



**ADIRONDACK
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The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake

WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

NEW JORGE FAMILY LAKE VIEW CAFÉ DECK EXPANSION

In last winter's newsletter, we reviewed some of the future projects recommended in our Campus Master Plan. As promised, we are moving forward on their implementation. With a newly installed elevator in the *Life in the Adirondacks* building to assist visitors in moving between the exhibition space and the Jorge Family Lake View Café, we turn our attention to increasing the outdoor seating options for café diners.

Thanks to the generous support of the Jorge Family, plans are underway for a dramatic wraparound deck, expanding the café's seating capacity and allowing visitors to enjoy the spectacular view of Blue Mountain Lake while eating lunch. The deck will also include large retractable awnings to keep diners comfortable and protected from the weather.

Construction of the roughly 1,400 sq. ft. wraparound deck has begun and will continue through the winter and into the spring. The new deck is expected to be ready for visitors to enjoy in 2020.



Introducing our newest publication— *Adirondack Experience: The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake*

Our new souvenir book *Adirondack Experience: The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake* tells the fascinating story of the premier museum of the Adirondacks. Stunning photographs and thoughtful text capture the heart and soul of ADKX. This beautifully produced, 60-page museum guide will be a wonderful addition to your Adirondack library and makes a great gift, too. Books can be purchased at the ADKX store, and online at <https://theadkxstore.com>.

2019 RUSTIC FURNITURE FAIR

Rustic elegance was the name of the game at the 32nd annual ADKX Rustic Furniture Fair held on September 7 and 8, 2019. Over 2,000 visitors were delighted by the exceptional Adirondack and rustic designs of more than 40 exhibitors from seven states.

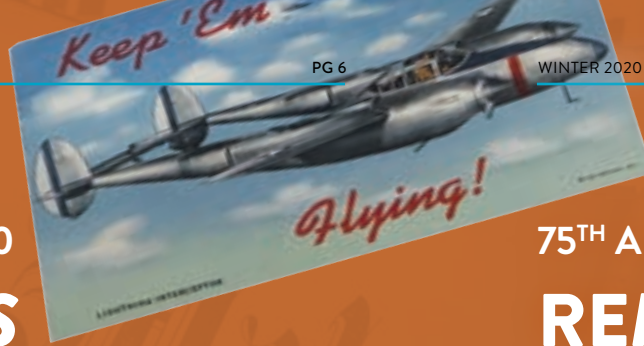
The People's Choice Award recipient, chosen by fair attendees, was Tyler Schrader of Johnstown, NY. Mr. Schrader is inspired by the natural world, and his work reflects a fascination with the ways in which ecosystems function in nature.

Fellow rustic exhibitors selected Paul Lakata, also of Johnstown, for the Makers' Choice Award. Mr. Lakata's works are found in private collections throughout the country as well as the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the Lake Placid Lodge.

This popular event continues to draw enthusiastic crowds, with both new and returning exhibitors proudly displaying their impressive works. We hope you will join us for the next ADKX Rustic Furniture Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, 2020.



Tyler Schrader (left) of Johnstown, NY receives the 2019 People's Choice Award, and Paul Lakata (right) of Johnstown, NY receives Makers' Choice Award at last year's Rustic Furniture Fair.



NEW SPECIAL EXHIBIT FOR 2020 FROM WILDERNESS TO WARFRONT: THE ADIRONDACKS AND WORLD WAR II

Throughout the 2020 season, the Adirondack Experience will explore the impact of World War II upon the communities of the Adirondacks. To prepare for this special exhibition, *From Wilderness to Warfront: The Adirondacks and World War II*, staff have reached broadly across the Park to hear the personal stories of men and women who served, adults who remember what it was like to be schoolchildren during the war, local volunteers, factory and mine workers, and more. We have been humbled by the memories people have shared with us. We are excited to roll out a full lineup of activities to honor this remarkable time in Adirondack—and world—history.

Over the calendar year, plans include Cabin Fever Sundays and Monday Evening Xplorations featuring insightful perspectives on Adirondackers and the war; commemorative events associated with both VE and VJ Days; new School Program offerings specifically devoted to the region during wartime; and a special event celebrating the efforts on the homefront with a new family-friendly program—a Victory Garden Party.

Visitors will learn about our own victory garden, get a taste for canning and wartime cooking, sneak a peek at pollinators and wildlife-friendly plants, and enjoy an elegant afternoon affair of food, refreshments, and summer bounty. We are proud to dedicate 2020 as a year of reflection—a time to remember all those who served as well as the countless Adirondackers whose lives were forever changed by the war. ADKX will offer free admission to all veterans throughout the season as a show of gratitude for their service and the sacrifices they have made to our nation.

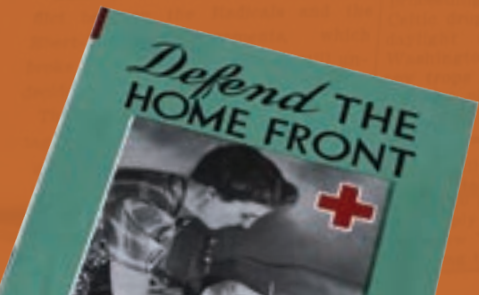
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II REMEMBER, HONOR, AND BE HONORED

ADKX is excited to roll out its fundraising plan to raise \$50,000 toward research, planning, installation, and programming for its 2020 exhibition *Wilderness to Warfront: The Adirondacks and World War II*. We know this exhibition will touch the hearts of many, and we aim to fill our Wall of Honor with both the names of our donors and those they love and remember who served in WWII. We are running out of time to learn from those who can vividly remember this period in our history, and the ADKX is proud to fill the role to collect and share these stories through this special exhibition.

HELP US FILL OUR WALL OF HONOR!

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, any donor giving \$75 or more will be recognized in the exhibition. Supporters at \$250 or more will receive a beautiful medal created specifically to mark this special anniversary and ADKX. Donors at our highest ranking gift level for the exhibition, \$7,500 or more, will be invited to a private dinner at the museum and will be among our leadership names on the Wall of Honor.

Show your support for this very important exhibition and **remember a loved one by making a donation today**. You can do so by visiting our website www.theadkx.org and look under our 2020 exhibitions, calling (518) 352-7311, extension 130, or emailing Sarah Lewin (slewin@theadkx.org) or Sara McNamara (smcnamara@theadkx.org).



2019 MOHAWK AND ABENAKI ART MARKET

Over twenty artists brought their exceptional creations to an appreciative audience at the Mohawk and Abenaki Art Market on August 24, 2019. Indigenous artists from New York and Canada delighted shoppers and collectors with paintings, sculpture, beadwork, basketry, pottery, jewelry, and more.

Visitors discovered the rich cultural heritage of the Mohawk and Abenaki people through traditional and modern adaptations of artwork, traditional food from Iroquois Eatery, and demonstrations of ash pounding, a technique used to create splints and weavers for baskets.

The show featured a prestigious panel of judges including Michael Galban (Ganondagan State Historic Site); Colette Lemmon (Iroquois Indian Museum); Grant Wade Jonathan (artist, Tuscarora); Margaret Jacobs (artist, Akwesasne Mohawk), and Laura Rice (ADKX). Prizes were awarded in fourteen categories, which included a youth category and utility basket category, both new this year.



The event continues to expand, and the ADKX looks forward to including artists from other Indigenous communities. The next Art Market will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Three outstanding pieces from the Mohawk and Abenaki Art Market are now in the permanent collection of the Adirondack Experience and will be exhibited in *A Peopled Wilderness* in 2020. The ADKX is honored to be the new home of these exceptional examples of Indigenous art.

In a quilt called *One Fire*, Lakonikonriiosta Sheree Bonaparte celebrates her community: “The central fire of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy symbolizes the past, future, and peace we share.”



Smart Birds (Raven) was carved from a single piece of black walnut by Mohawk sculptor Benjamin Benedict and won Best in Show at the Market.

Sheila Kanieson Ransom’s fancy basket *Endless Weave* is a stunning example of the skill and artistry of Mohawk basket makers.



2020 CABIN FEVER SUNDAYS

Explore the unexpected stories of the past and present with our 2020 Cabin Fever Sundays lineup starting January 2020!

Tahawus: The National Lead Years

Don Seauvageau **JAN. 12**

Learn how the National Lead Company aided the country in World War II by mining ilmenite (a form of titanium), for titanium dioxide which was needed for a variety of military and civilian applications.

Exploring the Look of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games

Alison Haas and guests **JAN. 26**

Join the Director of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum and her guests to learn how artists created a lasting, recognizable visual signature for the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic Games. See the works of talented artists who made a lasting impression of the rugged beauty of the Adirondacks on a world audience.

Inez Milholland, Martyr of the Women's Suffrage Movement

Sandra Weber **FEB. 9**

Who was that woman on the white horse leading thousands at a 1913 march on Washington, D.C.? Explore the inspiring life and legacy of the woman who made suffrage fashionable, Inez Milholland Boissevain, with author, performer, and lecturer Sandra Weber.

Trout Power, Citizen Science

Jordan Ross **FEB. 23**

Learn how anglers are using cooperative efforts to discover new strains of stream brook trout for preservation in the Adirondacks and Tug Hill Plateau. The Trout Power organization's work is recognized by the Sagamore Institute, Cornell University, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and angling groups such as Trout Unlimited and the Brook Trout Coalition.

Rural Rosie

Katie Torchett **MAR. 8**

Find out how the women of the Adirondacks stepped up during wartime to protect their country, keep up morale, and find resourceful ways to make a living while they were left to be the family breadwinners.

Good Husbandry: Growing Food, Love, and Family on Essex Farm

Kristin Kimball **MAR. 22**

Delight in Kristin Kimball's first-hand account of the many ups and downs of farming, and the continuing story of Essex Farm. Kristin hails from central New York, is a Harvard University graduate, and the author of *The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love*.

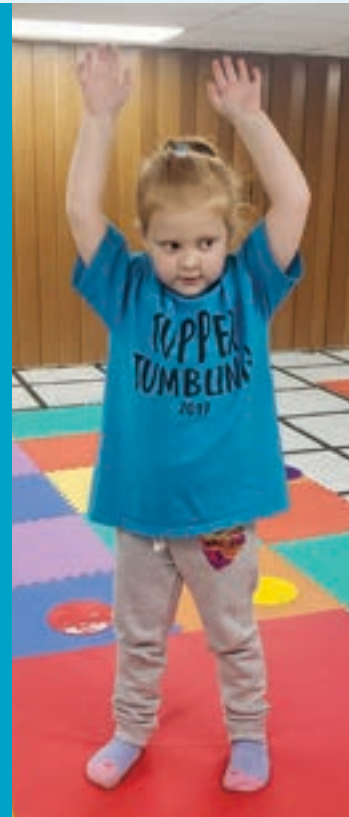
All lectures begin at 1:30pm in the Auditorium.

Free for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

For more information, visit our website at: www.theadkx.org

First come, first served.

NEW! CABIN FEVER FUNSDAYS!



Looking for something new and different to do with the kids? Join us this winter for Cabin Fever **FUN**days, featuring activities like tumbling, dance, and yoga! This **FREE** program is geared toward elementary-age children, but all ages are welcome (you too, grownups!). Activities will be held on campus and snacks will be provided. **FUN**days will be held on Sundays, January 26, February 23, and March 22, from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more details, check the website at www.theadkx.org.

DONOR PROFILE:

BROTHERLY LOVE FOR THE ADKX

Dick and Don Senecal are brothers. Brothers who interrupt one another constantly, tease each other mercilessly, and have one of those unbreakable sibling bonds built, in part, by their Adirondack adventures growing up. The “boys” grew up in Eastwood, a neighborhood in Syracuse, and Dick remembers their first foray north in 1941. Dick was nine and Don five. They have vivid memories of that early family outing at Raquette Lake. Later trips, taken when they were teenagers, are remembered by both brothers with phenomenal clarity and joy.

16-year-old Dick purchased a 1936 Pontiac for \$60 bucks (borrowing \$20 from Don) and those wheels transported Dick and Don to mountains and lakes throughout the Adirondacks for adventures on foot and by water. Both remember the “heavy as hell” Grumman canoes they would rent in Old Forge year after year as they passed through the town plotting their paddles. Today’s “90-Miler” (the canoe classic race from Old Forge to Saranac Lake) was one of the routes the Senecal boys remember traveling. Both laugh, admitting there was no “racing” about it when they navigated, portaged, and overnighted in the lean-tos on that route in the early 50s. They remember fondly the stars at night and the aromatic smell of the woods.

Dick and Don are now in their 80s. While Dick still lives near Syracuse and maintains a seasonal camp in Forestport, NY, Don has made a life on the West Coast. Their distance apart does not stop them from planning an annual Adirondack trip together each September or October, sans the Grumman canoe. Dick, Don, and Don’s wife Sharon travel up through the Park from Dick’s camp in Forestport, with a nice long visit to the Adirondack Experience. Somewhere along the way (okay, 2012 to be exact) they befriended me, and I’ve been lucky to welcome them each year, share laughs and lunch, hear their stories, and show them around the museum.

The Senecal brothers have each found different ways to support the Adirondack Experience, and they do so because they know that their stories of when they were adventurous youth exploring the region will always be reflected in the artifacts and exhibitions the museum offers. While Dick has been a longtime Founder’s Circle member—our highest membership level—Don and Sharon make annual fund gifts and have just let me know that the museum is written into their estate plan. They are now officially members of the museum’s planned giving society.

To those of you out there who have countless stories of exploring this beautiful region with a sister, a brother, or a careful of family, be sure to find your way to the ADKX soon for a walk down memory lane. Please also think about honoring those memories one step further by supporting the museum in whatever way fits, as Dick, Don, and Sharon have done. You can visit *Join and Support* on our website to learn more.

Sarah Lewin

Director of Institutional Advancement



Don and Dick Senecal reflect on many a night in lean-tos during their 2014 visit to the ADKX

Oh, and by the way, Dick is pretty sure he can be crowned a “true Adirondacker” having skied for 35 consecutive years at Whiteface up until 2016. And he never regretted one single moment.

ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW ENDS AFTER 25 YEARS

NEW ADIRONDACK ARTISAN FESTIVAL PREMIERES IN 2020

2019 was the last year for the ADKX Antique Show and Sale. The show is being replaced by the new Adirondack Artisan Festival, which will feature unique items made by artists and artisans from the 12 Adirondack counties.

The ADKX Antique Show and Sale began in 1995, drawing as many as 100 vendors in its early years. Cars lined both sides of Route 30 as thousands flocked to the show to snap up treasures that complemented the popular Adirondack style of homes and camps. More recently, the number of participating dealers and buyers has fallen dramatically, even after ADKX tried various strategies to revitalize the show.

“This was not an easy decision for us,” said ADKX’s Executive Director, David M. Kahn. “Larger forces in society have overwhelmed the show. Dealers seem to be retiring in droves and people are buying more and more online. Unfortunately, ADKX’s show was not immune to these trends.”

While we are sad to see the Antique Show go, we are excited about the good things to come with the premiere of the Adirondack Artisan Festival. Be sure to join us for our first Adirondack Artisan Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2020.



ADKX 2020 EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

Opening Day.....	Friday, May 22
ADKX Boathouse Opens	Friday, June 26
Monday Evening Xplorations	July–August
Kids Xploration Days.....	July–August
Workshops	July–October
Victory Garden Party	Saturday, July 18
Benefit Gala and Harold K. Hochschild Award	Saturday, July 25
Veteran Appreciation Day.....	Friday, August 14
American Mountain Men Rendezvous	Friday & Saturday, August 14–15
Mohawk and Abenaki Juried Art Competition & Artist Reception.....	Friday, August 21
Mohawk and Abenaki Art Market.....	Saturday, August 22
Rustic Furniture Fair	Saturday & Sunday, September 12–13
Adirondack Artisan Festival	Saturday, September 19
FallFest.....	Sunday, September 27
Closing Day.....	Monday, October 12



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