

# Landmark News & Views



## 2023 CALENDAR

**Saturday, June 24**

**Porches**

**Exhibit & Shop**

**Open for the Season**

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

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Membership Kick-Off**

**&**

**Landmark Society**

**Annual Meeting**

**4:30 p.m.**

**49 Ontario Ave.**

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**Preservation**

**Wednesdays**

**July 5, 12, 19, 26**

**& August 2**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Landmark Shop**

**Wednesday, July 5**

**Author Susan Mathis**

**Book Signing**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, July 19**

**Celebration of**

**Historic Preservation**

**Thursday, July 20**

**Cottage & Garden**

**Tour**

**Saturday, July 22**

**Illumination Night**

**Sunday, July 23**

**Ice Cream Social**

**Saturday, Sept. 2**

**Closing 2023 Season**



## 19<sup>th</sup> Cottage and Garden Tour *by Amy Phelps*

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society is pleased to announce the return of the Cottage and Garden Tour this summer. To be held on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the tour's theme will be "Porches: Character Defining Features." As one can observe on any given early evening in the Park, residents gather on their porches regaling stories of days gone by and of current events and gossip, making our porches the heart of the summer home. In addition, usually being in a prominent position in the front of the cottage, the porch is the first thing and sometimes only view seen by passersby, so our homes are often defined architecturally by our porches.

The event will feature tours of six cottages, two boathouses and various points of interest, along with refreshment stops along the route. There will be an opening presentation on Porches at the Tabernacle prior to the morning and afternoon tours with a boxed lunch available along with golf cart transportation for those who would like it.

The cottages on the Tour are of different architectural styles including Eastlake, Campground, Craftsman Bungalow and several vernacular designs with elements of different styles where local craftsmen put their signature on the designs depending upon materials available at the time. One of the boathouses is a new build after its predecessor was destroyed in a winter storm and the other an original build, being one of the TI Park "signature" Crystal Bay row boathouses. One lemonade stop is on the porch of a new build, a Tent Platform style cottage which fits seamlessly into the landscape of Crystal Bay. (continued on pg. 4)



## The Next Big Project *by Julie Mathien*

TI Park will turn 150 years old in 2025. To celebrate, the Thousand Island Park Landmark Society has teamed up with the Thousand Island Park Corporation and the Thousand Island Park Museum to produce a history of the last 50 years (1975-2025) of the Park. The book will be a sequel to our centennial history, *One Hundred Years and Then Some*.

To assist in this project, the project committee hired the historic preservation team from the Vermont office of VHB Inc. We're starting now so that the book will be available for the summer of 2025. We hope that it will be a true community effort and we want to hear from you. Do you have photos, movies or videos, written accounts of family or community activities or memories of TI Park from the last 50 years? Would you be willing to be interviewed or, with training, be an interviewer? More information on all of this, plus other opportunities for community engagement will follow. (continued on pg. 3)

## Presidents' Message: Change-up Pitches Keep Us Ahead in Our Game!

Pandemic or not, the Landmark Society has remained true to its mission and purposes of this not-for-profit organization as we seek to support Historic Preservation efforts with a dedicated volunteer force, members, internships, and partnership with other Park organizations. While we sometimes hope "TIP is a place where time stands still," we recognize that times are different and lives are busy and filled with many activities. A balance between old and new has been a game changer!

Last summer, while Preservation Wednesdays continued along with activities in the Landmark Shop, a Membership Kick-Off party, the Porch, Paddle, and Park fundraisers, a book signing with Susan Mathis, and an Ice Cream Social for winners of the Illumination Night all piqued interest. This summer, a few changes to our events, including a combined Annual Meeting and Membership Kick-Off, a Celebration of Historic Preservation, the 19<sup>th</sup> Cottage and Garden Tour, another book signing at the site of the former Columbian Hotel, 2 large banners of landmarks, a two-part workshop on Preservation in TIP, and a modified Illumination Night, are an attempt to fulfill our purposes and reach a wide range of participants. Behind the scenes, long-term projects are being pursued to further support Historic Preservation of a time and place in the Park.

### What Is Landmark and What Does It Do?

We are frequently asked the question "What does the Landmark Society do?" and Landmark is often confused with the Preservation Board. To clarify, Landmark is a separate entity from the Corporation and the Preservation Board. It is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the historical, architectural, and infrastructure resources of TI Park for our community, visitors, and future generations. Landmark's purposes are many, and include:

- promoting, encouraging, and supporting preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, new building, infrastructure, and historical research of cottages and other buildings in TI Park;
- ensuring that preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and new construction will be consistent with the existing historical environment and architecture;
- ensuring that the infrastructure projects supported by Landmark will protect and enhance the historical environment and architecture of TI Park;
- gathering and disseminating information regarding the history and architecture of the cottages and other construction;
- operating a Shop and Research Center; and
- working with the TI Park corporation, TI Park Foundation and the community to ensure the preservation, construction and enhancement of buildings and other property in TI Park.

In short, Landmark is dedicated to:

***"Celebrating our past, embracing the responsibilities associated with being recognized by the National Register of Historic Places as a 'historic district,' while working together to keep THOUSAND ISLAND PARK the unique summer community that we all cherish and want for future generations."***

*Peggy Cleary and Jean Ris*

## V O L U N T E E R with us S U M M E R 2 0 2 3

### Docent Coordinator

Manage the Docent Team

### C & G Tour - July 20th

Cottage Docents &  
Golf Cart Drivers

### Community Service

Youth Opportunities  
Preservation Wednesdays,  
Illumination Night, Shop,  
and Cottage & Garden Tour

### Docent at Landmark

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
June - August

Visit us at, [thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org](https://thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org)  
or contact us [tipregistry@gmail.com](mailto:tipregistry@gmail.com) for more information



## Preservation Corner *with Trude Fitelson*

### Historic Preservation & Your Pocketbook

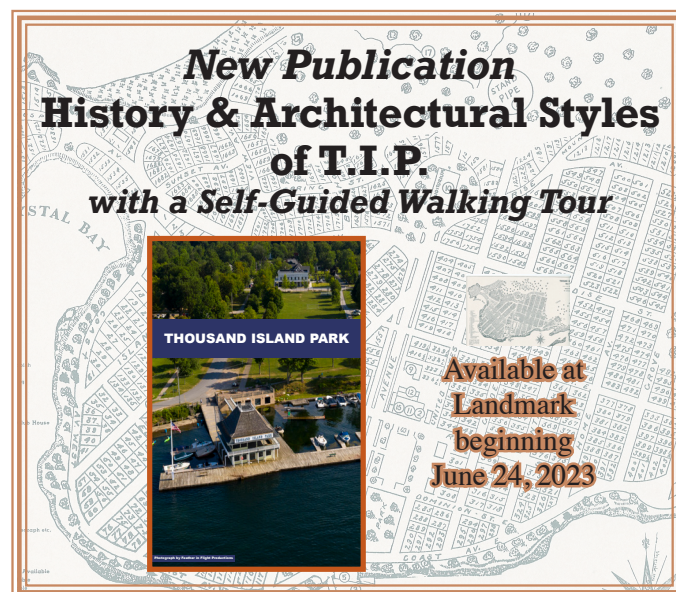
Studies show that homes in protected neighborhoods, such as Thousand Island Park, increase in value by 5% to 35% per decade over homes not in historic districts. Property values in local historic districts appreciate significantly faster than the market as a whole. According to Regina Cole, Contributor to Forbes Real Estate, "There are more than 2,300 local historic districts in the United States. The first one was created in 1931, in Charleston, South Carolina followed a few years later by the second, in New Orleans. In 1966 the Department of Interior established the National Register of Historic Places. And, while a National Register listing is an honorary designation, those local historic districts, are the ones with the teeth. Most issue design guidelines that control changes made to the properties within the district. Simply put - historic districts enhance property values."



## The Next Big Project (continued from pg. 1)

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society, the Thousand Island Park Corporation and the Thousand Island Park Foundation are supporting the research and writing of the book. We still have \$2,000 to raise through community donations. Please consider a donation to help record our history. Donors will be recognized on a back page of the book.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Marjorie Snelling [marjorie.snelling@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.snelling@gmail.com) or Julie Mathien [jm@juliemathien.ca](mailto:jm@juliemathien.ca). We look forward to working with you.



## Membership Levels 2023

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

- \$10 **Youth** Level (ages 0-18): Landmark Sticker **or** Landmark Society Lanyard
- \$25 **Individual** Level: Landmark Sticker **and** Landmark Society Water Bottle
- \$50 **Family** Level: TIP Jute Tote **with** 5 Michael Ringer or Archival Note Cards
- \$100 **Benefactor** Level: Pavilion or Guzzle Ornament
- \$150 **Preservationist** Level: 2 Free Tickets to Cottage & Garden Tour **or** TIPLS hat or tee
- \$200-500+ **Steward** Level: 2 Free Tickets to Cottage & Garden Tour w/Boxed Lunch **or** TIPLS hat or tee

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

*To celebrate the return of the Cottage & Garden Tour this year, members at any level may purchase up to 4 additional tickets for guests or family members at the membership price!*

## 19<sup>th</sup> Cottage and Garden Tour

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The tickets for the Tour will be \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Landmark members will be able to buy four companion tickets at the member price. Preordered boxed lunches (\$15) will be available at The Guzzle provided by the owners of the favorite Rochester establishment Tree Town Cafe, who are operating The Guzzle this summer.

In addition, there will be a raffle with tickets available at Landmark or at check-in. The items will be displayed at Landmark, which will be open all day for shopping and research. You will find information about membership and tickets on Landmark's website.

## 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 member and volunteer-supported 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 Membership Kick-Off event at 49 Ontario Ave. to welcome new and renewing members on June 28, 2023.*

*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 24<sup>th</sup>

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 and the most recent 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.



**Back Again!**

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 2023 Preservation Intern who once again will be assisting Landmark and the Corporation.

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

## Annual Meeting & Membership Kick-Off

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society's Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at 49 Ontario Ave. along with the Membership Kick-Off. 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: Amy Phelps & Regan Brown  
Co-Treasurers: Marjorie Snelling & Rich Glass  
Directors: Gay Claire Hunter, Emily Keleher, Susan Phear, Sandra Rennie, Doug Schongalla  
Advisors: Julie Mathien, Alison Ross