



## Historic Tour of the Little Moose Campus at the Adirondack League Club Fundraiser June 11, 2009

We hope you can join us in this rare opportunity to tour League Club buildings on Little Moose Lake, a totally privately-owned lake in the Adirondack League Club's 54,000 acre wilderness preserve.

Guests arriving at the Little Moose gate house will receive a gate pass to proceed to the Mountain Lodge with valet parking. Following greetings at the Summer House, tour guides will lead small groups of people at intervals on a 30 minute narrated tour of three 1906 Club Cottages designed by Augustus D. Shepard, the 1908 wooden tennis courts rebuilt in 1923, the 1912 Little Moose boat house built and designed by Shepard with many antique guide boats including the "Resaca" that once belonged to President Benjamin Harrison, the 1914 Mountain Lodge (ALC Summer House), the 1914 Little Moose Guides' House expanded to be the present Winter House, and the 1925 Doctors' residence and his office.

Guests will receive a souvenir program book and enjoy refreshments at the open bar and hors d'oeuvres in the living room of the Summer House before and after the tours. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance for this event at \$90 per person for Town of Webb Historical Association members and \$100 per person for non-members. Contact 315-369-3838 for more information.



## Camp Memories—Youth Camps

The current feature exhibit will continue to be on display at the Goodsell Museum through October, 2009. Over 40 youth camps from White Lake to Raquette Lake are represented in exhibits on the first floor. Photographs, ephemera, and artifacts have been collected and displayed to help tell the history of the youth camps of the past and those still in operation. We appreciate the volunteer work from the Museum Committee and dedication of the Committee Chair, Terry Rozycki, whose interest in detail and artistic talent produced a great exhibit.

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## 2009 Coming Events

**May 22 & 23**—*Memorial Day Sale* Donations are needed. Let us sell your unwanted items to benefit the Fuel Fund of the Goodsell Museum. Pick-up is available, call 315-369-3838 for more information

**June 11**—*Historic Tour—Cocktail Reception at Little Moose, Adirondack League Club.* 5:30-7:30 PM \$90/ TOWHA members/ \$100 non-members. Pre-paid reservations required. See details on page 1.

**July 8**—*Walking Tour of Moss Lake*—The tour will leave the Moss Lake Trailhead with tour guide Geof Longstaff at 9:30 AM rain or shine and walk around the entire lake. Locations of former Moss Lake Girls Camp buildings will be pointed out and discussed. Car pooling is suggested, limit 30 individuals, reserve your spot. Donations welcome.

**July 11**—*Benefit Auction* under a tent—this 7th annual fundraiser will be held on the Goodsell property. Registration and preview of donated antiques, new, nearly new, and Adirondack items starts at 1 PM. Bidding begins at 2 PM. Bring a chair—refreshments will be available. Something for everyone!

**July 17, 24 & 31**—*Historic Walking Tour* of Camp Mark Seven on Fourth Lake. Friday mornings 9:30-11 AM. Car pool from Hemmer cottage, limited space, call to reserve your spot. Donations welcome.

**July 23**—*Program* “Playing Indian at Adirondack Children’s Camps” presented by Hallie Bond. 7 PM at the Old Forge Library—\$3 donation

**August 3**—*Victorian Party on the Porch* at the Goodsell Museum 2-4 PM. Fundraiser— refreshments, silent auction, entertainment. Tickets \$15 adults, \$7.50.

**August 7, 14 & 21**—*Historic Walking Tour* of McCauley Mt. Ski Center. Friday mornings 9:30—11 AM. Meet in the parking lot of McCauley Mt. Donations welcome.

**The Goodsell Museum is on the  
Central Adirondack Trail Scenic Byway**

## Your Membership and Financial Support is Greatly Appreciated

There are over 1900 museums and heritage organizations in New York State that employ more than 17,000 people and that generates more than \$1 billion into the state’s economy each year. Those organizations serve over 60 million visitors. The Goodsell Museum is included in those figures. Here in the Town of Webb, this museum employs a full-time director, a part-time assistant and housekeeper. Growth since 2004 has made it necessary to hire a bookkeeper and facilities manager adding to the local economy of Webb in a small way.

Operating support for this organization comes from several sources. Memberships, donations and fundraisers are our main resources. Grants, when available, cover some of our brick and mortar projects as well as individual special projects.

We thank you for your continued support. Our staff, Trustees and volunteers work to serve you and provide programs, interesting displays and exhibits, assist with researches, continue to collect, organize, and preserve Webb’s artifacts, ephemera, and history.

### MEMORIALS

The Town of Webb Historical Association is grateful to the many members and non-members who chose to remember the lives of loved ones with memorials to our organization. The names below reflect donations from November 1, 2008 until April 20, 2009.

In memory of Margaret Bishop and Emily Weaver: Omer Hudon; in memory of Charles Gillette, Don Green and Mary Jane Lewis: Charles & June Kiefer; in memory of George Gross, Ken and Dot Rivette: Tim and Joanne Gross; in memory of Laurel Johnston and Larry Payne: Philip Hardy; in memory of Leonard Helmer and Arch McDonald: Patrick and Carol McCann; in memory of Hank Kashiwa: Marty and Don Lawson; in memory of Jamie McDonough: Marianne and Clarence McDonough; in memory of Dorothy Mazanek (Gail Murray’s mother): June and Charlie Kiefer, Mary Farmer, Linda Cohen, TOWHA Board of Trustees; in memory of John F. Murphy: Lois Murphy; in memory of Bette W. Palmer: Robert Palmer; in memory of Fredrick Parsons: Bernadette Eichler, Mary & Suzanne Tranquille, Margaret Vandelinder; in memory of Joan Payne: Albert and Isabella Worthen, in memory of Ray and Julia Placious: Natalie and Joseph Placious; in memory of Robert T. Searing, Jr. and Jon F. Searing: Carol Searing; in memory of Marie VanderVeer: Edgar VanderVeer; in memory of Claire P. Wilcox: Fred T. Wilcox III; and in memory of Charles B. Winslow, Sr.: Theresa Winslow.

Donations were also received in **HONOR** of Dave and GiGi Holister, Keith and Gretchen Hollister by Ron and Jill Hollister; and in **HONOR** of Diane Ritz by Fred and Judy Ehrensbeck.

## Funds No Longer Available for Energy Conservation Project!

In February of this year, a letter was received from our State Senator, James L. Seward. The news was bad. The legislature passed the governor's deficit reduction plan and the Legislative Initiative monies set aside for our energy conservation project would not be available.

Back on August 1, 2008, representatives from several organizations in the Town of Webb posed for a photo opportunity to announce much needed grants. The Town of Webb Historical Association was to receive \$15,000 for energy conservation projects. This organization had put off improvements for three years as we tried to raise money through grants for much needed projects. Finally securing funding, we went forward, using our savings to work on the projects knowing we would be able to pay the savings account back when the grant money was received.

There is still hope that the promised State monies will become available at some point in the future. In the meantime, we are grateful for the wise leadership and financial stability of the Town of Webb Historical Association. The improvements we made were necessary and will result in tangible and money saving benefits. If you can make a contribution toward this energy conservation project at this time, it would be greatly appreciated.

### MAP PROJECT

**Much progress has been made identifying, re-housing and preserving a large collection of Town of Webb area maps and blue prints received in 2008. Interns continue to work part-time on this project.**

**Duplicate maps not accessioned into the collection of the Town of Webb Historical Association will be offered to other local museums and for sale to the public through our gift shop or at auction to generate operating capital.**

**Funding for purchasing map cabinets and intern salaries for this project was received from a 2008 grant from the Wesley & Marion Small Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc.**

## Thanks for Wish List Donations

In the Fall 2008 newsletter, a wish list of items was published. We are grateful to the following people for answering our need:

**Jack and Margo Boylan**—donation to purchase a new vacuum cleaner with hepa filter.

**Bob and Lois Lowenberg**—donation of a nearly new vacuum for use on our second floor—no more hauling upstairs and dragging downstairs.

**Ed and Sue Girtler**—for the new book *Hides, Hemlocks and Adirondack History*, by Barbara McMartin to add to our collection of research material.

**George and Lorraine Mitchell**—for the sturdy metal shelving now being used in our newly insulated attic space.

**Frank and Beverly Burnap**—for a donation of several books with Adirondack subjects to add to our collection of research material.

### VOLUNTEERS

The Historical Association wishes to thank our many volunteers. Help is received throughout the year in many different ways. We are grateful for everyone who has helped move furniture and artifacts, arrange office areas, paint walls, assist with computer technology, accession photographs, copy newspaper articles and much more.

We would not exist without Committee Members, Trustees, and fundraiser volunteers. It takes teamwork to make it all happen.

If you like to talk to people, love the history of our area, like to work with your hands, type, research or organize closets, we may be able to use your help for a few hours here or there. We would love to discuss volunteer opportunities with anyone.

**Goodsell Memorial Home Museum**  
2993 Main Street—Old Forge  
**OPEN:** Tuesday—Saturday  
10 AM– 3 PM or by Appointment  
315-369-3838

**Membership for the Town of Webb Historical Association is January-December. Your membership renewal is welcome anytime throughout the year.**

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Where To See What's Origin' On

## Camps in the Woods

By Peg Masters, Town of Webb Historian



Augustus D. Shepard Jr.  
ALC Archives

On Monday, April 14, 1913 at 7:46 in the evening, the Old Forge Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. rang the bell above their new station summoning members to a fire at the Adirondack League Club's Mountain Lodge at Little Moose Lake three miles from the center of Town. By the time the firemen arrived with their horse-drawn pumper and hose cart, the magnificent 20-year-old clubhouse was doomed and they concentrated on saving the boathouse and nearby cottages. The fire that destroyed the unoccupied structure was thought to have been caused by mice nibbling on matches. Later that year, the Club's Directors assigned the design of a new clubhouse to one of their own members: architect Augustus D. Shepard Jr. of New York City.

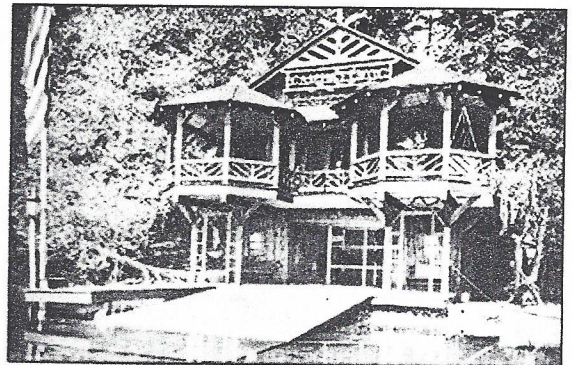
The Shepard family had been associated with the Club since its formation in 1890. Augustus Shepard's uncle Elliott F. Shepard was a founding member. Elliott published the *Mail and Express* newspaper in New York City and was married to Margaret Louise Vanderbilt, the eldest daughter of William

Henry Vanderbilt and sister of Mrs. William Seward Webb. Augustus D. Shepard Jr.'s father assumed management of the newspaper following Elliott's untimely death in 1893 along with its editor Robert C. Alexander, another founding member of the Adirondack League Club. Augustus Jr. was a frequent visitor to the Club's preserve in the 1890s. His brother-in-law John Doull Miller purchased a lot at Bisby Lake in 1894 and Augustus Jr. bought Lot 3 on Honnedaga Lake in January of 1897. Both later built camps on Little Moose Lake.

Like many of his turn-of-the-century contemporaries, Augustus played polo, mastered four-in-hand coaching skills, and attended numerous debutant parties and extravagant Gilded-Age weddings. His own wedding to Marie Baxter Rees in 1908 took place in Ashville, NC. Private railcars brought many members of the Webb and Vanderbilt families to the nuptials. That he was drawn to architecture as a career was not surprising. William Rutherford Mead of the well-known architectural firm McKim, Mead, and White was his mother Joanna's brother. Augustus Jr.'s first business partner Abner J. Haydel was a nephew of architect Sanford White. One of their first projects was a chapel in Scarborough, NY commissioned by Augustus' aunt Margaret Louise Shepard in memory of her husband Elliott. In 1900, Haydel & Shepard designed a Beaux-Arts townhouse on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street in NYC for Margaret's daughter Edith who married Ernesto Fabbri at the Scarborough chapel in 1896. The townhouse survives and was sold a few years ago as a residence for the Japanese ambassador for \$21 million.

But it is the rusticated Arts and Craft style cottages, lodges, and boathouses that Augustus D. Shepard Jr. designed over a span of forty years at the Adirondack League Club that he is most

remembered for today. "*The camp must possess certain inherent qualities of the forest,*" he wrote in an anthology of his work called "*Camps in the Woods,*" published in 1931. Shepard's structural use of exposed honey-toned peeled spruce and the simplicity of his designs that melded into their natural lakeside settings were an inspiration for the lodges incorporated into many State and National parks. Shepard, a widower since 1921, died in Darien, CT in 1955 survived by his two children. The Historical Association's June 11<sup>th</sup> tour at the Adirondack League Club offers a rare opportunity for the public to view the regional architectural legacy of this significant Gilded-Age architect. Additional biographical information on August D. Shepard Jr. and his career can be found on our website: [www.webbhistory.org](http://www.webbhistory.org).



1917 Shepard designed boathouse  
built by George Goodsell

## 2009 Historic Summer Walking Tours

### Tour #1 – Camp Mark Seven on Fourth Lake

July 17, July 24, & July 31 – Friday Mornings from 9:30 – 11 AM

Camp Mark Seven was established in 1981 by Fr. Thomas Coughlin and members of the Deaf Catholic Community to offer diverse programs for Deaf and hearing individuals of all ages. We'll begin by carpooling at 9:30 AM from the Hemmer Cottage at the waterfront in Old Forge to Camp Mark Seven's beautiful Fourth Lake waterfront location in the former Longstaff family's turn-of-the-century Mohawk Lodge. The tour is led by Town of Webb Historian Peg Masters and Fr. Coughlin. Space is limited but open FREE to the public. Call 315-369-3838 to make a reservation or for additional details.

### Tour #2 - McCauley Mt. Ski Center

August 7, August 14, & August 21 – Friday Mornings from 9:30 – 11 AM

The August historic tour celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary of the McCauley Mt. Ski Center. Led by Town of Webb Historian Peg Masters and Old Forge Olympian "Louie" Ehrensbeck, we'll begin at 9:30 AM in the parking lot of McCauley Mt. with a history of the site before it became a ski center followed by a tour of the buildings. This family-friendly tour is FREE to the public. As an added bonus, group participants may purchase a discounted chairlift ticket to the summit for a spectacular view of the surrounding lakes and mountains. Contact the Town of Webb Historical Association at 315 369-3838 for more details or visit our website at: [www.webbhistory.org](http://www.webbhistory.org).

### Seasons to Remember Gala

The fundraising events held in August of 2007 and 2008 under the tent at Hemmer Cottage were a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. Delicious refreshments and beverages were donated by many area restaurants and friends. The audience at the Strand Theatre was entertained by numerous images of people enjoying the Adirondacks in various ways and beautiful photos of flora, fauna, and Adirondack vistas.

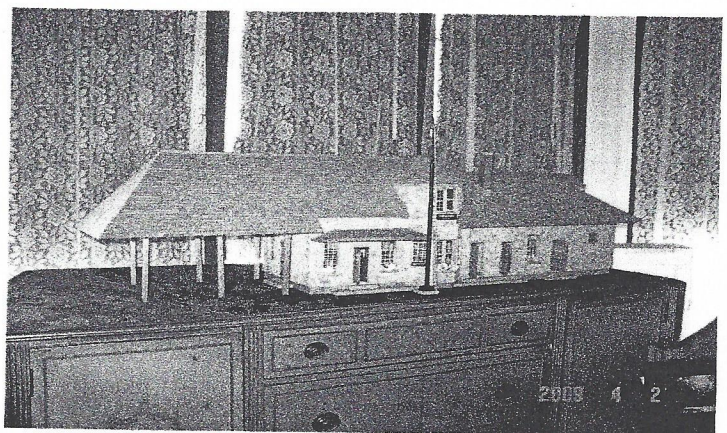
This event was created and chaired by Doc and Judy Foley and the visual program produced by their family. The Historical Association is grateful to the Foley's and all the volunteers that made the fundraisers possible. Much time and effort went into producing the grand scale event.

New fundraisers are currently being planned but don't put your cameras away. This gala event may return. We are looking for someone interested in chairmanship of this important fundraiser. Please contact us if you can help.

### Thendara Railroad Station Model

Currently on display at the Goodsell Museum is the model pictured below, the Thendara Railroad Station built by Mr. Anthony A. D'Apice of New Hartford, New York. The model is approximately 60" long, 17" high and 19" wide built at 5/8" to one foot scale. It is totally functional with opening windows and doors and it is electrified with small lights.

The Historical Association is grateful for the recent donations received from the following people to help fund the purchase of this model: Helen Black, Rene Elliott, Gail Helmer, Charles Rowlee on behalf of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, Rusty Russum, Bob Scheehl, Edna Stalley, and Greg Troup. Additional donations are welcome. Donations collected over the purchase price will be earmarked for additions to our collections.



**7th Annual Benefit Auction**

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Inspection 1 PM—Bidding starts at 2 PM

under the tent, bring a chair

Goodsell Museum

2993 State Route 28—Old Forge

Partial Listing: photos, carved fireplace screen, furniture, lamps, Meade telescope, vintage jewelry, clock, vase, Vaseline glass, art, mirror, prints, sterling silver, baskets and much more

Check the following websites for photos and additional items

[www.webbhistory.org](http://www.webbhistory.org)

[www.constablevilleauction.com](http://www.constablevilleauction.com)

**Absentee Bids Welcome!**

