

# Landmark News & Views



## 2018 CALENDAR

**Monday, June 11**  
**Summer Intern**  
**Arrives**

**Saturday, June 23**  
**Landmark Society**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**&**  
**Board Elections**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**T.I.P. Chapel**  
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**Landmark Resource**  
**Center & Shop**  
**Open for the Season**  
**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 30**  
**Decorative Trim**  
**Exhibit Opens**

**Saturday, July 7**  
**Golf Cart Tours Begin**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 14**  
**Window Workshop**  
**Steve Jordan**  
**Returns to T.I.P.**  
**9:30 a.m. - Noon**

**Monday, July 23**  
**Boldt Castle Gardens**  
**Behind the Scenes**  
**& River Cruise**  
**Member-Only Event**  
**Afternoon Departure**

**Thursday**  
**July 26 & August 9**  
**Craftsman/Bungalow**  
**Talk & Walk**  
**2:00-4:00 p.m.**



## Stewardship of an Historic District

### *Protecting the Past: Living in the Present*

Stewardship is “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” Historic Preservation relies on stewards, generation after generation, to maintain a sense of our nation’s history. Thousand Island Park is here today because of stewards who have cared for the natural surroundings, maintained the built environment, and nurtured the community. People have always been drawn to the St. Lawrence River and the picturesque islands which surround the Park. The homes in the Park evolved from seasonal tents to summer cottages to year-round houses. Our community has thrived in the Tabernacle, Library, Pavilion and Guzzle for generations. Through economic booms and hardships – devoted stewards have balanced the need for progress and the respect for the way things have been.

As we move around Thousand Island Park by bike or by boat, we feel a pace of life which is timeless. Because much of our built environment has been preserved, when we sit on the front porch and wave to neighbors or open the door to the Library, our actions are echoes of generations past.

We instill a love of history in our children by exposing them to this unique place. We must make smart choices for Thousand Island Park. We must imagine our children’s children diving off the Main Dock, shrieking with anticipation of the bone-chilling splash into the River. Thousand Island Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because it was deemed worthy, on a national level, of preservation. This is both an honor and a charge to the community to protect the elements of the Park that contribute to its national significance.

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## Strolling along Coast Avenue, West

Image from a negative in the collection of historic photographs in the Landmark archives.



## Presidents’ Message: A Plan for Action

TI Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society led the original National Register listing, supported by a large number of community volunteers. The information assembled at that time has not been renewed since and an update is long overdue. We will also do the work to apply for additional certification for four of our major public buildings: the Tabernacle, Library, Chapel, and Pavilion, providing them with further protection. (continued in the Presidents’ Message, page 2)

## Stewardship of an Historic District

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This summer, TIPLS is spearheading an update to our National Register documentation to better catalogue and quantify the history which is so palpable here. By better understanding the breadth of the legacy we enjoy, we can more fully articulate to ourselves and our children why we must work together to be active stewards of Thousand Island Park. This summer, please volunteer to help with the update, visit the Landmark Resource Library to find out more about your cottage style or history, attend one of our window workshops or come learn about the Craftsman/Bungalow style. Let Landmark know what you most appreciate about the Park. We look forward to continuing the important stewardship of TI Park with you. *Alison Ross, Advisor*

## 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 for the Cottage and Garden Tour and for member-only events. There will be a member-only event this year in July.*

*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.*

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## Resource Center & Shop

**Season Opening - Saturday, June 23rd**

**Hours: Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Visit Landmark's resource center and shop offering educational, research and shopping opportunities for your pleasure. The "Trude Fitelson Center" is a dedicated area for researching information with convenient access to our library and educational resources. We welcome Park residents and visitors to view our reference materials and appreciate the continuing efforts of the Landmark Society and the Preservation Board to preserve the uniqueness of TIP.

The shop provides a wide selection of books, an array of useful items as well as memorabilia for you and your family to enjoy. Items include trivets & coasters, Christmas ornaments, candles, throws, wooden chess boards, and jewelry items.

To add to the growing collection, is the

**NEW GUZZLE ORNAMENT.**

Stop in to check out the new \$5.00 Table!

Come meet with Caitlin Plesher, who returns this summer as the preservation intern for Landmark and the Corporation.



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, 585-729-4433 or [phoyser@gmail.com](mailto:phoyser@gmail.com)

## Annual Meeting

The TIP Landmark Society's Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 23 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.

## Landmark Board & Advisors

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

Co-President; Chair, Nominating Committee; Chair, Web Site Committee: Anne Marie de Cesare

Secretary: Amy Phelps

Co-Treasurers: Doug Schongalla and Jean Ris

Chair, Membership Committee: Tracy O'Brien

Resource Center/Shop Co-ordinator: Peg Hoyser

Directors: Barbara Coon, Trude Fitelson, Marilyn Shaikh

Advisors: Dick Greene and Alison Ross

## Presidents' Message: A Plan for Action (continued from page 1)

The National Register information is used by preservationists, historians and increasingly, interested members of the public to learn more about historic communities and buildings. The New York State Historic Preservation Office uses the National Register information to track changes to historic buildings and to assess state funding (e.g. tax credits) for organizations and building owners.

What does this mean? Every building in Thousand Island Park will be surveyed, photographed and documented over a two-year period. We will achieve this with community volunteers under the direction and guidance of a historic preservationist hired by Landmark for the project. We plan to start the project by mid-summer 2018.

More specifically, this project will support the ongoing stewardship of the Park by:

1. updating our information in the National Register of Historic Places, including boathouses and outdoor public spaces not previously documented;
2. completing and submitting Historic Preservation Certification Applications for the Tabernacle, Library, Chapel, and Pavilion.
3. raising awareness regarding historic preservation through public education and the work of the volunteers in the project.

How can you help? First, you can volunteer to work with us. Learn more about historic preservation through the training that will prepare volunteers to do the survey. Get to know our community better as you survey buildings in corners of TI Park that you didn't know existed. Second, you can donate funds. The project will cost from \$35-45,000, most of which will cover the time of a historic preservationist. Both Landmark and the TI Park Corporation have contributed. We have applied to the Preservation League of New York State and foundations for additional funds. At this point, we know that we will need to raise at least \$15,000. Community donations will be important and very much appreciated.

We will provide information regarding who to contact regarding volunteering as the season starts. You may send donations starting now either via check (made out to ***Thousand Island Park Landmark Society; mailed to 42822 St. Lawrence Ave. Unit 220, Thousand Island Park, NY 13692***) or PayPal. Please designate donation to **NRHP Update**. Landmark is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, so your contributions are tax deductible.

As you plan what you'll do on the Park, please consider putting time and/or funds aside for this important project, even if you're not here for the whole summer. It's a hands-on way to actively contribute to the stewardship of the wonderful community that we share.

*Julie Mathien & Anne Marie de Cesare, Co-Presidents*



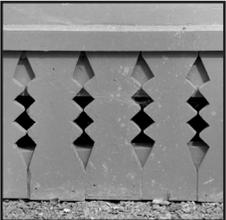
## *Decorative Trim*

### Exhibit of Architectural Details

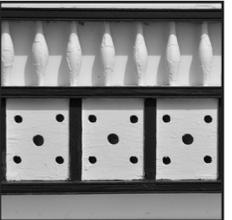
#### Craftsmanship & Materials

*Opening June 30, 2018*









## From Georgia to New York, and Back Again

I am so excited to be back for a second summer as the intern in Thousand Island Park! Last summer was such a treat and I cannot wait to be up by the river again in a few months with all of you. As some of you know, I am currently in school at the University of Georgia studying to get my Masters in Historic Preservation. It is a two-year program and I am on track to graduate in December of this year! During my studies last semester I was thrilled to be able to share with my program the beauty of TIP in my American Architecture class. I completed research on resort architecture in New York during the late 19th and early 20th century, and of course highlighted the Thousand Island Park and Colombian Hotels, as they served as the inspiration behind my research. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone I met last year again and meeting those of you I haven't — if you see an old orange bike riding around, that's me, and I'd love to meet you!

*Caitlin Plesher, Summer Intern*



**WINDOW WORKSHOP**  
 Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Location TBD - 9:30 am  
 with  
 Steve Jordan, Historic Preservationist  
 Specializing in Window Restoration

*The wood doesn't get any younger!  
 Back again, 6 years later on July 14, 2018.*

Restoration demonstration  
 saving your window!



### Member-Only Event

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

A return to  
*"Behind the Scenes"*  
 is in the works for this  
 summer's  
 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.

## TALK & WALK

The Significance & Historic Perspective  
 of the  
**CRAFTSMAN-BUNGALOW**  
 at  
**Thousand Island Park**

*The event will be offered on 2 Thursday afternoons  
 July 26<sup>th</sup> & August 9<sup>th</sup>*

More details will be available about this event sponsored by  
 the Tabernacle Community Assoc. & the Landmark Society

