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## Preservation Network News

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### WE'RE HONORED ...

Garden Club of America Awards Preservation League  
Plaque presented in June at the Maidstone Club, East Hampton



*League Trustee's Council member Janet C. Ross and Chair Arete Swartz Warren join President Jay DiLorenzo at the Garden Club of America Awards in June.*

The Preservation League was deeply honored to be recognized by the prestigious Garden Club of America with their Historic Preservation Commendation.

The League was nominated by the Millbrook Garden Club, Zone III, for "its role in preserving the physical character, memories, and history of New York State."

According to the Garden Club, "This award acknowledges the great commitment non GCA members exhibit for the historic preservation of their communities and their architectural heritage. The Garden History and Design Committee is pleased to recognize these

achievements."

The citation honors the Preservation League for: "innovative and inspiring leadership in preserving the Empire State's important architectural and cultural resources through education, publications, advocacy, legal and technical services, awards and financial funding."

## TAX CREDIT UPDATES

### Rehab Incentives Threatened

As the New York State Legislature limped toward the end of the Legislative Session, the Governor and Senate and Assembly have separately proposed two NYS tax credit deferral programs, affecting 30 state tax credits ranging from the rehabilitation tax credit programs to the low income housing tax credit, green building tax credit, and brownfields programs, among others.



It's not too late to make your voice heard. You may use the [e-advocacy center](#) at the Business Council of NYS's website to send a quick email to legislative leaders and the Governor. Please customize your email in both the SUBJECT LINE and BODY to reflect your specific support for the Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

Visit the [Public Policy: Issues](#) section of the League's website for the latest updates on advocacy efforts to exempt the NYS Rehabilitation Tax Credit program from any state tax credit deferral plan.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
August 17, 2010

Plan to take part in an Interactive Webinar on the New York State Historic Homeowner Tax Credit and Commercial Tax Credit Programs. For information about the tax credit programs and details about the webinar, please visit the [New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation website](#).



## SEVEN TO SAVE: UPDATE

### Preservation Grants Benefit Wayne County Farms

Preservation League staff was at Alasa Farms in Alton last week as Congressman Dan Maffei announced grants of over \$1 million from the USDA's Farm and



Ranch Protection Program. ([Click the image to watch news coverage.](#))

The money will be used to support, purchase and control development rights at four Wayne County Farms. Alasa Farms, home to [Cracker Box Palace](#), a no-kill farm animal shelter and rehabilitation center, is receiving \$600,000 from the grant.

Alasa Farms was named to the Preservation League's [Seven to Save](#) list of endangered places for 2010. It is one of the state's most significant collections of 19th to early 20th century agrarian architecture complemented by a working farm, deriving its importance from its association with the Sodus Bay Society of Believers of Christ's Second Coming (Shakers) in the 1830s and the Sodus Bay Phalanx of the Fourier Society in the 1840s. As such, Alasa Farms has a strong connection to our nation's 19th century social and religious reform movements.

The Preservation League sees the situation at Alasa Farms as emblematic of a growing challenge throughout the United States: how to provide for the continued use of cultural landscapes and historic buildings. Land trusts, preservation groups and municipal planning agencies are sometimes at odds about whether or how to protect important land and buildings without diminishing the significance and usefulness of both.

If protection plans can be realized, the project will be a state and national model of farmland and landmark building stewardship in a historic and productive agricultural setting.

## REPORTS FROM THE QUADRICENTENNIAL

### OurHudson.org Posts Draft Agendas for Culture & Education, Transportation

In support of the Quadricentennial Commission's initiative to develop a vision for the future of the Hudson Valley, draft agendas on Culture & Education as well as Transportation, have been posted on [OurHudson.org](#), established as "a forum on the future of our Valley."



In announcing the release of the Transportation report, Anthony Shorris, Task Force Co-Chair and Director of the Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management at New York University, said: *"The implications of transportation investments ripple through whole communities and whole regions, and they call for a regional perspective. It would be great to make the Hudson Valley a national model for the integration of regional transportation, land use and development, and sustainability considerations."*

Culture and Education Task Force Co-Chair, John Haworth, Director of the National Museum of the American Indian, said: *"One of my colleagues coined the phrase 'no child without wet feet.' And I loved*

*it because that kind of said it all. This idea that the river really defines the experience of living, and working, and thriving, and flourishing in the region. And being attentive to that, and seeing how incredible it is that this is really one of the finest regions in the country."*

Please check out these reports and share your thoughts and comments on [www.OurHudson.org](http://www.OurHudson.org).

## CANAL PHOTOS NEEDED!

### World Canals Conference will celebrate George Eastman photo

You can help celebrate the 2010 World Canals Conference by participating in a photo-mosaic project!

George Eastman, founder of the Eastman Kodak Company lived in Rochester NY, the site of this year's World Canals Conference. The VERY FIRST picture George ever took was of the Erie Canal Aqueduct over the Genesee River in downtown Rochester. You can see the photo from 1877 on this website [www.wccrochester.org](http://www.wccrochester.org)



Organizers will re-create Eastman's first photograph as a photo-mosaic using pictures taken by canal enthusiasts. For instructions on how to submit up to three photos, visit the [World Canals Conference website](http://www.wccrochester.org).

The New York State Canal Corporation, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission, Canal Society of New York State, the City of Rochester, Monroe County, Bergmann Associates, and PIANC-USA will welcome delegates to the World Canals Conference September 19-24 2010.

## CONFERENCES AND TOURS

### Rural Community Development Consortium Workshop

#### *Promoting Community Assets for Economic Development*

Thursday, August 5 - 8:30 am - 4:15 pm  
Beardslee Castle, 3 Old State Road, Little Falls, NY 13365  
\$30.00 per person

Regional assets are key building blocks in sustainable revitalization efforts. Assets include the skills of the workforce; the vitality of community organizations; the resources of public, private and non-profit institutions; and the physical and economic resources of local places. The numerous lenses through which we can view regional community assets include, but are not limited to tourism, arts and culture, education, entrepreneurship, natural resources, agriculture and history.



This workshop will:

- Highlight regional community assets as they relate to economic development opportunities
- Encourage communities to build unique niches within the region
- Explore the relationship between capacity building, development and promotion of community assets
- Provide tools that will cover the practical implementation of project development.

*Who should attend?* Municipal Governments, Local Officials, Non-Profit Groups, Civic Organizations, Planners and Developers -- anyone interested in Community Development is welcome.

Registration & payment must be received by July 30, 2010. Space is limited. The registration form can be [downloaded online](#), or contact Caroline Williams, Rural Development Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension Oneida County by phone at 315-736-3394 x133 or email [jcw28@cornell.edu](mailto:jcw28@cornell.edu) for additional information.

## Preserving the Historic Road 2010!

September 9-12, 2010 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center

The Nation's Capital is the location for the Seventh Biennial of the Preserving the Historic Road conference. The program for this year's event promises exciting learning opportunities for anyone fighting the battle to preserve historic roads.



Learn the latest tools and techniques from leading practitioners from the National Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Highway Administration, the National Park Service, USDA Forest Service; leading professional practitioners, state and local transportation and planning departments, state historic preservation officers, university professors, and foreign scholars.

*Who should attend?* Whether a historic preservationist, engineer, transportation planner, landscape architect, archaeologist, cultural resource specialist, compliance specialist or historic road advocate, you won't want to miss this important meeting.

To register, and to view conference sessions, tour, and details, please visit <http://www.historicroads.org>.

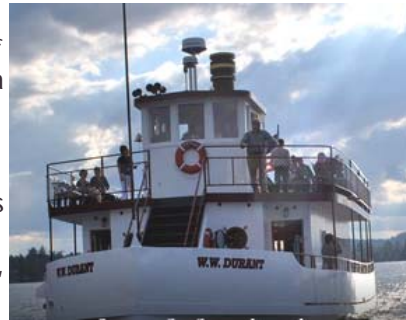
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## A Unique Look at the Adirondacks' Architectural History

September 16-20

Explore the rich architectural landscape of the Adirondack Park of Upstate New York this fall through a unique tour of Adirondack Great Camps.

Adirondack Architectural Heritage is offering a five-day tour of private and public Adirondack Great Camps, led by experts in the field of architectural history and preservation, as well as local historians.



The Rustic Great Camp tradition is synonymous with the Adirondacks of Upstate New York and the tour includes stops at some of famed architect William West Durant's famous architectural achievements, including Great Camp Sagamore, a turn-of-the-century retreat formerly owned by the Vanderbilt family. Other stops include Camp Pine Knot, private getaway of Collis P. Huntington; White Pine Camp, the 1926 Summer White House of Calvin Coolidge; and a luncheon cruise aboard the WW Durant on Raquette Lake. Evening lectures given by guest speakers will provide a more in-depth look at the camps and the innovative architects and builders who created them.

Guests on the tour will stay at the Four Diamond Mirror Lake Inn. This historic hotel overlooks scenic Mirror Lake in the town of Lake Placid, home of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. The tour includes meals, accommodations and transportation, both local and to and from Albany International Airport. There is a 20 person limit for the tour, so book today because spots are filling up fast!

To make a reservation or for further information please call 518-834-9328, or send an email to [Susan@aarch.org](mailto:Susan@aarch.org).

## TRANSITIONS

### Landmark Society of Western New York

Welcomes a new Preservation Planner

Caitlin Meives comes to the Landmark Society after spending the last few



years living in Manhattan, Kansas-the "Little Apple" and home of the Kansas State University Wildcats. While in Kansas, Caitlin worked for the State Historic Preservation Office at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka. Her educational background includes a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Vermont, a graduate student internship with the Landmarks Preservation Commission in New York City, and a bachelor's degree in History and Spanish from the University of Rochester.

A native of Syracuse, Caitlin is excited to be living in upstate New York once again. She looks forward to reacquainting herself with Rochester and western New York.

## **AROUND THE STATE**

## Grant will fund work on Newburgh Church

Newburgh Preservation Association is proud to announce that they have received a \$92,000 grant from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The grant will support the planning and design phase of the restoration of the ceiling of Newburgh's fabulous Dutch Reformed Church. The barrel vaulted plaster ceiling is failing in several locations, and the ties connecting the ceiling to the roof trusses are broken or insufficient. In addition, the roof trusses have moved over the 175 years since A. J. Davis designed them, and will also require a retrofit.



In 2002, the restoration effort received a \$15,000 [Preserve New York](#) grant. Preserve New York is a partnership program of the Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts.

Newburgh Preservation Association is in the process of raising \$23,000 in matching funds so work can begin. Donations can be made at <http://www.newburghdrc.org/>.

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## A Canopy of Green

Friday, July 16  
8th Annual Frederick Law Olmsted  
Gala Fundraiser  
7 p.m. Reception, dinner, awards,  
dancing, auction - event ends at 11  
p.m.  
Delaware Park Meadows

The 8th Frederick Law Olmsted Gala - the Olmsted Conservancy's signature summer garden party - returns to Delaware Park on Friday, July 16, 2010. For the second year, M&T Bank is the title sponsor. Several individuals who were instrumental in building the foundation for the Olmsted Conservancy, stewards of the parks, will be honored during the evening. Delaware North - the Buffalo-headquartered company that manages a collection of the world's most prestigious parks and resorts - has assembled six "one-of a kind" experiences for the evening's live auction.



Gala tickets are \$175 per person and \$1,500 for a table of eight. Proceeds go back into caring for the 140 year-old park system. For

more information, contact the Olmsted Parks Conservancy at (716) 838-1249 ext. 17, or [joy@bfloparks.org](mailto:joy@bfloparks.org) or visit the Olmsted website at <http://www.BfloParks.org>.

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**AARCH Hosts Annual Benefit at Werrenrath Camp**  
Saturday, July 17 - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A silent auction and reception to benefit Adirondack Architectural Heritage will be held at the Werrenwrath Camp, designed in 1928 by McKim, Mead, and White for baritone Reinold Werrenwrath. Well known visitors to the Camp included Eleanor Roosevelt, Enrico Caruso, Joan Crawford, and Clark Gable. Spend the afternoon socializing and relaxing while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Chazy Lake. The day will include food and refreshments and an opportunity to tour the grounds. The cost is \$100 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call AARCH at (518) 834-9328.



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**Chicken BBQ to Save Utica Landmarks!**  
*Wednesday, July 21*  
*3 p.m. until sold out*

The [Landmarks Society of Greater Utica](#) is hosting a chicken barbecue at Rutger Park. Chicken, sides and dessert are just \$10, eat in or take out. Tours of the mansions at 1 and 3 Rutger Park are available for an additional \$10 donation. 50/50 raffle and more.



1 and 3 Rutger Park were named to the Preservation League's Seven to Save list of endangered properties in 2006, and two years later, the Landmarks Society received a loan of \$150,000 from the League's Endangered Properties Intervention Program to support the cost of purchasing the properties.

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"HEAVY"

A

benefit for the restoration of St. Joseph's Church

"Heavy" is a multicultural arts and music event to benefit the restoration of St. Joseph's Church. The four day event will feature a plethora of visual artists, musicians, and dancers showing and performing live in St. Joseph's Church. Patrons will also enjoy exquisite food and drink presented by some of the Capital Region's finest restaurants through this massive cultural experience.



This innovative show -- the first of its kind in St. Joseph's -- will include art from artists hailing from Israel and France; Los Angeles and New York and of course, talented artists from the Capital Region.

The big show takes place on July 23, 24 and 25 at the church at 38 Ten Broeck Street in Albany. Visit the [website](#) for times and a list of participants, or visit [Historic Albany's website](#) and [Facebook](#) event.

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