

# Landmark News & Views



## 2017 CALENDAR

**Monday, June 19**  
Summer Intern  
Arrives

**Saturday, June 24**  
Landmark Society  
Annual Meeting  
&  
Board Elections  
9:30 a.m.  
T.I.P. Chapel

Landmark Resource  
Center & Shop  
Open for the Season  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 1**  
Golf Cart Tours Begin  
12:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 19**  
Pre-Tour Celebration  
of Landmark's  
Four Decades  
6:00 p.m.  
Pavilion  
Member Event

**Thursday, July 20**  
17<sup>th</sup>  
Cottage & Garden  
Tour  
9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

**August**  
*Behind the Scenes*  
& *River Cruise*  
Details TBA  
Member Only Event



## Cottage and Garden Tour

The 17th in '17

*Four Decades of Landmark: Preserving the Past Today  
for Future Generations*

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society was founded in 1976 by a devoted team of individuals determined to promote and encourage preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Park. Incorporated as the Thousand Island Park Preservation Company, we are more commonly referred to as Thousand Island Park Landmark Society or "Landmark." Landmark has experienced many successes and challenges throughout its forty-year history. These include nomination to the National Register, development of the Preservation Code, the Walking tour booklet, the rehabilitation of the Pavilion, Preservation Workshops/Educational Seminars, the Four Corners Project, and Cottage and Garden Tours, among many other endeavors.

This year's Cottage and Garden Tour is our seventeenth tour and will be held on July 20, 2017. The theme of this year's tour is "Four Decades of Landmark: Preserving the Past Today for Future Generations." When Landmark celebrates its fortieth birthday this year, many young residents here are fifth and even sixth generation TI Parkers.

The tour will feature five cottages and one boathouse, in addition to points of interest and gardens. We will be featuring a "ribbon" garden, a bedding garden in front of the Landmark building. These gardens are typical of the late 19th century, and were introduced to the TIP community in 1986 by Doell and Doell, garden historians who were invited to speak at the Park about "Gardens of the Gilded Age," the title of their book. Another point of interest will be the "Sweetheart Cottage," one of the "signature" cottages of TIP, which is directly across from one of the homes on tour. We will also be celebrating the new "Guzzle," rebuilt over this past winter after the devastating fire which destroyed the entire commercial block in 2014.

The cottages on tour include two which are Campground Cottage style, typically constructed from an original tent platform, diminutive in size with strong vertical emphasis, steeply pitch roofs and decorative gables. (continued on pg. 3)

**St. Lawrence Ave.  
1884**

"Tent 'Pulaski'  
For Rent and Shop"  
*Thousand Island Park:  
One Hundred Years and  
Then Some*  
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## Membership

*The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society, founded in 1976, is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization created to promote the preservation and appreciation of the unique architecture and social heritage of Thousand Island Park. It is the largest member and volunteer-supported not-for-profit organization in TI Park.*

*Landmark could not exist without our members. They provide us with the support needed to continue our preservation mission and activities through volunteer hours and the funds generated through membership fees, contributions and fundraising. New volunteers are always welcome as resource center/shop docents, committee and Board members. If you would like to run for the Landmark Board or serve on a committee, please contact Anne Marie de Cesare at [adecesare@mac.com](mailto:adecesare@mac.com)*

*When you become a member of TIPLS, you support the organization's work to safeguard the historic architecture in Thousand Island Park and provide educational activities and preservation resources to the community. Your membership also entitles you to discounts to the Cottage and Garden Tour and to member only events. There will be a member only event this year in August.*

*Please join Landmark or renew your current membership by completing and returning the enclosed membership envelope by mail or in person to the landmark office. Membership runs from May 30 to the following June 1. Contributions are tax-deductible.*

## Annual Meeting

The TIP Landmark Society's Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. All community members are welcome. Landmark members are eligible to run for and vote in Board elections.



**St. Lawrence Ave. 2012**

Photo from the THEN and NOW exhibit series featuring structures and scenes within the Park.

## Resource Center & Shop

**Season Opening - Saturday, June 24th**  
**Hours: Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Come in and see the newly decorated and reconfigured resource center and shop offering educational, research and shopping opportunities for your pleasure. The new configuration provides a dedicated area for researching information with convenient access to our library and educational resources. This will be a comfortable area for children and adults to view our reference materials and appreciate the roles of the Landmark Society and the Preservation Board efforts to preserve the uniqueness of TIP.

The shop will provide a nice array of useful items as well as memorabilia for you and your family to enjoy. Expect new trivets, commemorative coasters and Christmas ornaments, candles, throws and wooden chess boards.

Additionally, there will be jewelry items: bracelets, necklaces, and a new TIP charm. There will also be new men's and women's shirts.

Stop in and help us celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Landmark Society. Come and meet the summer 2017 preservation intern, Caitlin Plesher. Note the new resource center and shop hours.

As always we are in need of volunteers to serve as docents and guide Saturday Golf Cart tours. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Peg Hoyser, 558-729-4433 or [mhoyser@frontiernet.net](mailto:mhoyser@frontiernet.net)

## Landmark Board & Advisors

President; Chair, Preservation, Development and Education Committee: Julie Mathien

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Secretary: Janet Keane

Treasurer: Roger Reid

Chair, Membership Committee: Tracy O'Brien

Resource Center/Shop Co-ordinator: Peg Hoyser

Directors: Barbara Coons, Vera Costello, Cyndi Girardet, Deb Hellings, Amy Phelps, Marilyn Shaikh

Advisors: Trude Fitelson, Alison Ross

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## President's Message 2017

This is a very special summer for Landmark. In 1975, Thousand Island Park celebrated its centenary. Along with the community's celebratory events, two major, long-lasting initiatives emerged from that centennial year. The first was the history of the first 100 years of the Park. The work, titled *One Hundred Years and Then Some...*, was the result of voluminous research and writing by Eugene Kleinhans and Helen Jacox. The focus on our history as a 19th century Methodist campground also gave rise to a group of people who decided to act on their interest in preserving TI Park's architectural heritage. With people such as Trude Fitelson taking the lead, this group formed the nucleus of what became the Thousand Island Park Landmark Society.

Landmark is 40 years old. In partnership with the Thousand Island Park Corporation, the Preservation Board, our many, dedicated volunteers and the TI Park community, our activities have been critical to preserving our community's history and architecture. We are especially delighted to celebrate our anniversary as the whole Park celebrates the renaissance of the Guzzle.

In 1982, thanks to the efforts of a large group of hard-working volunteers, Thousand Island Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This was the foundation for the Preservation Code, which maintains our historic architectural integrity. Landmark moved on to support major projects, including the restoration of the Main Dock pavilion and enhancement of the four corners. We participated in the Rebuild Committee for the new Guzzle. Our next big initiative is an update of the information that supports the Park's listing on the National Register.

Each summer since its inception, Landmark has provided public education on historic preservation including exhibits, lectures and preservation workshops. The Landmark resource center on St. Lawrence Ave. provides information on TI Park, including individual cottages. We also have resources on 19th century campgrounds, the maintenance of historic buildings and other historic preservation topics. We provide employment to a student of historic preservation by sharing a summer intern with Preservation Board. Our shop, located with the resource center, sells items related to TI Park.

On July 20, we will celebrate Landmark's 40th anniversary with our 17th biennial Cottage and Garden Tour. Organized around the theme, Four Decades of Landmark: Preserving the Past for Future Generations, the tour includes cottages, a boathouse, gardens and public buildings. As a part of this event, we will honor those who had the foresight to take action and set four decades of historic preservation in motion in Thousand Island Park. Please join us as we celebrate.

*Julie Mathien, President*

## Landmark Society Purposes

- A. To promote and encourage preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, new building, infrastructure and historical research of cottages and other buildings at Thousand Island Park, New York
- B. To ensure that the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and new construction supported by this organisation will be consistent with the existing historical environment and architecture at Thousand Island Park.
- C. To ensure that the infrastructure projects supported by this organization will protect and enhance the historical environment and architecture at Thousand Island Park.
- D. To gather and disseminate information regarding history and architecture of the cottages and other construction, including new building and infrastructure, at Thousand Island Park, New York.
- E. To mark places of historic interest in and near Thousand Island Park, New York.
- F. To acquire, by gift of otherwise, public buildings and artifacts at Thousand Island Park, New York, which are in need and worthy of preservation, restoration or rehabilitation.
- G. To raise and grant funds to support and promote purposes of Thousand Island Park Preservation Co. Inc.
- H. To receive funds from government and other organizations.
- I. To operate a shop, the proceeds of which support preservation in Thousand Island Park, New York.
- J. To work with the Thousand Island Park Corporation, the Thousand Island Park Foundation and the community to ensure the preservation, construction and enhancement of buildings and other property in Thousand Island Park, New York.

## Cottage and Garden Tour (continued from page 1)

Another is composed entirely of concrete block and is stylistically Craftsman/Bungalow, the same concrete block used in the old commercial block which burned in 2014. This home survived both the Hotel fire of 1912 and the 2014 fire.

One of the tour cottages is a year-round home which is of vernacular Victorian style with a Queen Anne tower and an Astrohaven Observatory tower. The fifth cottage and boathouse are owned by one family, the cottage an Arts and Crafts/Shingle Style with a stamped decorative metal gambrel roof from which the newly built boathouse is styled.

There will be morning and afternoon tours, each preceded by a short informational presentation at the Tabernacle. The presentation will be based on the celebration of Landmark and will feature persons involved in our history and include slides and quick informational tidbits regarding same. An optional delicious luncheon will be served at the Wellesley Hotel and golf cart transportation is available. Tickets are available online at [thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org](http://thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org) or at the Landmark Office once it opens on June 24, 2017.

*Amy Phelps*

### Member Only Event

A return to  
“*Behind the Scenes*”  
is in the works for this  
summer’s August  
Member Only Event.

More details regarding this  
opportunity to learn more about  
Boldt Castle’s structures,  
gardens, and preservation  
will be available at the  
Landmark Office.

As in the past,  
the late afternoon river  
adventure will be a cruise with  
Clayton Island Boat Tours.

Go to  
[thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org](http://thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org)  
for information on  
historic preservation,  
Landmark events  
& activities.

### Thousand Island Park Landmark Society Cottage and Garden Tour The 17<sup>th</sup> in ‘17



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Decades  
of  
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Today  
for Future Generations



Thursday, July 20, 2017  
Thousand Island Park, NY

Cottages, Gardens & Boathouse  
Presentation & Points of Interest  
Golf Cart Transportation Available  
Tours: 9:00am-Noon & 1:00-4:00pm

#### Tickets

\$35 (\$30 Members) \$15 - Lunch  
Purchase Online or at Landmark

#### For More Information

[www.thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org](http://www.thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org)  
Beginning June 24th - Landmark Office & Shop  
Hours: Mon.- Sat. 11am- 2pm - Phone: 315-482-5150