

Landmark News & Views



2022 CALENDAR

Monday, June 20
Summer Intern
Arrives

Saturday, June 25
Landmark Society
Annual Meeting
&
Board Elections
9:30 a.m.
Gazebo

Archival Photos
Exhibit & Shop
Open for the Season
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

7 Preservation
Wednesdays

June 29
Membership Kick-Off
7:00-9:00 p.m.
49 Ontario Ave.

July 6, 13, 20, 27
August 3 & 10
2:00 p.m.
Landmark Shop

Chautauqua of the
North
Talk & Walks

Check for
Weekly Events

Saturday, July 23
Illumination Night

Saturday, Sept. 3
Closing 2022 Season



Thousand Island Park Tabernacle *by Julie Mathien*

The material that was collected to support TI Park's submission to the National Register of Historic Places has provided a wealth of historic information. This small article on the Tabernacle is based on the information contained in the submission. The full description of all four of our public buildings: the Tabernacle, the Chapel, the Library and the Main Dock Pavilion will be available in the Landmark Resource Center this summer.

Thousand Island Park opened in 1875 as a Methodist campground. Starting at the turn of the 19th century, camp meetings had grown from gatherings in the woods with wagons, tents, charismatic speakers and thousands of participants to permanent summer settlements where they stayed in tents, boarding houses, hotels or their own cottages.

The later campgrounds, TI Park among them, merged camp meetings with the recreational nature of a summer resort. A growing middle class was able to take summer vacations, and Methodism had begun to accept that recreation and religious fervour weren't necessarily mutually exclusive. In this later period, the actual camp meetings were often two weeks out of the summer and the full program throughout July and August became more scheduled and sedate, a mix of religious and educational programs, notable speakers and appropriate entertainment. TI Park offered all of this, as well as summer outdoor activities in a beautiful setting.

In a religious campground, the Tabernacle was the central building in the community. For the first year, the TI Park Tabernacle was a large tent, with seating for up to 3,000, on the green to the west of St. Lawrence Ave. The tent returned in 1876, but was moved to the current location after a July windstorm swept through the Park and blew over a number of tents, including the Tabernacle.

The work that was done to support our submission to the National Register describes the Tabernacle as "the historic physical and social focal point of the Park," sited as it is at one end of our major boulevard, St. Lawrence Avenue, which starts at the Main Dock. In 1884, the original tent was replaced by a larger, permanent structure that, again, could seat 3,000. It was an open pavilion, with additional seating on the side of Sunset Mountain for special events.

Heavy snow, in the winter of 1936, caused most of the structure to collapse. The stage area remained and the replacement building that we use today was built out from there. At a maximum, the Tabernacle can seat 800 people. Although Catholic and Protestant services continue in the building, over time, the summer activities in TI Park have moved from the original religious focus to those of a family and child-oriented summer community and the use of the Tabernacle (movies, lectures, community meetings, children's activities) reflects this evolution.



Presidents' Message: Moving Forward with New and Old Visions

Summer 2021 once again was a fantastic one for Landmark and Historic Preservation despite the continuing pandemic. Cottagers of all ages, as well as renters, visitors and friends, attended Scavenger Hunts, *Talk & Walks*, Illumination Night, a Roque Court event, and a Celebration of Historic Preservation. The Landmark Shop was open three days a week, and the Exhibit on Windows of TIP was available on the porch 24/7. There was an increased presence on Landmark's Instagram account, with historic images, event announcements, and fun photos.

As we plan for Summer 2022, we continue to develop programs that will enable us to reach out to TIP and beyond to provide educational activities and community events. With the safety of all in mind, the Cottage and Garden Tour has been postponed until 2023, but a number of safe outdoor gatherings will take place. We will begin our season with a **Membership Kick-Off** on Wednesday, June 29th from 7-9 p.m. at the Cleary Cottage (49 Ontario Ave.): come and enjoy the sunset, sign up for Landmark and pick up membership incentives. Another new event this year will be **Porch, Park & Paddle Events** hosted by members of the TIP community; more information about these events will be posted at the Kick-Off as well as on Instagram and in the Landmark Shop. Going forward our vision includes young people: consider giving your children and grandchildren a Landmark membership, as a means to continue "*celebrating our past, embracing the responsibilities associated with being recognized by the National Historic Register of Historic Places as an 'historic district,' while working together to keep THOUSAND ISLAND PARK the unique summer community that we all cherish and want for future generations.*"

We wish to acknowledge and thank Julie Mathien for all the hours of time, expertise, and leadership of the National Register Update Project (NRUP) which is nearing completion since its beginning in 2018. We also wish to thank Dick Greene for years of service to Landmark as a Board Member, Advisor, Preservation Board and Architectural Review Representative, and year-round TIP resident. (continued on pg. 4)

V O L U N T E E R S U M M E R 2 0 2 2

Docent Coordinator

Manage the Docent Team

June - August

Docent at Landmark

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Community Service

Youth Opportunities

Preservation Wednesdays

Illumination Night

NRUP

National Register Update Project: Where Do We Go from Here?

Now that Thousand Island Park has been re-approved and listed by the National Register of Historic Places, we are working on Phase Two of the project. We have started to do the work needed to put the results of the surveys, completed by so many volunteers in 2019 and 2020, online to make the data available to the public.

Julie Mathien:

Chair NRUP Steering Committee

The Next Big Project

Did you know that TI Park will celebrate its 150th birthday in 2025? To celebrate our sesquicentennial, we are seeking an author to write the Park's history from 1975 to 2025. This work will be a follow up to Gene Kleinhan's and Helen Jacox's centennial book, *Thousand Island Park: 100 Years and Then Some*.

The History 2 Project is supported by Landmark, The Thousand Island Park Corporation and the Thousand Island Park Foundation. We have just distributed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a writer. The RFP, which provides a full description of the project, can be accessed through this link: <https://www.tiparkcorp.com/pdfs/RFP.TIP.History.pdf>

In addition, we will be looking for TI Parkers who would be interested in taking part in interviews for the book. If you know anyone or would be interested yourself, please contact Julie Mathien (jm@juliemathien.ca) or Marjorie Snelling (marjorie.snelling@gmail.com).

Julie Mathien: Chair History 2 Project

Preservation Corner *with Trude Fitelson*

Preservation and Sustainability

“The ‘greenest building’ argument has dominated conversations around sustainability and historic preservation for decades, recognizing that existing buildings are inherently ‘greener’ when compared to demolition and new construction. But in recent years, sustainability has come to mean more than simply being environmentally responsible. Older buildings and blocks are a key component to creating successful cities and neighborhoods - historic fabric creates economically vital, socially equitable, and strong resilient neighborhoods.”

*National Trust for Historic Preservation
Preservation Leadership Forum*

For more information visit -
<https://forum.savingplaces.org/learn/issues/sustainability>

Chautauqua of the North
TALK & WALK
Thousand Island Park, NY
Architectural Features in TIP Community
Plantings in TIP: Then & Now
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tabernacle Community Association
& Landmark Society

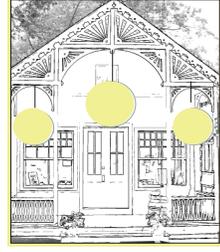
Join us for
Preservation Wednesdays
More details about these events beginning July 6 will be available when the summer 2022 season begins.




Preservation Wednesdays
Scavenger Hunts
Games & Stories

LOOK for more information:
Instagram: [thousand_island_park](https://www.instagram.com/thousand_island_park)
4-Corners Sandwich Boards
Weekly Tabernacle Sheet
Landmark Window Signs

ALL AGES WELCOME



Save the Date
ILLUMINATION NIGHT
July 23, 2022
Lanterns & LEDs available at Landmark while supplies last.

Visit
thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org
or contact us
tipregistry@gmail.com
for more information

Membership Levels 2022

*** Thank You for Your Support for Historic Preservation in TIP ***

\$10 **Youth** Level (ages 0-18): TIP Landmark Society Lanyard
 \$25 **Individual** Level: TIP Landmark Society Water Bottle
 \$50 **Family** Level: TIP Jute Tote with 5 Note Cards
 \$100 **Benefactor** Level: Pavilion Ornament
 \$150 **Preservationist** Level: Pavilion Ornament & 1 spot at “Porch, Park, and Paddle” Event
 \$200-500 **Steward** Level: Pavilion Ornament & 2 spots at “Porch, Park, and Paddle” Event

Youth & Individual Level = 1 Vote at Annual Meeting - All other levels = 2 Votes

Presidents' Message

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Preservation Wednesdays will continue this year, with two Talk & Walks, Scavenger Hunts, and other activities. A Tax Credit Zoom Workshop is in the works, and a Contractors' Workshop; Illumination Night will return on July 23rd. The Park will be glowing with porch lanterns filling the streetscapes and luminaria along St. Lawrence Ave., and everyone will get to vote for the street with the best illumination. Lanterns and LED lights will be available for purchase at Landmark.

Peggy Cleary & Jean Ris

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 a large member and volunteer-supported not-for-profit organization in the 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. Contact us if you would like to be involved with any activities.

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 membership incentives. There will be a new sunset Membership Kick-Off event on Ontario Ave to welcome new and renewing members on June 29, 2022.

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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Landmark: Resource Center, Exhibit & Sales

Season Opening - Saturday, June 25th

Hours: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Visit the Landmark building offering educational, archival collection, research, and shopping opportunities

The "Trude Fitelson Center" is a dedicated area for researching information with access to our library, educational resources, and the 1982 National Register survey documents for each cottage in the Park.

We welcome Park residents and visitors to view our reference materials and to appreciate the continuing efforts of the Landmark Society and the Preservation Board to preserve the uniqueness of TIP.

Archival Photos: Revisiting the Past
Summer 2022 Exhibit



New this season:

Pavilion Ornament, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Water Bottles

Landmark continues to provide a selection of books and an array of TIP related items for purchase.

Stop by to meet the Summer 2022 Preservation Intern whose work experience will be shared once again between Landmark and the Corporation.

This volunteer organization relies on help from those with time and interest. **PLEASE CONTACT US.**

Annual Meeting

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society's Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 25th at 9:30 a.m. at the Gazebo (weather permitting). All community members are welcome. Landmark members are eligible to run for and vote in Board elections.

Landmark Board, Advisors and Chairs

Co-Presidents: Peggy Cleary & Jean Ris

Vice President: Trude Fitelson

Secretary: Regan Brown

Co-Treasurers: Marjorie Snelling & Rich Glass

Directors: Gay Claire Hunter, Susan Phear, Amy Phelps,

Sandra Rennie, Marilyn Shaikh, Doug Schongalla

Advisors: Dick Greene, Julie Mathien, Alison Ross