

Landmark News & Views

18th Cottage and Garden Tour

Revisiting a Movement Along the River: Religion, Retreat, Renewal

This summer's Cottage and Garden Tour is our eighteenth and will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019. The theme of this year's tour is "Revisiting a Movement Along the River: Religion, Retreat, and Renewal." The morning and afternoon tours will each be preceded by a short informal presentation by Dr. Ellen Detlefsen showing images and discussing the history of a number of communities, churches and chapels whose origins lie along the shores of the River.

The tour itself will feature five cottages and two boathouses. We will also include various private gardens, the public gardens around the Park and two lemonade spots to refresh yourselves while touring. As the Landmark Society in conjunction with the Corporation is spearheading an update to our National Register status, there will be an architectural historian available to educate participants about the National Register and the Survey process.

Three of the cottages on the tour are the Eastlake Victorian Style late 19th Century style with one of them being in a unique location sandwiched in a triangular formation between two streets. Another is of the Craftsman/Bungalow style that underwent renovations to return closer to its original design. Lastly, we feature an Early Tent Platform cottage with its original rustic interior and native stone fireplace. (continued on pg. 4)

Summer in TI Park

Anticipation,
Arrival,
and Gathering

Images from
Landmark's
Archival Collection



National Register Update Project: The Plan of Action

I'm Katie Eggers Comeau and I'm delighted to be working with all of you on the Thousand Island Park National Register Update Project! Having heard about TIP for years, I'm very excited and I look forward to visiting regularly this summer and next.

Since I'll be spending time with you this summer, I'd like to tell you about myself! My love of historic, walkable communities comes from having grown up in the Erie Canal village of Pittsford, near Rochester. I was able to walk to school, the library, the grocery store, the local department store, and the canal. I got to know and love the north part of the state as well, since every summer my family was lucky enough to spend a week at an Adirondack Great Camp on Blue Mountain Lake. These kinds of experiences gave me a great appreciation for the value of distinctive, historic places throughout New York state, which are so rare and special in this modern world where so many places look and feel the same. (continued on pg. 2)

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The boathouses are both wonderful examples of renovation, one an architect-designed structure erected to fit in with its early Stick style main cottage and the other constructed with added dormers and beautifully finished bead board interior.

There will also be a Raffle on the day of the Tour and the historic Landmark Society building will be open for shopping and research if desired. An optional delicious luncheon will be served at the Wellesley Hotel for an additional \$20 and golf cart transportation will be available. Tour Tickets for \$35 (\$30 for Landmark members) will be available online or at the Landmark Office once open on June 22, 2019.

Amy Phelps

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

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 22nd

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. All NEW this year, trivets & coasters, Christmas ornaments, candles, jewelry items, shirts & hats, magnets & mugs. Coming in the Fall of 2019, personalized glass cutting boards with your cottage.

Back by popular demand is the \$5.00 Table!

Come meet with the summer preservation intern, McKenzie Carroll, whose work opportunities will be shared between Landmark and the Corporation.



We are in need of volunteers to serve as docents and guide Saturday Golf Cart tours. Check out the new "GINGERBREAD VOLUNTEER" incentive program Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Peg Hoyser, 585-729-4433 or phoyser@gmail.com

Annual Meeting

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society's Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Pavilion. All community members are welcome. Landmark members are eligible to run for and vote in Board elections.

Landmark Board, Advisors and Chairs

President: Jean Ris
Vice President: Anne Marie de Cesare
Secretary: Marjorie Snelling
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Directors: Barbara Coon, Trude Fitelson, Marilyn Shaikh
Advisors: Dick Greene, Alison Ross
Resource Center & Shop Coordinator: Peg Hoyser
PDE and National Register Update Chair: Julie Mathien

2019 CALENDAR

Saturday, June 15
Summer Intern Arrives

Saturday, June 22
Landmark Society Annual Meeting & Board Elections
9:30 a.m. Pavilion

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

Wednesday, June 26
Volunteer Training
National Register Survey
Pavilion

Thursday, June 27
Donor Recognition Party
Pavilion 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 6
Golf Cart Tours Begin
12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17
Member Event
Preservation Awards
National Register Thank You Party
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 18
18th Cottage & Garden Tour
9:00 a.m.- Noon
1:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 15
Chautauqua of the North
Talk & Walk
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Presidents' Message: Seamless Transition

The leadership team of Thousand Island Park Landmark Society may change from one year to the next, while the pursuit of stewardship of an historic district on the National Register of Historic Places continues to be the focus. Similar to the historic preservation phrase "seamless addition" that would describe new construction that blends in with historic design elements, the events over this past year involving the National Register Update Project and summer programs for 2019 haven't missed a beat. The organization for the Cottage and Garden Tour is well underway. We are bringing back the Historic Preservation awards for cottage owners or craftsmen whose efforts significantly contribute to preserving our historic uniqueness. This summer we will expand our volunteer base, initiating a new "Gingerbread Volunteer" incentive program and Community Service opportunities for youth. Keep your eyes and ears open to catch the exciting ways in which you can take part through volunteerism with the National Register Update Project and other areas, or by participation in programs during the 2019 summer season.

Julie Mathien, Past-President and Jean Ris, Current President

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I've worked in historic preservation for 20 years, starting out in Washington, D.C. I moved home to Rochester in 2001 for a job with the Landmark Society of Western New York. Nine years later, I came to Bero Architecture, a firm focusing on the preservation and rehabilitation of existing buildings. I've worked on many historic resource surveys, National Register nominations, tax-credit rehabilitations, and other projects across western NY. I particularly enjoy helping people appreciate aspects of the buildings and landscapes they see every day that they never thought about before.

Through the winter and spring, the project steering committee and I have worked toward this summer's launch of a two-year resurvey of Thousand Island Park, the first step toward updating TIP's National Register nomination. I will use the information gathered from the resurvey to put together the new National Register nomination, which includes extensive narrative history relating TIP to relevant local, state, and national historical trends, descriptions of every building; and improved mapping. The nomination will make its way through state and federal review, and if all goes well, sometime in 2021 TIP will have a brand-new nomination, fully up to today's standards.

While the original 1982 survey was very thorough, the National Register nomination was much less comprehensive, which was typical at the time. To update the nomination to current standards, we'll again send volunteers out to complete inventory forms on every building. But we'll bring this process into the digital age! I've started using a mobile app for data collection and photography, which has many advantages. It works on a phone or tablet, the form is very similar to a traditional paper form, the app can be customized for each project, and everything syncs automatically to a website. No more lost paper forms; no more headaches trying to figure out which photo goes with which form, and no need to collect or mail anything: sending me the forms will just take a click.

For the next two summers, you'll see your neighbors out in the streets with tablets and phones, entering data about buildings and snapping photographs. I hope you will join them! No special knowledge of architecture is necessary; we'll provide all the training. You'll be able to survey as few or as many buildings as you would like, at your own pace, at whatever time is convenient for you. You can head out on your own, or maybe you'd like to go with a friend or a group to cover a street together. It's up to you! Everyone age 16 and up is welcome to join us.

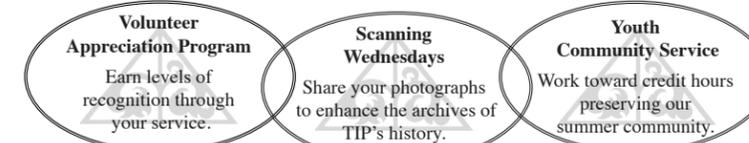
In addition, a colleague and I will document four buildings (the Tabernacle, Library, Chapel, and Pavilion) in more detail, creating what are known as Part 1 applications, the first step toward eventual tax-credit rehabilitation projects.

I've enjoyed getting to know the history of TI Park and other campground communities through my research this winter, and I'm looking forward to getting the project underway in just a few months!

Katie Eggers Comeau, Architectural Historian, Bero Architecture of Rochester, NY

New Volunteer Opportunities

Historic Preservation relies on a variety of support from all ages.



Visit the website, or stop into Landmark to learn more.

thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org

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for information on
historic preservation,
volunteer opportunities,
and Landmark events.

Preservation Corner: Tax Credit

Are you planning a cottage project this coming year? As a National Register Historic District, TI Park cottage owners making repairs or improvements are eligible for a Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The tax credit may cover up to 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs up to a maximum credit value of \$50,000.

Here are a few details:

- Houses must be owner-occupied, either permanently or seasonally.
- A minimum of \$5,000 must be spent on qualifying work.
- At least 5% of the total project must be spent on the exterior of the building.
- The proposed work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitation. <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.html>
- All work must be approved by the New York State Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation Office (OPRHP) before starting construction. <https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/>
- Must adhere to all TI Park rules and regulations

For more information on the eligibility and application process, contact Trude Fitelson, at 315-430-0711 or visit Landmark's Resource Center.

Preservation Board: Marjorie Snelling, Member & Trude Fitelson, Advisor



Member Event

July 17th

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Pavilion

*On the eve of the
18th Cottage and Garden Tour
join a celebration
of Historic Preservation in TIP.*

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
AWARDS**

**NATIONAL REGISTER
SURVEY**

**COTTAGE & GARDEN TOUR
THANK YOU**

Chautauqua of the North

TALK & WALK

**National Register: Purpose and Process
Surveying an Historic District
Stewardship Practices**

Thousand Island Park, NY

Thursday, August 15th

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tabernacle Community Assoc. & Landmark Society

*More details
will be
available
about this
cosponsored
event after
water-on!*



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Grillin'**

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**Genesis II SE-310-Gas Grill
by Weber (value over \$750)**

Raffle tickets: \$10/each or \$40/5

*Ticket sales start Memorial Day weekend
through July 18. Drawing during the
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