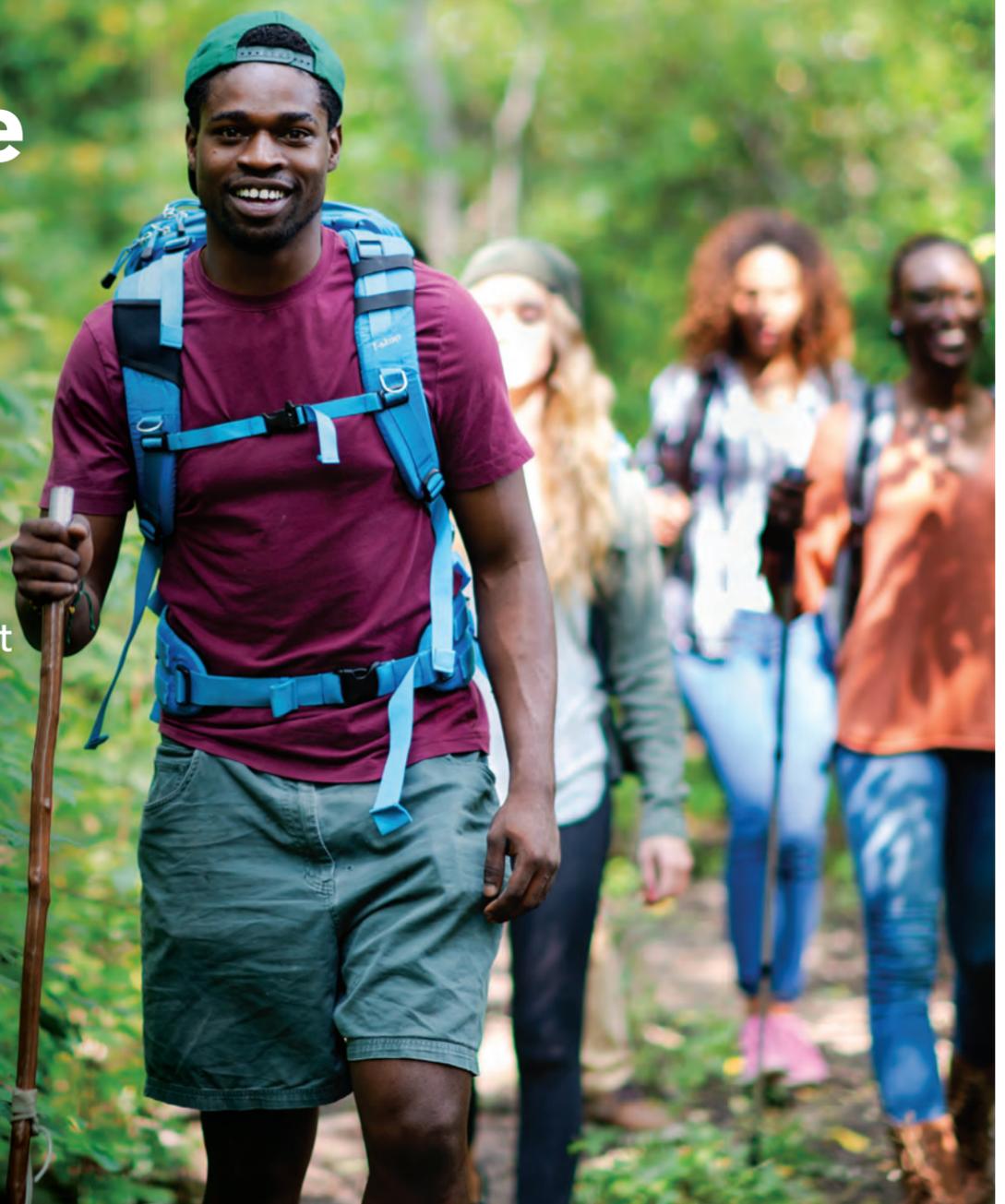
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Jeff Killeen.

St. Lawrence Trustees Award Killeen Leadership Role

By Mirror Staff

Jeff Killeen, a resident of Diamond Point, will become vice chair of the St. Lawrence University Board of Trustees in 2023.

Killeen, a member of St. Lawrence's Class of 1975 and a university trustee since 2019, was chosen vice chair-elect by the trustees at their May 22 board meeting.

Killeen is chair of the Lake George Association and a Partner in the Jefferson Project, the collaborative initiative of the LGA, IBM and RPI applying best-in-class science and technology to guide the protection of freshwater resources in New York State, the nation and the globe.

Killeen is past chair of the Center for Disability Services and Chairman of Life Quality Solutions Incubator, as well as board chair for several other major nonprofit corporations.

As a St. Lawrence alumnus, Killeen has served as a career advisor and Reunion planning chair and currently serves as a North Country Public Radio Executive Council member.

St. Lawrence stated that Killeen played an instrumental role on the Experience St. Lawrence Task Force, lending the initiative his considerable strategic planning expertise.

Killeen's professional career spans 40 years as an entrepreneur, corporate operating executive, CEO, board chair, and board member in the information services, media, and internet industries. Most recently, he was chairman and CEO of GlobalSpec, the leading digital content provider to the global design engineering community. In addition, Killeen has served on three public company boards and numerous private company boards.

Welcome Center Opens

The Adirondack Mountain Club's Cascade Welcome Center is now open to the public. Located along Route 73 between Lake Placid and Keene, Cascade Welcome Center offers information about trail conditions, trip planning, local events, and sells basic outdoor gear essentials, such as headlamps, maps, and bear canisters.



Standing from Left to Right: Samuel Bibler, Emmett Clesceri, Christopher Becker, Regan Robertson, Logan Pratt. Seated from Left to Right: Skyler Scott, Gabrielle Mowery, Andrew Johnson, Robert Bardon. Missing from photo: Isaac Beuerman.

Bolton Central School Graduates Ten

By Mirror Staff

Bolton Central School will hold the Class of 2022's commencement ceremonies on June 24 in the school's gymnasium at 7 pm.

The Class of 2022 is comprised of 10 students: Robert Edward Bardon; Christopher Toomas Becker; Isaac Harrison Beuerman; Samuel Colton Bibler; Emmett Gerard Clesceri; Andrew Edward Johnson; Gabrielle Lynn Mowery; Logan Andrew Pratt;

Regan Seth Robertson; Skyler Nicole Scott.

This year's Valedictorian is

Andrew Johnson. The Salutatorian is Skyler Scott. The Class of 2022's "Top Five" students are: Skyler Scott, Samuel Bibler, Christopher Becker, Gabrielle Mowery and Andrew Johnson.

The graduates have announced their immediate plans. Robert E. Bardon will attend SUNY Cobleskill where he will major in Turf Management. Christopher T. Becker will travel during his Gap Year. Isaac H. Beuerman will join the workforce. Samuel C. Bibler will attend the University of Albany, where he will major in English. Emmett G. Clesceri will attend the

University of Buffalo majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Andrew E. Johnson will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, majoring in Nuclear Engineering. Gabrielle L. Mowery will attend Quinnipiac University, where she will major in Behavioral Neuroscience. Logan A. Pratt will attend Hudson Valley Community College, where he plans to train to be a Linesman. Regan S. Robertson has been accepted at Keuka College where she will major in Psychology. Skyler N. Scott will attend Hofstra University, where she plans to major in Pre-Med with a concentration in Disability Studies.



Katrina Trask erected a Peace Obelisk in 1904 on Diamond Island, which she had purchased in 1901. Bearing the inscription "Peace. Here the Conquerors of Many Wars 1666-1777," the obelisk stands on the island that was the scene of the only naval battle to take place on Lake George during the American Revolution. Katrina Trask left Diamond Island to the American Scenic and Historical Preservation Society. In 1951, Governor Thomas Dewey signed legislation transferring Diamond Island to New York State. Today, the Department of Environmental Conservation administers the island for day use. Betty Spinelli will discuss the life and times of Katrina Trask on June 22 at The Sembrich. See page 8.

LG Village Prepares for Dissolution Vote

By Anthony F. Hall

Lake George Village residents will go to the polls September 13 to decide if the municipality should be dissolved and its assets and liabilities merged with the town's.

At least two public meetings will be held in August and September to discuss the implications of the vote, whether it be yea or nay. At a special meeting held June 6, the Village Board of Trustees appointed a committee of citizens to work in advance of the vote with an Albany-based consultant, the LaBerge Group.

According to Mayor Bob Blais, the committee will identify the issues that are most likely to surface at the public meetings and assist the consultant to gather the data needed to answer any questions residents may have.

"People will want to know what they would be required to pay in taxes. They're going to want to know who will be responsible for the Village's debt. They'll want to know what would happen to the income that now flows to the Village and what becomes of the inter-municipal contracts that provide so many services to the town," said Blais.

According to Blais, the citizens committee comprises four business owners: Rob Gregor, Patricia Dow, Dave Mentor and Fred Vogel; four citizens: Ron Mogren, Carol Sullivan; Fred Pape and John Fox; and three town and village board members: Town Supervisor Dennis Dickinson, Town Councilman Marisa Muratori and Village Trustee Ray Perry, who will act as the committee's liaison with the Village Board. Dan Barusch, the Planning Director for both the Town and the Village, will serve as project manager.

"It's a committee of fair, open-minded people, which is also representative of the community," said Blais. "It's composed of people with a solid knowledge of the Village and the Town."

At the June 6 meeting, the Village Board of Trustees also agreed to pay LaBerge Consultants \$27,500 to review the pros and cons of dissolution.

According to Blais, it will be a less detailed study than one proposed in December 2021, but sufficient for the purposes of the public meetings scheduled in advance of the vote.

If Village residents vote to dissolve the Village and allow its identity – along with its assets, taxing districts and employees – to be absorbed by the town, the Village and Town Boards will be required by state law to adopt a plan that specifies how employees' positions will be treated, how residents will receive water, sewer and fire protection services, and how those services will be funded.

Should enough voters object to the plan, it could be subject to a permissive referendum.

State-Wide Group Honors LG Village at Sagamore

Among the awards presented by the New York Conference of Mayors at its annual meeting, held May 5 at the Sagamore, was one to Lake George Village.

The Village was awarded the 2022 New York Municipal Insurance Risk Management Award in recognition of its commitment to sound risk management and its safety and training protocols.

Its record was among the best of NYCOM's 940 members, the Conference of Mayors stated.

"Considering the size of Lake George Village and the exposure presented by a wide variety of programs, events and services, the municipality has had an outstanding record of reducing losses," the Conference of Mayors stated.

The Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Weekend returns June 17 with a 5 pm parade of vintage police vehicles and a free concert in Shepard Park. The kick-off event features live bands, speeches, raffles and beer and food trucks.



Warren County Seeks Green, Cost-effective Solutions to Solid Waste

By Anthony F. Hall

“The total mass of plastics on earth now exceeds the total mass of all mammals,” writes former Johnsburg resident Bill McKibben, citing a new Swedish study that found that chemicals “with diverse risk potentials” now surpass our ability to accurately assess their dangers, let alone absorb them into our ecosystem.

Among the consequences: habitat destruction, loss of life and livelihoods, air and water pollution and rising temperatures.

According to the citizens group, Zero Waste Warren County, Americans recycled 32% of municipal waste in 2018, compared with 6% in 1960. But they also generated more solid waste than ever before.

Warren County cannot save the planet on its own; its officials, however, are doing their best to

reduce, recycle and repurpose waste, while, at the same time, saving taxpayer dollars.

To help residents and business owners comply with the state law that took effect January 1 banning Styrofoam packaging, Thomas Szabo, Warren County Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, provided information and practical advice.

Warren County also applied for, and received, a \$40,000 state grant to defray the costs of developing an Organics or “Green Waste” Management Plan that would divert compostable material such as food, brush and leaves from the waste stream.

According to Kevin Hajos, Warren County’s Superintendent of Public Works, the grant will help the county hire a consultant to develop the Organics Management Plan.

Zero Waste Warren County hopes to construct a multi-community

composting facility in Warren County, perhaps on publicly owned property, Hajos said.

Individual communities may also be interested in building local composting facilities at their transfer stations, said Bolton Supervisor Ron Conover, who chairs the Public Works Committee.

Hajos told the Public Works Committee on May 24 that its Organics Management consultant ought to be retained and the Management Plan developed before the county pursues additional state grants to build public composting facilities.

“Let’s wait for a consultant tell us what we are able to do

and let the management plan guide us before pursuing new initiatives,” said Hajos. “Once we have a draft plan in place, we’ll have a discussion with the Board of Supervisors about the direction in which we should be headed as it relates to organics and composting.”

As Hajos noted, New York’s 2022 organics recycling law requires upstate grocery stores, restaurants and institutional facilities to haul green waste to an industrial-sized composting facility if one exists within 25 miles of the establishments. As of now, no such

Zero Waste Warren County has produced a report studying municipal transfer stations in Bolton, Lake George and other Warren County communities. Since landfills were closed in the 1980s and 90s, recycling has increased. Zero Waste Warren County believes municipalities can make recycling not only more efficient and eco-friendly, but profitable.

facility exists within 25 miles of Warren County. However, should a local one be constructed, the new state law would take effect here.

“It’s important that we maintain a dialogue with our private waste haulers about what it will take for them to come into compliance with state regulations,” said Conover. “If we can remove the organics from the waste stream, we’re reducing it by 35%. That could be a huge savings in hauling and tipping costs for us and a benefit for the environment.”

The Zero Waste Planning Committee of Warren & Washington Counties and the county’s Public Works Department are actively pursuing recycling options as well.

In its report, “Revitalizing Our Transfer Stations: Best Practices and Recommendations,” which Diane Collins presented to the Public Works Committee, Zero Waste Warren County stated, “Recycling businesses are looking

for large quantities of high-quality, source-separated recyclables. When transfer stations meet the requirements of the markets, they can command good prices.”

Collins told the Supervisors, “Old corrugated cardboard sells at \$150 per ton. We pay close to that amount to have it taken off our hands and hauled away, costing taxpayers, thousands of dollars annually.”

According to Collins, Bolton paid \$24,481.25 to have its cardboard removed from its transfer station.

To make the transition from paying for cardboard to be removed to selling it for a profit, the material must be collected, cleaned and flattened at municipal transfer stations, said Collins.

Thomas Szabo, the Warren County Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, said mobile balers can be purchased that could process and store cardboard until ready to be retrieved by paper mills.

Collins said her group will contact paper mills that have expressed interest in purchasing corrugated cardboard and reports its findings to the Supervisors.

“As citizen partners, we value our relationship with the Department of Public Works, setting goals and finding solutions to that will increase the rates of recycling at our transfer stations and identifying financially sound solutions to the management of recyclables,” Collins said.



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Larry Eichler, “Everyone’s Go-To Lake Guy,” Retires from Darrin Fresh Water Institute

By Anthony F. Hall

Larry Eichler, a research scientist at RPI’s Darrin Fresh Water Institute in Bolton Landing since 1979, retired this year.

Over the years, Eichler’s expertise expanded to include acid rain, aquatic plants – native and exotic - and invasive mollusks and bivalves, as well as every aspect of water chemistry, from sampling to data analysis.

According to Chuck Boylen, the former director of the Fresh Water Institute who worked with Eichler for all but a few of those forty years in Bolton, Eichler’s professional achievements have been recognized widely and frequently.

Of equal importance, said Sandra Nierzwicki-Bauer, who began working with Larry Eichler in 1993 when she became the director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute, were his many contributions to the Lake George community.

“Larry was the face of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute within the community,” said Nierzwicki-Bauer. “If you had a water problem, he was there to help, whatever the issue. He always made some time to talk to you and come up with a solution to your problem.”

Once Eichler began a program that regularly and consistently tested waters at public beaches for coliform, local government officials came to rely upon him for the information they would need to close or safely re-open beaches.

Dave Wick, the executive director of the Lake George Park Commission, said Larry Eichler “was everyone’s go-to lake guy and everyone’s favorite limnologist.”

Wick added, “He brings people together. He’s always positive and he knows more than anybody else does about these issues.”

Eichler was on the scene in 1985 when Eurasian watermilfoil was discovered in Lake George.

In 1987, the Lake George Aquatic Plant Survey was launched as a three-year research project to study the growth and distribution of the invasive plant.

“With Larry playing a crucial role, this study and its recommendations set the standard for identifying new locations of milfoil beds in Lake George and the best management techniques to use to control its spread,” said Boylen.

For several years, Eichler even hand-harvested the milfoil in Lake George.

As Eichler’s reputation as an aquatic plant specialist grew, dozens of lake associations throughout New York State and Vermont contracted with the Darrin Fresh Water Institute for plant surveys.

Eichler’s survey of Trout Lake, conducted for the Lake George Park Commission, established conclusively that milfoil is not present in that water body – as of now.

Nierzwicki-Bauer said Eichler was the ideal scientific colleague.

“Larry was a true collaborator, someone always ready to chip in and contribute, not just their particular piece of expertise, but innovative ideas and creative energy,” said Nierzwicki-Bauer. “In scientific work, you need to be flexible, to try new approaches when old ones aren’t working, to be creative in addition to being methodical. That’s the type of person Larry is.”

Chuck Boylen commented, “I want everyone to know how much I appreciate everything Larry has done for the Darrin Fresh Water Institute, for Lake George and



A: Eichler on Lake George. Photo courtesy Chuck Boylen. B: Eichler sampling water for the Jefferson Project. C: Eichler with farewell gift presented by RPI and DFWI. D: Henry Caldwell, Chuck Boylen, Brian Mattes, Rick Relyea, Larry Eichler. E: Steve Resler, Susan Gilbert, Rick Relyea. F: Cornelia Wells and Kathy Boylen. G: Chuck Boylen and Fran Eichler.

Bolton Landing. As the summer residents return and come looking for answers to their questions, they will be disappointed to find that Larry is no longer here.”

Rick Relyea, the current director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute, presented Eichler with a wood relief map of Lake George at a party held in his honor at the research lab on June 4.

“So many people tell you that if you have a job you love, you’ll never work a day in your life. And that has been true with my career. It’s been wonderful working with all of you on so many different projects over the years. We’ve had a great time,” said Eichler.

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EDITORIAL.

Facts Don't Support Logic of Dissolving Lake George Village

Since 1980, 6.7 percent of New York State's villages have been dissolved and merged with surrounding townships, largely in response to depopulation, fiscal stress, rising property taxes and the difficulty in recruiting candidates for elective office and volunteers for the various boards. Albany has encouraged the trend, especially since 2010, when the legislature passed the New NY Reorganization and Citizen's Empowerment Act, presumably in the interests of efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Since 2010, 18 New York State villages have dissolved. New York is one of only 17 states with Village governments and it has become the nation's model for incentivizing the dissolution of village governments or the consolidation of their services and functions with those of towns, largely through financial grants and subsidies. (And disincentivizing their continued existence by deliberately limiting the growth of revenue sharing programs.)

In part because of the way Albany has framed the conversation, most people believe, without giving it to much thought, that it is a good thing when villages dissolve, as it removes a layer of government – and people, on principle, tend to dislike government.

As we report in this issue, the residents of Lake George Village will go to the polls on September 14 and decide if they want to dissolve their village.

Whatever the reasons of those who vote yes, they will not be the reasons why eighteen villages have elected to dissolve since 2010.

Lake George Village does not suffer from fiscal stress. Despite losing more than \$320,000 in revenues in 2020 because of Covid-19 and the assumption of short-term debt to help defray the costs of constructing its new wastewater treatment plant's construction, Lake George Village is financially sound. Earlier this spring, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli determined that ten villages in New York were at some level of fiscal stress in 2021, often a trigger for dissolution. Lake George Village was not among them. Lake George Village's share of Occupancy Tax and Sales Tax revenues have risen significantly year over year. 2021 was one of the Village's most successful in years, and 2022 was even better. Property taxes? Lake George's mill rate (the taxes due for each \$1,000 of assessed property value) has decreased over the past ten years, from \$6.04 to \$5.79. For its 2022-23 budget, Lake George Village relied upon \$4.2 million in revenues generated by visitors.

Village residents can reasonably ask what becomes of those revenues if the municipality dissolves and merges with the town. That is the kind of question that will be answered in the public informational meetings about the pros and cons of dissolution, which will take place in August and September. We expect the residents will not only learn why there are no pressing reasons why the Village should dissolve, but why it might well be in their best interests for it to remain intact.

This editorial relies upon the Rockefeller Institute's January, 2022 report, "A Comparative: Look at the Village Dissolution Movement in Ohio and New York" by Lisa K. Parshall for the most recent data about villages in New York State.

APA Honors Fred Monroe

By Mirror Staff

The Adirondack Park Agency plans to honor the late Fred Monroe, the Chestertown attorney and Town Supervisor with a tree planting ceremony at APA headquarters in Ray Brook. Monroe died December 17, 2021.

As the leader of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board from 2005 through 2018, Monroe was charged by state law with monitoring and advising the APA.

The ceremony, which was scheduled to take place at 11 am, was open to the public.

State Sen. Dan Stec, who served with Monroe on the Warren County Board of Supervisors, said Monroe's influence was felt throughout the Adirondacks.

"I can't think of anyone who consistently did more over the span of many decades to be of service to the people and the communities of the Adirondacks," said Stec.

State Assemblyman Matt Simpson, a former supervisor of the town of Horicon, said Monroe was analytical, a great listener, and a strong advocate for Adirondack residents – and despite the contentiousness of property rights issues, he was always a voice of reason.

Simpson noted that Monroe was a founder of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.



Fred Monroe.

Both Monroe and Simpson have served as presidents of the organization.

"During his long tenure, Fred was likely the most influential person in local government in the Adirondacks," Simpson said. "He had a deep understanding of what it means to live in the Adirondacks," he said, noting the Monroe loved the region and the area communities.

"Fred devoted his life to keeping the Adirondacks the great place that it is," Simpson said.

The Hon. John Hall, a retired Warren County Judge, Surrogate and Acting Supreme Court Justice,

said Monroe returned to Warren County after graduating from Syracuse University to practice law, which is when he met him.

"I had a plethora of role models to choose from to commence my legal career. However, Fred was perhaps the most knowledgeable, patient and kind. He was extremely busy, "overworked and underpaid, like all lawyers" as his partner and my father John S. Hall liked to quip, but he was always very generous with his time and experience. I found myself gravitating to Fred whenever I needed advice or assistance."

Among Monroe's late-career achievements was the creation of mandatory boat inspection programs to halt the spread of invasive species.

Since 2014, the year the Lake George inspection mandates took effect, no new aquatic invasive species have established themselves in this waterbody.

Soon after the mandatory inspection program for Lake George was approved, the Department of Environmental Conservation announced that it would take steps to combat the introduction of aquatic invasive species at launches on other lakes.

And just this week, legislation prohibiting boats carrying invasive plants and animals from launching in any Adirondack water body became state law. None of this would have happened without Fred Monroe.

Climate Change Education Focus of Adirondack Council's Conservationist of the Year Award

By Mirror Staff

Climate change educator Jen Kretser and The Wild Center's Youth Climate Program will share this year's Adirondack Council Conservationist of the Year Award.

The Adirondack Council will present the award during the Council's Forever Wild Day celebration on July 9 at Paul Smith's College, near Saranac Lake.

"Jen Kretser, the Youth Climate Program and The Wild Center are doing a fantastic job of educating our youth about the dangers of global climate change and what they can do to curb its impacts and prepare for the changes we can no longer prevent," said Adirondack Council Executive Director William C. Janeway. "As Director of Climate Initiatives for The Wild Center in Tupper Lake, Jen manages the center's climate change engagement programs, including the

now-famous global Youth Climate Summits and broader Youth Climate Program."

As part of her international work, Kretser helped create the first Finland Youth Climate Summit, the first Youth Climate Summit in Sri Lanka in January 2017, and the first Youth Climate Summit in Germany in November 2018. She has also worked in the Altai Region of Siberia with National Park system officials to create education programs,

Kretser is a founding member of the NY Climate Resilience and Education Task Force, which works to elevate climate change education and action in NY Public Schools and the national Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network Board.

Originally from Saranac Lake, Kretser was a teacher and program developer for the Cincinnati Zoo, the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, the Jane Goodall Institute,



Jen Kretser.

the Adirondack Park Visitor's Interpretive Center, and Zoo New England in Boston. She was Director of Education for the Adirondack Mountain Club for seven years before joining the staff of the Wild Center.

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A WILD IDEA: How the Environmental Movement was able to Tame the Adirondacks

Author Brad Edmondson to speak at Caldwell-Lake George Library June 15

By Anthony F. Hall

In 1892, a cartographer employed by the New York State legislature picked up his pen and drew a circle around several counties where deforested lands had recently been seized in lieu of taxes. The legislators, somewhat fancifully, called the enclosed area the Adirondack Park.

Today, that park comprises 2.6 million acres of constitutionally protected, second growth forests abutting summer resort towns, ski centers, and camps ranging in size from 600-square-foot lakeside cottages to 36,000-acre estates.

But without Nelson A. Rockefeller, who governed New York State from 1959 until 1973, the Adirondack Park would be nothing more than a fractured mosaic of public and private lands.

Rockefeller wanted a living park, not an abstraction or one that existed solely on paper.

His vehicle was the Adirondack Park Agency, which he established in 1971 as a regional land use board to protect wilderness and promote outdoor recreation while channeling development toward the struggling communities scattered throughout the region.

Within a few years of signing the legislation creating the new agency, Rockefeller would approve its public and private land use plans. Together, they constitute "the most ambitious land use plan ever attempted," according to Brad Edmondson, author of the latest book about the origins of the Adirondack Park Agency, "A Wild Idea: How the Environmental Movement Tamed the Adirondacks."

Edmondson, whose talk at the Caldwell-Lake George Library on June 15 starts at 6:30 pm, adds: "Nelson Rockefeller might have been the most powerful governor in New York's history. His power, combined with overwhelming public support for environmental protection, pushed the Adirondack Park laws over the finish line."

Edmondson's praise is the exception to the rule. Rockefeller seldom receives the credit he deserves, not only for the protection of the Adirondacks but for his environmentalism.

Environmental protection was something deeply interesting to the Governor. His initiatives to

address air and water pollution, for instance, anticipate the federal Clean Air and Clean Water Acts of Richard Nixon, now ranked as one of America's most environmentally progressive presidents.

The Adirondacks, however, were something Rockefeller loved, a place he first came to know as a boy, spending summers at family camps on the Upper Saranac. The future governor grew up with a belief common among American elites in the first decades of the 20th century, which is that wild nature should be preserved for its aesthetic and spiritual value, not just for fire, flood and drought control.

Rockefeller's concern for the future of the Adirondacks can be traced in part to the completion, in 1967, of Interstate 87, the Northway, which placed the once remote region within a day's drive of the northeast's major metropolitan centers.

To address the dangers of overdevelopment, before rather than after they manifested themselves, Rockefeller used his power to create by fiat something he called "The Temporary Study Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks."

Its charge was to recommend policies to maintain the ecological and scenic integrity of the Adirondack Park, no small task given that it is roughly the size of Vermont and more than half of it is privately-owned.

When appointing the Study Commission's members, Rockefeller chose "people who had good college credentials and memberships in exclusive clubs," writes Brad Edmondson.

(Though in addition to appointing to the group such eminently clubbable men as a relative by marriage of Russell Train, chairman of Nixon's White House Council on Environmental Quality, and a son of Laurance Rockefeller's Princeton roommate, the Governor also named a former communist-turned country editor, a founder of the liberal organization Americans for Democratic Action, and globe-trotting journalist Lowell Thomas.)

Its chairman was Harold Hochschild, head of a multi-national mining corporation and according to another historian of the Adirondack Park, "by wealth and experience equipped to deal with

Nelson Rockefeller on equal terms."

When the Commission released its final report in January 1971, the Governor was "delighted."

"It is brilliant and comprehensive," he told Hochschild.

Rockefeller affirmed his support in his June, 1971 message approving the Adirondack Park bills, writing, "I commend the Commission for its imaginative proposals for preserving the wild and natural splendor of the Adirondack Park while fulfilling its enormous recreational potential."

The most far-sighted of the Commission's 181 recommendations was, of course, the creation of an agency with the power to develop regional land use plans, to this day models for sustainable development. Rockefeller could easily have shelved that recommendation as too controversial, but he chose instead to publicly endorse it and then spent political capital on its behalf.

To enact the private land use plan, which limited development in rural and environmentally sensitive areas, Rockefeller went so far as to veto legislation supported by Republican majorities that would have delayed its adoption by years. "Time is of the essence," he said, if the Adirondacks were to be saved.

Rockefeller also embraced the Commission's recommendation to uphold Article XIV, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution, the so-called Forever Wild clause, which prohibits the destruction of the park's publicly owned forest lands.

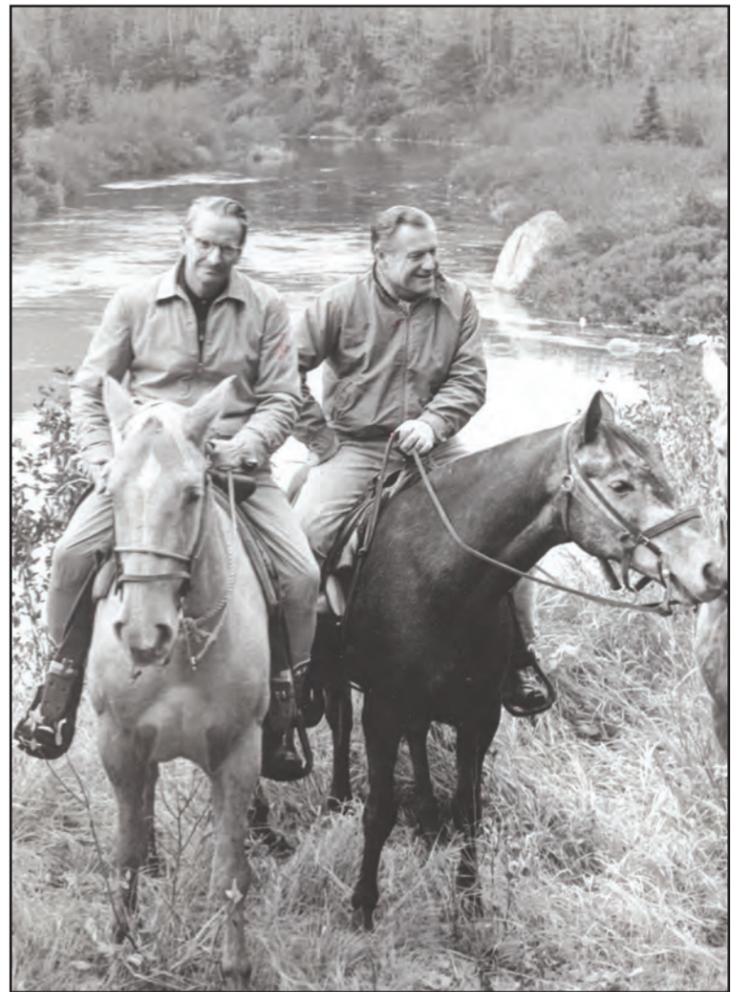
Atmospheric scientists have long believed that the Adirondack forests filter the air of pollutants, making the park something of a sanctuary from pollution.

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It is one more reason – if more reasons are needed – to be grateful to Nelson Rockefeller for giving lasting protection to, as he said, "one of the State's and the Nation's most significant resources – the Adirondack Park."

An earlier version of this essay appeared in *Quest* magazine.



Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller (right) with his brother, conservationist Laurance Rockefeller, in the Adirondack High Peaks, 1965. LG Mirror file photo.

Winslow Homer Biographer To Speak at Adkironack Experience

William Cross, the author of the new biography "Winslow Homer: American Passage," will discuss Homer and the Adirondacks at Adkironack Experience (formerly the Adirondack Museum) on July 11 at 7 pm.

Homer made his first visit to the Adirondacks in 1870 and his last in 1910, just two months before his death.

His first and subsequent visits to the region coincided with the growing public concern that led to the creation of the Adirondack Forest Preserve in 1885 and the Adirondack State Park in 1892.

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Clockwise from left: A relief portrait of Katrina Trask. The Trasks on Lake George. Wakonda Lodge, the Lake George artists' colony created by the Trasks, which they donated to Wiawaka. Portraits of Katrina and Spencer Trask hanging at Yaddo, Saratoga Springs.

Betty Spinelli to Present Katrina Trask's 'Fascinating Life' at The Sembrich, June 22

By Mirror Staff

"The Fascinating Life of Katrina Trask," a talk illustrated with projected vintage photos and graphics, will be presented by Betty Spinelli at The Sembrich on Wednesday, June 22 at 2 pm.

Katrina Trask, who lived from 1853 to 1922 and who was married to financier Spencer Trask, was a prominent Lake George summer resident who is better known as the founder of Yaddo, the artists' colony in Saratoga.

In addition to establishing Yaddo, the couple created an artists' colony

on the east side of Lake George where Georgia O'Keeffe spent a summer painting. They later donated property to Wiawaka, the retreat for working women. They made their home on Triuna, now Three Brother Island, in Bolton and commissioned its distinctive, neo-gothic architecture. She was also the author of more than a dozen books.

Trask was also responsible for the monument to Peace on Diamond Island, which she purchased in 1901 and which is now publicly owned.

"I've been interested in Katrina Trask since my first visit to Yaddo many years ago," said Spinelli.

"When I retired and learned of her many Lake George connections, my interest turned to intrigue and I began to research her background, which was filled with wealth, tragedy, romance and creativity. In doing the research, I discovered that the popular lore didn't really convey the 'true essence' of Katrina. The desire to tell her full story was the drive behind this presentation."

Spinelli, a former resident of Diamond Point, has acquired a third career as "a literary dramatist," presenting vivid portraits of people such as the Trasks and Evelyn Nesbitt, "the girl in the red velvet swing," to diverse audiences throughout New York State.

Her first two careers were in education and business. She holds two Master's degrees and has taught high school mathematics in Albany and Computer Science at the



University of Albany. She retired in 2004 from Xerox Corporation where she was Director of International Data.

And in a fourth career, Spinelli has been an active volunteer for historical and environmental support organizations, including Warren County Historical Society, Marcella Sembrich Memorial Association and The Fund for Lake George (which recently merged with the Lake George Association.)

Betty Spinelli and her husband Joe Stanek live in Saratoga Springs.

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USDA Awards Queensbury Hotel \$3.5 Million Loan

By Mirror Staff

The Queensbury Hotel in downtown Glens Falls has been awarded a \$3.5 million loan from the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program for the expansion of its event and conference facilities.

The project includes a thorough reconstruction of the Adirondack Room, the addition of a patio space and the installation of a new state-of-the-art kitchen. When the project is completed, the hotel will be able to offer more flexible event spaces for conferences, meetings, banquets, fundraisers and weddings.

According to the USDA, the project will create 25 new jobs and support 80 existing jobs in the Glens Falls region.

"The economic success of rural America has long been the bedrock of our Nation's economy as a whole," USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack stated in a May 24 press release. "Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is prioritizing investment in jobs, businesses, and entrepreneurial opportunities in rural America. The investments we're announcing today demonstrate how USDA remains committed to helping people in rural America create new and better market opportunities for our country."

US Representative Elise Stefanik stated in a press release, "I am announcing over \$3.5 million in taxpayer dollars will return to our district to invest in the historic Queensbury Hotel. The Queensbury Hotel is special to our area's local history, critical for our local tourism, and an important gathering place for our community. This investment will support jobs, allow the hotel to accommodate more guests, and I look forward to witnessing its greater impact on our region."

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ACBS Adirondack Chapter: More than Just Boat Shows

Group Holds Members' Seminars on Wood Boat Restoration

By Buzz Lamb

Some people just have a thing for wooden boats. Neil Satterly is one of them. Satterly, current president of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) Adirondack Chapter, put together a workshop on June 4 for the local chapter's members at Hall's Boat Corp. in Lake George Village. Three experts in wooden boat restoration spoke and offered hands-on opportunities for attendees. "We had to limit the number to 30 because of space limitations," he said. "We set up in Hall's actual workshop which held three boats in various stages of restoration, so space was tight."

According to Satterly, there are typically two workshops, spring and fall, which are often hosted at local boat restoration shops or boat builders. "These workshops are open to members only, which is a pretty good reason to think about becoming a member of our chapter," Satterly said. "If you're thinking about repairing or restoring your classic wood boat these workshops provide full-time, highly practical skills training with an emphasis on 'hands-on' learning ... specializing in composite, modern and traditional wooden construction, restoration and repair."

The first presenter was Joe Fleming, 89, who is an ACBS founding member as well as an Adirondack chapter member. The Adirondack Chapter is not only one of the oldest chapters, but is rich with history dating back to the origins of ACBS. Fleming began his presentation with the story of the ACBS founding, right here at Canoe



Above: Joe Fleming. Right: Tim Gautreau with his son Thor, also a boat restorer.

Island Lodge on Lake George.

Fleming then covered important troubleshooting information starting with batteries and proceeding through the entire electrical system utilized in a marine environment. It's a little known fact that Fleming, in the early 1960's, invented the electronic ignition system prototype used in automobiles and later adapted for use in boat engines. "Unfortunately, I never applied for a patent," he said.

The second speaker was Adam Weisberg who has an extensive collection of vintage marine parts. Weisberg brought several examples of generators, alternators, starters and distributors used in marine applications. "Don't go to your local auto parts store with your alternator in your hand and ask for a replacement," he said. "You'll end up with an automotive alternator that is not sealed and flash-proofed

for use in a boat. Putting that on your engine could be disastrous," he told the gathering.

Weisberg said he is a big fan of replacing the points and condensers in old-style distributors with electronic replacements. "It has been half a century since breaker points were used in a new distributor, so why would you even consider running this ancient technology in your classic engine? Undo three or four screws. Take out the plate holding the points and condenser. Drop in the new electronic plate and you're all set to go," he said. "Joe (Fleming) invented it ... you should be using it." Fleming added that the electronic systems provide a much more accurate trigger signal. "This improves the timing accuracy and prevents 'points bounce' at higher rpm," he said.

Tim Gautreau was the final presenter. Satterly said Gautreau



has spent 43 years working in hull design and construction. According to Satterly, Gautreau was repairing Hacker-Craft boats 10 years before Bill Morgan came on the scene in the early 1980's. Morgan resurrected the Hacker-Craft brand by buying the rights to the name from descendants of John Hacker.

Gautreau said there is no wooden boat restoration which cannot be achieved with some patience and care. "The repairing and rebuilding of wooden boats is a journey that can provide great personal satisfaction. In the process, you'll become familiar with your boat's intricate construction details," he said.

"When your wooden boat finds itself in need of repair, dealing with the wood can be an intimidating experience ... particularly if this is your first time trying your hand at boat repair," he said.

"The biggest problem today

is finding the correct wood for your repair. It's really becoming difficult," he said.

Gatreau had a variety of samples of wood as well as tools unique to boat construction and repair.

"We all talk about mahogany boats but the truth is some of those gleaming, highly varnished boats aren't mahogany at all ... they're Luan" he said. Luan, (also spelled Lauan), refers to a tropical hardwood product usually made from trees in the Shorea family. In addition to boats, it has many home and hobby applications and is readily available at lumberyards.

Gatreau said there are 95 different species of wood used in boat building. "Although wood has a long history in marine use ... perhaps longer than any other substance mankind has used ... wood is also unique as boats go. It's not like plastic, aluminum, or fiberglass. It's an organic material that has its own set of characteristics," he said in closing.

The Adirondack Chapter is based in upstate New York, with coverage from the Lake George and Capital District regions west through the Adirondack Park. The chapter comprises about 250 members. They will host two rendezvous-style shows this season; the Fulton Chain Rendezvous in Old Forge on July 9 and the Lake George Rendezvous on August 27.

In addition to workshops, they also have events like "Keels or Wheels" dinner gatherings, Poker Runs and outings to different locations in the area. For information about joining the Adirondack Chapter call Neil Satterly at 518-461-1966.

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CROWN POINT HISTORIC SITE OPENS FOR SEASON

*Historic Ruins, Trails, Bird Conservation Area and June 18-19:
“The Legacy of Adirondack Surveyor Verplank Colvin”*

By Mirror Staff

The Crown Point State Historic Site is now open for the season.

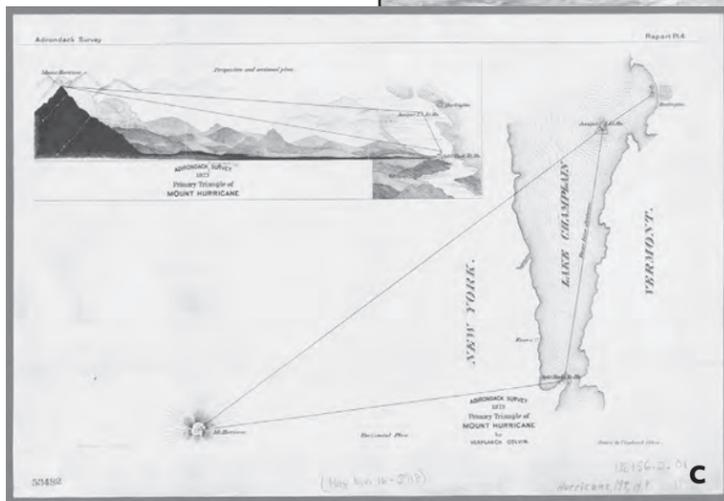
Best known for its ruins of an early 18th century French fort and settlement, Crown Point also played a role in the American Revolution. After the Green Mountain Boys seized Ticonderoga, a few of them, led by Seth Warner, took Crown Point.

It was the point of origin for Henry Knox’s famous 1775 “artillery train” from Lake Champlain to Dorchester Heights. According to historians, 29 of the 59 cannons seized from the British and used to liberate Boston came from Crown Point. In 1777, Crown Point was re-taken by Burgoyne as he made his way through the Champlain Valley.

Finally, it provided safety to



A: Crown Point Ruins. B: Verplank Colvin. C: An example of Colvin’s survey work .



Benedict Arnold in 1775, as he and his surviving troops retreated from Quebec after the ill-fated invasion of Canada, and again in 1776, after his naval battle with the British at Valcour Island.

(Of the fifteen ships Arnold had at the start of the Battle of Valcour, only a few reached Crown Point safely.)

In addition to the ruins, the Crown Point State Historic Site includes a bird conservation area, hiking trails and an interpretive center.

As part of New York State’s annual “Path Through History” weekend, scheduled this year for June 18 & 19, the interpretive center will feature material relevant to the anniversary of Adirondack Survey of Verplank Colvin, often called the father of the Adirondack Park.

Colvin, who grew up in Albany, was appointed Superintendent of the Adirondack Survey in 1870, authorized by the Legislature to direct surveying parties throughout the Adirondacks.

It was a job that lasted twenty-eight years. From 1872 to 1900, Colvin explored, surveyed what would become the Adirondack Park.

“Astonished, awed, yet delighted at the grandeur and vastness of the region thus spread before me, I resolved to...prepare a new map of the region, which could not fail

to be a valued contribution to the Geography of my native State,” Colvin wrote in 1882.

Colvin’s annual reports helped persuade the legislature to protect the Adirondack forests and watershed through the creation of the Adirondack Forest Preserve in 1885, the Adirondack Park in 1892 and passage of a constitutional amendment in 1894 to maintain the Forest Preserve as ‘Forever Wild.’

Crown Point is open 10 am to 5:30 pm every day but Tuesday. Admission is \$5 for adults. Call 518-597-4666 for information.

Chimney Point

Across the Champlain Bridge from Crown Point is Chimney Point, Vermont, a Revolutionary War site occupied by the Hessians during British General John Burgoyne’s march to Saratoga.

A tavern built on the point in 1785 – now the home of a museum – entertained Thomas Jefferson and James Madison during their Northern Tour of 1791 (during which Jefferson famously wrote, “Lake George is by far the most beautiful water I have ever seen.”)

Chimney Point is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$5. Call 802-759-2412 for information.

A mushroom exploration walk will be held at the Mount Independence Historic Site in Orwell, VT on June 11 at 1 pm. Call 802-948-2000 for information.

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LG Hosting its First Post-COVID Americade

By Anthony F. Hall

This year's Americade motorcycle rally opened June 7, returning to its normally scheduled week for the first time since 2019.

The event was rescheduled and cancelled in 2020 because of COVID and delayed in 2021 until late September, by which time the pandemic was expected to have subsided.

"How much has changed since 2019?" asks organizer Christian Dutcher. "We've been looking forward to this year's Americade in part because we just don't have the answers to many of our questions."

It is unlikely that Americade will ever regain the size and significance it once had, when 60,000 middle-aged motorcyclists would swarm into Lake George and transform a few off-season days into the single busiest week of the year, generating \$40 million in economic impacts.

But Christian Dutcher isn't certain that it would be possible to replicate that 40-year-old model, a victim of demographics, the rise of social media, the growth of online shopping and the competition for entertainment dollars and from other motorcycle rallies. And the company is not certain that it wants to.

"There are bigger events out there that have become very formulaic. That's not the direction in which we're going. We can carve out a unique niche event that cannot be replicated elsewhere," said Dutcher.

His imperative is not to maximize profits, but to preserve the community's faith in the organization and "run the kind of event that we can take pride in," said Dutcher.

According to Dutcher, the future of Americade lies in a younger demographic, one with different tastes in entertainment, in music and even in motorcycles.

Among millennials, he says, there is an expanding interest in vintage bikes and in motorcycling's heritage.

"I am managing a business whose market is changing rapidly; we have no choice but to change to



Motorcycles line Beach Road during Americade.

meet the demands of that market," said Dutcher. "To manage is to look forward."

Dutcher said he expects Americade to become less a motorcycle rally and more an entertainment venue.

"While our theme will always be motorcycling, we now have to amplify our entertainment value and place music, comedy, stunt shows and really interesting clinics on the bigger stage. That's what current and future customers want," said

Dutcher.

Dutcher said the 2022 Americade reflects its transition to an event that appeals to a younger crowd, but so will Americade 2023, and to an even greater degree.

"There will be an entirely new element to Americade, one that offers things such as electric bikes that speak to the 35-year-old, frankly hipper motorcyclist," said Dutcher.

The Americade of the future will have a positive impact on the region's tourism-based economy,

said Dutcher.

"Our goal has always been to drive tourism. We want to host more, not less guests and bring even more people to the region while, at the same time, remaining an event that is welcomed by the community," said Dutcher.

Lake George Restaurant Week Highlights NY State Products

By Mirror Staff

Lake George Region Restaurant Week returns Sunday, June 12 after a two-year hiatus, a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, Taste NY at the Adirondacks Welcome Center is sponsoring the promotion with a "Restaurant Challenge," which asks every participating restaurant to highlight at least one ingredient on the menu that is grown or produced in New York state.

All participating restaurants will offer a special prix-fixe 3-course menu for just \$30. The ingredients grown or produced in New York will be noted on these special Restaurant Week menus.

"We will be highlighting New York-made ingredients throughout this promotion, aiming to spotlight the connection between New York producers and local restaurants to showcase the value of supporting small business and community connections," said Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gina Mintzer.

Participating restaurants stretch from Lake George to Queensbury, as this promotion goes beyond Lake

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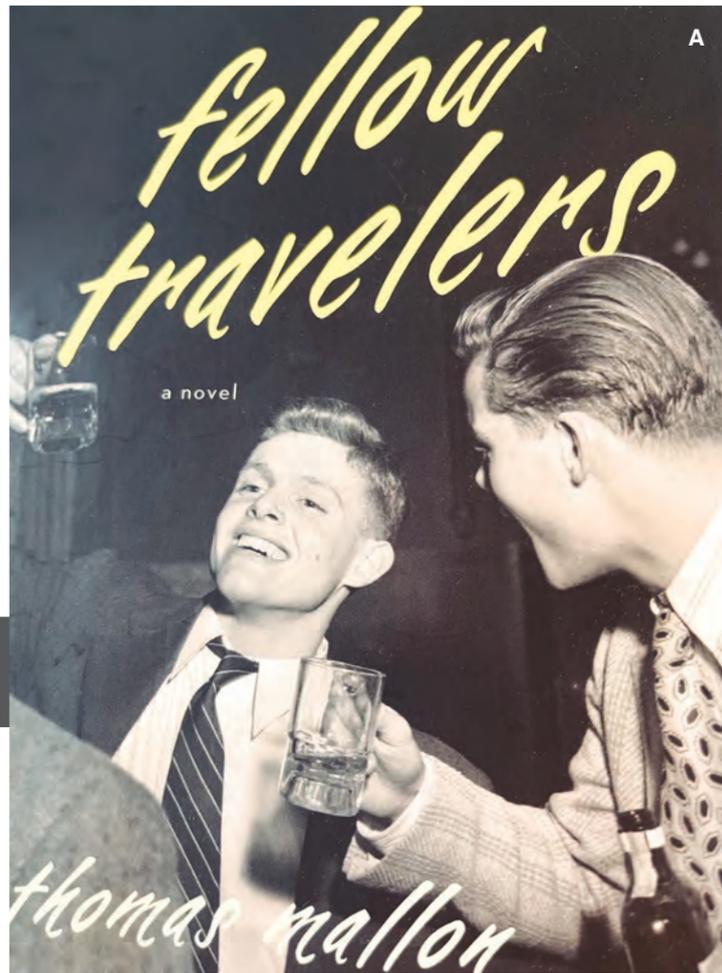
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The Red and The Lavender

Seagle Festival will preview 'Fellow Travelers,' an opera about the two 'scares' of the 1950s, at the Bolton Historical Museum June 16

By Anthony F. Hall

Young artists will return to Schroon Lake this summer to immerse themselves in the art and craft of vocal performance and production, just as they have every summer since 1916, the year Oscar Seagle founded a music colony in the hills above this lakeshore community.

Every summer but one, that is. In 2020, COVID-19 forced the Seagle to cancel its season, for the first time in its 106-year history.

And of equal importance – at least to fans of opera or Broadway (or perhaps both) – the students' fully-staged productions will once again be accessible to the public, as they have every summer – but one – since the 1930s.

The Seagle Festival's 2022 season opens July 6 with "Hello Dolly" and includes two one-act operas by Puccini, the music of Stephen Sondheim, children's operas and "Fellow Travelers," a contemporary opera by Gregory Spears and Greg Pierce, based on the 2007 novel by Thomas Mallon.

The Bolton Historical Museum will host a reception and a preview of the Seagle's production of "Fellow Travelers" on Thursday, June 16 at 6 pm. The event is free, but reservations are required. To reserve seats, email Darren Woods at dkwoods@seaglefestival.org.

One of only a few operas based on contemporary history ("Nixon in China" and "Death of Klinghoffer" come immediately to mind), "Fellow Travelers" is set in Washington DC of the 1950s, as the feverish crusades of Richard Nixon, Joseph McCarthy and their ilk infiltrate and all but overwhelm every department, agency and office in government.

Not uncoincidentally, the Red Scare was accompanied by a Lavender Scare, a systematic effort to banish anyone suspected of being a homosexual from the federal government.

In "Fellow Travelers" two gay



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men leading double lives, one in the State Department, one in Congress, one liberal, the other fervently anti-communist, negotiate a relationship distorted by forces above and beyond them.

"It doesn't feel like a period

piece," said Darren Woods, the Seagle's Artistic Director. "Rights of women and blacks as well as gay people, hard fought and hard won, are in danger of being wrenched away from us."

The possibility that Roe v. Wade,

the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, could be over-turned, is but one example, said Woods.

"Our production of 'Fellow Travelers' is timely," said Woods. "We're living in a very scary time."

The best contemporary American opera has the power to stimulate thinking about important issues, said Woods.

"If art doesn't give you something you can take away and ponder, it

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A: 'Fellow Travelers' is based on the novel by Thomas Mallon. B: Artistic Director Darren Woods coaching students. C: Shannon Richards. D: Jake Goz. E: Nicholas Fahrenkrug. F: The Bolton Historical Museum is located in Rogers Park, Bolton Landing.



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1968: Statewide Committee on Underwater Archaeology Includes Local Rep

By Joseph W. Zarzynski
SPECIAL TO THE LAKE GEORGE MIRROR

In April 1968, a six-person committee was established by the State Education Department to

promote proper underwater research of historic shipwrecks and their artifacts in the Empire State. Shortly afterwards, a lecture program, for scuba divers, municipal historians, and others, emerged from the newly formed advisory group. Senior Historian Paul Scudiere of the Office of State History—State Education Department organized the August 23–24, 1968 conference to examine “the preservation of historically significant objects discovered underwater” in New York.

One task force member and scheduled speaker at the 1968 symposium was Bob Flacke, Sr., Fort William Henry Corporation’s

CEO and a US Navy reserve officer. Other committee appointees who likewise were conference presenters were: Dr. Gin K. Gee, a diving biology professor at Corning Community College, James Miller, President of the Scuba Explorers club in Plattsburgh, Wallace Workmaster, Curator of Fort Ontario in Oswego, Richard Van Gemert, a shipwreck diver from Rochester, and Dr. Howard Brunet, President of the College Center of the Finger Lakes in Corning.

The forum convened at the Valcour Educational Conference Center on Lake Champlain, just south of Plattsburgh. Scudiere served as moderator.

The keynote speaker was Dr. George Bass, who became known as the “Father of Underwater Archaeology.” In 1968, Bass was associate curator at the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. The South Carolinian took up scuba in 1960, collaborating with photojournalist Peter Throckmorton on an underwater archaeological study of a 3,200-year-old shipwreck lying in

the Mediterranean Sea off Turkey. Moreover, Bass’s article, “New Tools for Undersea Archaeology,” had just been published in the September 1968 issue of National Geographic magazine.

Further, Dr. John Still, a curator in the Office of State History, spoke on the possibility that artifacts found, archaeologically studied, and professionally collected from submerged sites in New York could be exhibited in the new state museum being built in Albany.

After the 1968 conference and following several meetings of the “blue ribbon” panel, historian Paul Scudiere wrote an “introductory guide to [underwater] research techniques and opportunities in the State’s waters.”

The 32-page booklet, *Diving Into History—A Manual of Underwater Archaeology for Divers in New York State*, was published in 1969 by the State Education Department.

The publication included several photographs of British bateau-class shipwrecks that had been raised from Lake George in



Out of a State Education Department committee formed in 1968, came this 32-page booklet for scuba divers. The goal was to protect historic shipwrecks and underwater artifacts, including those in Lake George. Photo: Paul J. Scudiere, Office of State History—State Education Department.

the early 1960s. The three French & Indian War (1755–1763) battle craft were recovered by the Adirondack Museum. That project, directed by Dr. Robert Bruce Inverarity, was sanctioned by a permit from the state government. The three shipwrecks, each 30–35 feet in length, were part of Lake George’s “Sunken Fleet of 1758.”

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Its restaurant journey began in 1915, and Neil Orsini bought it in 1986. Today, although devoting much of his time to bolster his community, The Anvil Inn is a destination for food lovers throughout the tri-county area.

Old wooden floors, heavy overhead beams, dark wood and hundreds of horseshoes bring you back in time no matter where you look.

There's a long bar as you enter, and some tables separated by a wall off the entryway. An open kitchen allows diners to glimpse a rack of tonight's prime rib while a separate dining room is home to a huge stone fireplace as its centerpiece.

Tables in the dining room are nicely spaced and the entire ambiance is one of warmth, comfort and yes, a bit romantic!

We were seated at our exact reserved time and handed menus and a special insert by our waitress.

On the table was a small tureen of soft, creamy garlic cheese and crackers. Complimentary, and seldom seen since the demise of The Montcalm and other fine dining restaurants.

The Anvil's menu is large, welcoming to all tastes and cuisines and all pocketbooks!

While perusing the menu, we ordered our favorite appetizer; chicken liver pate. The Anvil's is an overly generous scoop of creamy liver, accompanied by chopped red onion, slices of egg and a good half box of crackers. A sheer delight to begin our culinary journey.

There are many choices in all categories. However, I will only mention the most creative.

Entrees include a slow roasted prime rib, as well as a king cut. There's a salmon, herb rubbed with dijonnaise and finished with cream sauce as well as a stuffed salmon with seafood and a creamy cheddar sauce.

Landlubbers can choose a Chicken Edward consisting of fresh cutlets with mushrooms, white wine and demi-glace.

The Anvil also offers an

interesting platter of pork medallions and sliced apples simmered in applejack brandy and heavy cream.

Diners can enjoy beer as well from Paradox, Cooper's Cave and Fort Ann's Battle Hill Brewing Company.

Lastly, there's an Anvil special filet, chargrilled and topped with lump crab and bearnaise sauce.

Ms. Automobile chose scallops casino as an appetizer. Tender sea scallops, sliced and baked in garlic-lemon butter and sprinkled with bacon bits and scallions. A nice beginning.

Ms. Plant Doctor ordered a 10 oz. hand-cut filet mignon "black 'n blue" that came with brandied mushrooms and a wonderful herbed au jus.

The filet clearly was more than 11 oz., not charred black but done rare and very tender alongside the house's tiny French fries and seasoned green beans.

Ms. Automobile enjoyed a heaping bowl of seafood fra diavolo with jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, and crushed red pepper over al dente

linguine and a delightful marinara sauce.

Yours Truly loves a great seafood au gratin or coquille. The Anvil delivered with shrimp and scallops in a very creamy, sweet mornay sauce, topped with melted provolone and a side of herbed rice.

The Chief Operator finished off two dirty martinis while still having time and room for a pan-fried chicken breast stuffed with bacon bits and cheddar, with creamy seasoned cheese sauce. He raved about the sauce and dredged some of The Anvil's tiny fries through the excess.

All entrees came with soup or salad. We all were more than satisfied with the house salad as opposed to tomato soup. Generous bowls of fresh greens, carrot, onion, tomato and a choice of all the ordinary dressings.

We made a stop on the way out to chat with Shelby, the Anvil's bartender extraordinaire who was waiting on tables, mixing drinks and washing glasses at a record



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That's a Wrap: Legislative Session Ends on a Mixed Note for the Adks.

By Mirror Staff

The closing hours of the NYS Legislative Session saw Lake George Park Commission appointee Kathryn Flacke Muncil confirmed by the State Senate.

Muncil is the CEO and Chairman of the Board for the Fort William Henry Corporation in Lake George, NY. Ms. Muncil has held this position since 2003, after having spent 10 years as CFO. In addition to this role, Ms. Muncil is active in her community by serving on the Warren County Economic Development Corporation Board, Warren County Tourism and Economic Development Community Committee, and was a founding member of the French and Indian War Society at Lake George. The Senate also confirmed the

appointments of three Adirondack Park Agency appointees, including the first Black appointee, Benita Law-Diao.

Curbing Climate Change

According to the Adirondack Council, the legislature approved important policy advances to curb the impacts of climate change, such as the commitment to protect 30% of New York's forests by 2030. None of the several proposed amendments to the NYS Constitution's "forever wild" clause was approved.

"Overall, the Legislative Session provided some great victories for Adirondack wilderness, water, jobs and communities," said Adirondack Council Executive Director William C. Janeway. "It was great to see new Governor Kathy Hochul reaffirm

her support for the Adirondacks and work with Legislative Leaders to achieve it."

Janeway said the "30 by 30" initiative also would benefit the park by curbing the effects of climate change, using the state's most effective climate-moderation tool – its well-protected forests – to remove carbon dioxide and keep soils and waters shaded and cool.

The NYS Budget, approved in early April, invests billions of dollars in clean water and climate initiatives to protect Adirondack wilderness, wildlife, and taxpayers, Janeway said.

Constitutional Amendments Fail to Advance

The rest of this year's Legislative Session was scheduled to be among the shortest in history.

Janeway said missed opportunities included those to advance the approval process for Constitutional Amendments designed to resolve conflicts over future uses of Forest Preserve lands protected under the NYS



View of Saw Mill Bay in Bolton Landing, DEC facilities on Green Island and Adirondack Forest Preserve lands on Lake George's east shore.

Constitution's "forever wild" clause, including those which have recently surfaced from Olympic training facilities and accessories in Essex County.

A proposed Article 14 Constitutional Amendment for the

Mt. Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex had the support of environmental protection groups such as Protect the Adirondacks.

"Protect the Adirondacks believes that now is the time for an amendment for the Mt Van Hoevenberg complex similar to those in effect for Whiteface, Gore, and Belleayre downhill ski areas," said Peter Bauer, executive director of Protect the Adirondacks. "A constitutional amendment would create clear lines for future administration while providing a measure of flexibility for future growth."

Under the proposed amendment, the state would be authorized to utilize 323 acres of 1,039 acres in the Mount Van Hoevenberg complex for a variety of winter sports activities and facilities, including trails, buildings, water lines, and parking lots, among other structures or facilities.

Through an Article 14 amendment, the Mount Van Hoevenberg complex would be governed by distinct terms and regulated by amendments to the Article 14 "Forever Wild" clause of the state constitution.

Around 181 acres of lands currently classified as Intensive Use would also be reclassified as Wilderness and added to the High Peaks Wilderness Area. The amendment would compensate the Forest Preserve by purchasing at least 2,500 acres of new lands to add to the Preserve.

The Forever Wild clause forbids logging, lease, development or private use of the 2.7-million-acre public Forest Preserve, which makes up less than half of the park. The remainder of park's six million acres (9,300 sq. mi.) are commercial timberlands, large estates, farms, resorts, communities, and private homes. Private land use is guided by a state plan.

Willie Janeway said the Adirondack Council will continue to work to resolve constitutional conflicts, according to its long-standing policy for review of constitutional amendments. Among other provisions, the policy requires that amendments create a clear benefit to the Forest Preserve; don't set precedents that harm other areas of the preserve; and, represent the only alternative to accomplish an overwhelming public benefit.

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ENGAGING CONVERSATION:

The Adirondack Theatre Festival's 28th Season Makes the Global Local

By Anthony F. Hall

Its evocative place-based name notwithstanding, there is nothing narrowly regional – that is, parochial – about the Adirondack Theatre Festival.

“The Adirondack Theatre Festival has a history, not only of participating in national conversations, but of leading them,” says Miriam Weisfeld, ATF’s new Producing Artistic Director.

“Founders Martha Banta and David Turner nurtured incredibly important writers in the early stages of their careers; Mark Fleischer developed work that went on to Broadway,” she continued.

Weisfeld was selected to succeed ATF’s third artistic director, Chad Rabinowitz, last summer, at the close of the Glens Falls-based festival’s 27th season.

ATF’s 28th season – Westfeld’s first as producing artistic director – opens June 15 and “represents a reinvestment in the festival’s core strengths,” she said.

“Audiences can expect a diverse range of groundbreaking artists as we nurture new work traveling from Glens Falls to the world,” Weisfeld added.

June 15-26: The Chinese Lady

The 28th season opens with *The Chinese Lady*, Lloyd Suh’s exploration and explication of a true but little-known episode from 19th century American history.

Afong Moy, known as “The Chinese Lady” but in reality a fourteen-year-old girl, was brought from China to New York Harbor and put on display as the first Chinese woman in America. Her surreal journey takes her from Andrew Jackson’s Oval Office to P.T. Barnum’s circus tent and to the harsh reality of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

“A lot of the details about what it is to encounter a new culture for the first time are things that I’ve observed as the child of immigrants,” Lloyd Suh told an ATF audience in April. “We can’t see the ways in which we’re unusual or the things that we do are unusual until we see somebody else engage with these things for the first time.”

The ATF’s production is directed by Shannon Tyo, who starred in the Public Theatre’s sold-out run of “The Chinese Lady.”

Theater’s Civic Dimension

Weisfeld said she sees her role as “supporting the voices that will change the American theater.”

The Michigan native is uniquely positioned to sharpen the organization’s national perspective, to broaden it, even.

A high school actor recruited by York University in Toronto, Weisfeld discovered her calling as a dramaturg – “a facilitator in the creation of new work” – as an undergraduate.

From Toronto, Weisfeld went to Cambridge, MA, where she entered Harvard University’s A.R.T./MXAT Institute, earning an MFA in Dramaturgy.

Created by Robert Brustein, the legendary dean of the Yale Drama School and the founder of the American Repertory Theater at Harvard, the Institute offered Weisfeld the opportunity to study at both Harvard and the Moscow Art Theatre.

In Russia, she learned to appreciate “what it is to make art in a place where free speech is not a given.”

“There’s a civic dimension to theater, that is, a relationship between our ability to experience dialogue and our education in citizenship,” Weisfeld said.

“What keeps me going as a theater practitioner, what keeps me committed to doing this very difficult thing, is the relationship that our drama has with democracy,” said Weisfeld.

Democratic Dialogue

As associate artistic director of Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington DC, Weisfeld had “the extraordinary opportunity to produce work at the foot of the

National Mall, work that would be seen by Supreme Court justices, among others, who would participate in discussions afterwards,” she said.

She also hatched a conference there on theatre and democracy, which led to the creation of a nationally- recognized community engagement program.

The Adirondack Theatre Festival has the same opportunity to engage in civic-building, democratic dialogue, she continued.

“We are committed to deepening the impact of our work, to widening and diversifying the circle of voices we present,” she said. “The audience is here. The opportunity is here. The need is here.”

Learning to Love the Local: Lake George Theater Lab

However global Weisfeld’s perspective may be, it does not exclude the local; indeed, it was Lake George that helped lure Weisfeld east from Minneapolis, where she was Director of Artistic

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Miriam Weisfeld, ATF’s producing artistic director. Courtesy photo.

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Seagle Festival will preview 'Fellow Travelers'

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isn't doing its job," said Woods. "When I directed "Dead Men Walking" in Fort Worth, a Republican congresswoman told me, "I remain a proponent of the death penalty, but you gave me an opera which I think about every day," said Wood. "When we presented 'Angels in America,' 25 years after we first confronted AIDS, a donor told me, "that was tough to watch, but necessary to see. It helps us to remember and never repeat that history."

But no matter how content-rich "Fellow Travelers" may be, it is also "a beautiful piece of music, music that compliments the deeply personal stories of the characters along with the dark situation in which they find themselves," said Woods.

Woods said composer Gregory Spears considers his greatest musical influences to be G. F. Han-

del and Philip Glass. "You'll hear both influences in the music," said Woods. "You'll hear minimalist repetition, which helps transmit the text. And Spears is not afraid of tunes."

Woods said he was pleased to have the opportunity to present a preview of "Fellow Travelers" in Bolton Landing, not only as a means of allowing audiences to sample an opera that will reward multiple viewings – it will be presented at Seagle August 3 – 6 – but to introduce the Seagle Festival to Lake George audiences.

The Bolton Historical Museum is located at 4924 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing. It is open 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday in June, Tuesday through Sunday in July and August. For information, visit BoltonHistorical.org. or call 518-644-9960.

Information about the Seagle Festival's entire 2022 season is available at seaglefestival.org.

Lake George Restaurant Week

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George and into the entire region. All restaurants that are members of the Chamber have been invited to participate.

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Shannon Tyo, who starred in the Public Theater's 2022 production of "The Chinese Lady," will direct ATF's version, which opens in Glens Falls on June 15.

ATF'S 28th Season Makes the Global Local

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Development for the Children's Theatre Company.

"I have a genuine interest in this community and this audience because I benefited as an artist from being here," she said.

While at Woolly Mammoth Theatre, Weisfeld worked with Lake George Theater Lab founder

Lindsey Gates to bring a play-in-development, Aaron Posner's "Stupid Fucking Bird" to Bolton Landing for workshops.

"The environment was inspiring," said Weisfeld. "Our time at Lake George was instrumental in making the play one of the most successful in Woolly Mammoth's history." Another Woolly Mammoth play developed at Lake George was nominated for a Tony award.

"Year after year, it was

consistently impressive, what the environment and the audience did for the artists, inspiring us while nourishing the conversation and the process," said Weisfeld.

Weisfeld said she looks forward to continuing to work with the sort of audiences she met on Lake George, "strengthening the muscles of empathy and analysis."

Adirondack residents

Weisfeld also looks forward to a less- hectic life with her husband, Joe Isenberg, an award-winning fight director and actor who will commute to New York for work, and their young daughter, who is now enrolled in school here.

"We feel like we're coming home, and at the same time, we feel we're at the start of a new adventure," said Weisenfeld.

ATF's 28th Season

ATF's 29th season also features an adaptation of Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and two musicals, "Last Stop on Market Street" and "Mystic Pizza." Subscriptions are \$155 for adults and \$95 for youth age 18 and younger are available by phone (518-480-4878) or in person from noon to 5 p.m. Tues., Sat. at the Charles R. Wood Theater Box Office at 207 Glen St., or through atfestival.org.



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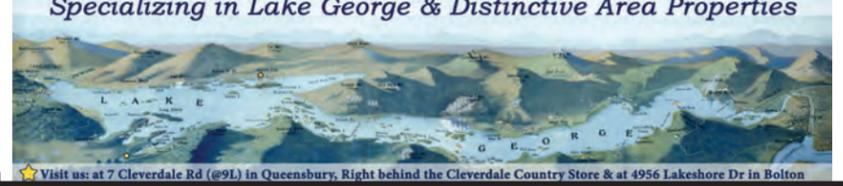
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