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Defending New York's Wild Heritage Since 1901



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*“Wilderness is where
you feel most keenly the
interdependence of all life.”*

—Howard Zahniser, author of the
National Wilderness Act



Above: Adirondack Chairs by Ken Rimany

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♣ **OCTOBER 2004**

Wilderness 40th Anniversary Conference

See www.protectadks.org for news from the October 10-13, 2004 conference in Lake George hosted by The Association. It was an historic event and attracted 250 wilderness teachers, leaders and activists from across the country.

♣ **JANUARY 2005**

The Association Opens its Center for the Forest Preserve

After 103 years of utilizing donated or rented space, The Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks and its Adirondack Research Library now own and occupy a permanent location—the former home of wilderness coalition leader Paul Schaefer, and Caroline Schaefer and their four children. It has raised \$1,450,000, the first capital campaign in The Association’s history, to open the Center for the Forest Preserve; completion will cost an additional \$150,000.

♣ **FEBRUARY 2005**

Adirondack Relief Map Restored

Union College Professor of Fine Arts **Walter Hatke** devoted four painstaking weeks to restore the great 12’ by 10’ raised relief map of the Adirondacks, a unique educational map created over eight years by Paul Schaefer and associates from 1945-1952 and a critical educational exhibit at our Center.

♣ **MARCH 2005**

The Association Receives Recognition

At its President’s Dinner on March 12 in Glens Falls, the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) presented its David L. Newhouse Conservation Award to The Association, recognizing its origins as defender of the Constitution’s “forever wild” clause in 1901, numerous legislative and judicial victories in this defense, partnership with the ADK, and more.

♣ **APRIL 2005**

The Association Defends Adirondack Mountaintops

The Association led all other organizations in announcing its opposition to a proposal to build ten very tall wind turbines and blades on private land on the summit of Pete Gay Mountain near Gore Mountain in the Adirondack Park.

♣ **JUNE 2005**

Arthur M. Crocker Series of Lectures & Seminars Launched

Carl Leopold, son of the father of modern ecology and author of *A Sand County Almanac* Aldo Leopold, joined the Executive Director of the Aldo Leopold Foundation **Buddy Huffaker** as the first in our Arthur Crocker series of lectures and seminars.

The Center’s Dedication on June 30

More than one hundred guests joined The Association to dedicate the new Center. Speakers included the Niskayuna Town Supervisor, members of the Paul Schaefer family, representatives of Governor Pataki, members and staff of the NYS Legislature, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority.

♣ **JULY 2005**

Young People at the Center

Students from the City of Schenectady schools enrolled this summer in the Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP) (funded by NYS and implemented by Union College faculty and

emeritus faculty) visited the Center for the Forest Preserve and adjoining Reist Wildlife Sanctuary for a number of activities. Also, Niskayuna Schools brought “Adirondack Adventures,” a summer youth education program of the Niskayuna Continuing and Community Education Program, to our Center.

Association Partners on Energy Efficiency and Conservation in the Adirondacks

Mike DiNunzio worked closely with the Environmental Business Association of NYS and Community Energy Services, Inc., to bring together representatives of Adirondack state and local government, the energy sector, commerce, tourism, business and environmental interests to search for common ground with respect to energy efficiency and conservation programs. The meeting took place at the Adirondack Park

This year The Association accomplished three things we set out to: complete and open the new \$1.6 million **Center for the Forest Preserve** with its Adirondack Research Library in Niskayuna; finalize the **Keystone Strategic Plan**; and create a **North Country Team** of 3 experienced conservation professionals who live and work in

BY PETER BRINKLEY

the Adirondacks, to enhance The Association's capacity to track developments and address major issues.

We closed the March 31, 2005 fiscal year in the strongest position in The Association's 104 year history.

The Keystone Strategic Plan lays out the road map for our goals and programs. It calls for The Association to give greater emphasis to communities and private lands to complement its historic and widely-recognized competence for protecting New York State's Forest Preserve.

The Plan's major theme is Park protection, restoration and advocacy that is comprehensive, inclusive, and which spans the depth and breadth of the region's human and natural communities.

The Association is uniquely positioned to assume this leadership role as strategic advocate for the Adirondacks.

● With David Gibson, Mike DiNunzio, Dan Plumley and Kevin Prickett, The Association has the deepest and most

experienced conservation team of any Adirondack advocacy group,

● With its new Center for the Forest Preserve, it has established a place without parallel for dialogue, research, learning, collaboration and innovative actions near state government in Albany,

● With its history and culture of collaboration, The Association will leverage its capacity and spawn new initiatives, while keeping its staff lean and friendly. The **Discover Life in the Adirondacks** project, which has the ambitious goal of inventorying the full range of plants, animals and micro-organisms in the Park and the **Energy Smart Park Initiative** which seeks to help make the Park a model of energy efficiency, conservation and wise utilization are just two examples of our exciting, new collaborative work.

To realize our ambitions, we must increase membership, build a cadre of active citizens and make new friends.

We very much appreciate all that our members, friends, colleagues, Trustees (past and present) do to protect the Adirondacks we all care so much about and ask again for your continuing support. ●

Peter Brinkley



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REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Two big decisions over the past year capture the essence of our rapid development as a leading advocate, educator and information source for the Adirondack region—all thanks to our members, grantors and contributors.

Opening the Center for the Forest Preserve: At this \$1.6 million Center, we have restored a true wilderness

BY DAVID GIBSON

“home office” where the legendary conservation leader Paul Schaefer organized so many coalitions for Adirondack wild rivers and wilderness between 1932 and his death in 1996. Ours is truly place-based education at work, recognized by Governor Pataki through a \$100,000 state grant and an \$18,000 grant for our energy conservation features announced at the Center's dedication on June 30.

We've presented inspired events for conservation professionals and for the community as we launched the Arthur M. Crocker series of lectures and seminars. Children, students and serious Adirondack researchers have also begun knocking on our doors this first year of Center operations. The Adirondack Research Library is now a first class research facility. Our volunteer librarians have done a heroic job of building and maintaining one of the most accessible and well organized specialty research libraries in New York State. Just beyond the Center's library bay window is the neighboring 115 acre Reist Wildlife Sanctuary, a most compatible and educational forest owned and managed by the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, the oldest bird club in New York State.

Sound Energy Policy and Decisions for Adirondack Park:

In April, the Association announced its opposition to wind turbines on Adirondack mountain summits. While supporting increasing New York State's renewable energy mix, including wind power, the scope and scale of the Adirondack wind energy proposal is fundamentally incompatible with the protection of natural, wild and scenic resources of the Adirondack Park. The Barton Mines wind power proposal calls for highly engineered wind towers and turbine blades reaching well over 40 stories in height on 3000 foot mountain summit, half of which is zoned Resource Management for forestry and open space purposes. The proposal would set a most dangerous precedent for Adirondack tower construction.

How can the Adirondack Park make a unique contribution to a more sustainable energy pathway? Governor Pataki is a national leader in energy conservation and renewables. We therefore look forward to working with the Governor, state and local governments and our partners to make rapid progress with the **Energy Smart Park Initiative**. Please see Highlights of the Year. For more about this initiative, see The Association's website, www.protectadks.org.

In the year ahead, please visit our Center for the Forest Preserve and website and join the work of our teams at the Center and in the Adirondacks. Thank you so much for your strong financial, moral and voluntary support this past year and for your passionate concerns for the Adirondacks and for a more sustainable future for your neighborhoods and for precious landscapes everywhere. ●

David H. Gibson



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Jessica Rimany

KEN RIMANY

Ken Rimany is The Association's Director of Operations

After nearly ten years of service as our Director of Development and Outreach, **Ken Rimany** is now Director of Operations at our Center for the Forest Preserve, responsible for effective Center operations, educational activity and administration. Ken led the staff effort to create the Center and is now living out his dream to serve the Association from this unique and historic location. Great job, Ken, on ten years of service to the Association and here's to many more.

Dan Plumley Named North Country Director of Park Protection

Dan Plumley began this challenging new work assignment in August thanks to a gift from the Arthur M. and Barbara S. Crocker Charitable Trust. Please see our North Country team story, page 5.

New Office Administrator Hired

April VanHeusen began work this September as the Association's new Office Administrator. April replaces Kathy Bozony, who left some very big shoes to fill. April comes to the Association from the Schenectady Museum and Planetarium with a very strong financial and administrative background. She served the Museum as its Business Office Manager since 2001. April and her family live in Scotia. What really impresses us about April beyond her impressive background and skills? It is her love for the Adirondacks and her passion for protecting the region and working together toward a common goal.

Lydia Serrell retires...but not quite yet!

Bravo for **Lydia M. Serrell**, our able Administrative Assistant and Assistant Treasurer with a 44 year track record of service to The Association, who came out of retirement after June 30 to help us for the remainder of 2005 in completing our annual financial audit and other important administrative duties. We are immensely grateful to Lydia for her long experience, steady influence, good humor and help in keeping our business affairs on an even keel.

Webmasters, past and present

Joyce Riedinger retires as our consulting webmaster. Joyce established our web site in partnership with her husband Tar back in 1997-98 and has vastly improved it since then. We owe her a great debt of thanks for a wonderful job at establishing and effectively presenting the Association and its work on the world wide web. Her thorough documentation of her work is now helping our new webmaster, **Steve Halasz**, to take over the site. Steve joins us from his home in Saranac Lake. We learned of his web talents through Kevin Prickett. ●



Ken Rimany

STEWART HUDNUT

NEW TRUSTEES

This year we welcome three new Trustees to The Association's Board of Trustees:

Stewart Hudnut

Stewart Hudnut is Vice President and Chief Counsel of the Illinois Tool Company. A resident of Winnetka, Illinois, Stewart has a summer home in Johnsbury, NY, where he is a Past President of the Windover Corporation, part of a beautiful and historic Adirondack landscape. The Association will benefit greatly from Stewart's long family dedication to and interest in the Adirondack region.

Ben Koehler

Ben Koehler is a recently retired business executive and a friend and associate of current Trustee Eric Johanson, having grown up together in Boonton, NJ, and Honorary Trustee Peter Roemer. Ben visits the Adirondacks frequently and is very interested in conservation issues, membership recruitment and fund raising. He is also a member of the Camp Fire Club of America. We are extremely grateful for Ben's involvement.

Dale Jeffers

Dale Jeffers is a member of the Albany, NY, law firm of Lombardi, Reinhard, Walsh & Harrison, P.C., and an avid conservationist and paddler of Adirondack lakes and rivers. His keen interest in Adirondack affairs results from a lifetime of visits to the region and a keen sense of its legal framework and need for protection. Just a few months after joining the Trustees, Dale has agreed to co-chair its Conservation Committee.



Ken Rimany

BEN KOEHLER



Ken Rimany

DALE JEFFERS

RETIRING TRUSTEES

The Association thanks the following retiring trustees for their devoted spirit of volunteerism and active and important service to The Association, and looks forward to their continued involvement at the Center and within its committees and membership:

Bill Bates (1997-2005) is legal advisor to the Center for the Forest Preserve, and was active in our Development Committee.

Carl George (1999-2005) chaired the Education Committee, and is Association liaison with the Reist Wildlife Sanctuary.

Al Lowe (1996-2005) has been an active member of the Development and Library committees.

Joe Martens (1996-2005) co-chaired the Capital Campaign Committee and helped raise \$350,000 in State grants.

Dick Tucker (2001-2005) chaired the Adirondack Research Library (ARL) and oversaw its impressive development and move to the Center.



Ken Rimany

DAN PLUMLEY



Ken Rimany

APRIL VANHEUSEN

April Marie Yates



NORTH COUNTRY TEAM AT WORK IN THE ADIRONDACKS

In August, 2005 Dan Plumley, a resident of Keene, NY, joined the staff of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks as its North Country Director of Park Protection. Plumley's training and experience are in cultural ecology, forestry and park management, and for the past 20 years Dan has been serving the Association's Board as a volunteer and consultant. Dan is now directing the Association's programs for protection of the Adirondack Park's publicly-owned Forest Preserve and for conservation of the Park's private forests, farms and unique rural communities.

Dan tells us: "I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to join a great team in our critical work for the conservation of the Adirondack wilderness, landscapes and communities. The Association has a 104 year history of conservation leadership on which to build, and an educational Center for the Forest Preserve. Furthermore, we have a vision in which the Park serves as a model for the world, in which private forests, farms and local communities thrive alongside wild nature. This is the challenge for our time. We have a team with the talent and drive to fight for that vision every day." Dan has spent nearly two decades energizing people in our Association and people in his community to pass on a better Adirondack Park to our successors and to future generations. We need his vision, his vigilance, his voice and his commitment and we welcome him as the leader of our North Country Team.

Working with Plumley are Mike DiNunzio of Plattsburgh, the Association's Director of Special Projects and Kevin Prickett of Wilmington, its Advocate for Wilderness Stewardship. Association Board President Peter Brinkley, a resident of Jay, and Executive Director David Gibson also contribute their time and expertise to the work of the North Country Team.

DiNunzio, who joined the Association in 2003, brings over three decades of experience in Adirondack conservation to his work. He is primarily responsible for developing a set of innovative programs designed to integrate environmental protection with the well being of human communities in the region. Mike's thinking about managing the NYS Forest Preserve for ecological integrity greatly benefits the Association's advocacy and educational programs. He also provides expert testimony relating to the application of the principles and science of conservation ecology to the work of the Association.

Mike's special projects include collaboration in the development and implementation of a model program of sustainable energy production, conservation, and use, known as the Energy Smart Park Initiative, in the Adirondack Park (see our website at www.protectadks.org for more) and an all-taxa biological inventory (ATBI) program in the Adirondack Park, known as Discover Life in the Adirondacks, to gain a better understanding of the diversity of life in the region.

Kevin Prickett is the only nonprofit professional working full-time to review and critique every Adirondack Forest Preserve Unit Management Plan and raise the standards of excellence for the state's planning and management of the Forest Preserve.

Since 2002, Kevin's field investigations, careful assessments and critiques have positively impacted state planning for over 20 Wilderness, Wild Forest, Canoe, Primitive and Intensive Use areas covering over 1.5 million acres of Adirondack Forest Preserve. His critiques and findings are frequently cited by other agencies for their thoroughness and effective use of wilderness management principles. ●



DAN PLUMLEY

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David Gibson

THE NORTH COUNTRY TEAM IN THE FIELD: DAN PLUMLEY • KEVIN PRICKETT • MIKE DINUNZIO

Photos in this column: 1 & 2—Dan Plumley investigates tree-cutting on the Forest Preserve along State Route 3 west of Saranac Lake. 3—Healthy tree with Forest Preserve sign cut down along Route 3, one of thousands cut in egregious violation of law.



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"With our combined talents and experience, the Association's North Country Team is unequalled among Adirondack organizations concerned with the future of the Park."

"Thanks to this new capacity and teamwork The Association is starting to hit its stride. Expect some very important work from this team in 2006 that will benefit the Adirondack Park's wildlands, forests and communities."

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2005

The financial results for Fiscal Year End March 31, 2005, continued The Association's upward growth trend. While operational expenses exceeded receipts by \$33,000,

BY DAVID QUINN

substantial progress was made on completing the \$1.6 million Capital

Campaign. With the Campaign now substantially complete, we look forward to campaign contributors shifting their support as new income for our conservation, library and other exciting programs.

When comparing the year-end financials, it should be noted that the Association celebrated its Centennial in 2004. Events such as the Gala and Concert brought in substantial receipts along with associated expenses. After adjusting for these events and the international exchange project, total receipts for FYE 2004 were \$222,000. Thus, total receipts in 2005 increased by almost 15% over adjusted FYE 2004. Dues were up significantly and contributions to conservation and library programs have steadily increased over the past three years even as The Association was undertaking its capital campaign. In fact, contributions in 2005 were 25% greater than in 2003.

Expenses have also increased significantly over the past three years. The biggest increase, in salary and benefits, was primarily the result of assimilating the Advocates for Wilderness Stewardship program into our annual budget and in establishing our North Country team operating out of home offices in Keene Valley, Plattsburgh and Wilmington in the Adirondack Park region.

As we move forward, we must strengthen the Association significantly by calling better attention to our growing conservation, advocacy, library and educational programs and the excellent results we are obtaining in the protection of the Adirondack Park and the expansion of the philosophy underlying our State Constitution's "forever wild" provision. As our Keystone Strategic Plan states, we require greater funding and clout to act effectively on behalf of Adirondack wildlands, private forests and communities.

Sincerely,



SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

ACTUAL — FISCAL YEAR END

(\$ in 000)	3/31/03	3/31/04	3/31/05
Beginning Cash – Checking Account	\$58	\$48	\$36
Add: Receipts			
Dues	\$32	\$29	\$43
Contributions	139	169	175
Grants	26	16	20
Programs	10	106	16
Other	2	2	1
Total Receipts	\$209	\$322	\$255
Less: Disbursements			
Payroll & Benefits	124	158	173
Program	60	123	56
Office Expense	25	33	33
Corporate Expense	10	22	26
Total Disbursements	\$219	\$336	\$288
Ending Cash – Checking Account	48	34	3
Add: ARL – Checking Account	-	2	-
Total Cash	\$48	\$36	\$3



Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2005

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Walter Wickersham
JoAnne & Rob York

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RESEARCH LIBRARY'S NEW FACILITY AT THE CENTER

Often we are asked: what distinguishes the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks from other Adirondack and conservation advocacy organizations?

Prominent in our reply is the Adirondack Research Library (ARL). There are few, if any, Adirondack special collections or libraries with such open stacks, which are so “user friendly,” with such a diversity of collections and with such an experienced corps of volunteer professionals ready to help the researcher or the casual browser. There is no other Adirondack advocacy organization whose staff benefit from such diverse original and secondary sources of information about Adirondack conservation and environmental history and how that history informs current events. Further, The Association's library has a track record of 26 years of outreach and community service through annual lectures, open houses, workshops and occasional publications.

LIBRARY FACTS AND FIGURES

The Adirondack Research Library was founded in 1979 at Union College. It became part of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks in 1988. It has been staffed since its founding by volunteers. Its Chair serves on the Association's Board of Trustees. As of November 2005 the Chair is Patricia Prindle. It is not a lending library, but a special collections research facility—its materials do not circulate. Advance arrangements are important so that the library will be open and staffed when visitors arrive. ARL books are listed online on the website of the Capital District Library Council: www.cdlc.org/cadillac/. Researchers enter the site as GUEST and can search the database. Very soon, researchers will be able to search the ARL catalog on line directly thanks to new cataloguing software purchased with funds from two generous benefactors. Other ARL information, including its latest Want List is posted on the website of The Association, www.protectadks.org. Also listed there is the Adirondack Chronology, a vast source of helpful information.

The ARL moved to a 2000 square foot facility, part of The Association's Center for the Forest Preserve in January, 2005. That facility includes open stacks, work tables, research work stations, librarian's office, audio-visual work station, and humidity-controlled rare books room. Its special collections include:

- local histories, historic surveys, maps and atlases, early guidebooks and trip accounts, current guidebooks,
- official reports from state and federal agencies, including records of the Temporary Study Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks and the Commission on the Adirondacks in the 21st Century,
- archives of The Association dating to its founding in 1901, reports from other Adirondack organizations,
- the Paul Schaefer Wilderness Archive, Wilderness notebooks of Gary Randorf, John S. Apperson's private papers, photos and writings, Dr. Orra Phelps' books on Natural History, Forest Ranger history materials, records from the Lake Placid Olympic years,
- video and audio recordings of hundreds of lectures and conferences (see below), VHS and DVD copies of award-winning films such as *The Adirondack: The Land Nobody Knows*,
- the complete legal record of the constitutional battle over Panther Mountain Dam, minor collections on Dome Island at Lake George, the Lake Placid Club, acid rain, Adirondack Highway Council, John Cheney, the Adirondack Northway I-87, and major photo collections from Verplanck Colvin, John Apperson, Paul Schaefer.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS

Additional financial contributions from members of The Association have enabled the library to plan for the late fall, 2005, hiring of a part-time professional librarian who will provide a professional staff presence, more regular library hours, and expertise in cataloguing, research requests, library outreach and funding of special projects. This is a very important development in the history of the library. While the hiring is a temporary one, The Association looks forward in 2006 to strong growth in its membership and financial strength that will permit a permanent library professional as well as the retention and growth of other critical staff in the years ahead. ●

“The Adirondack Research Library has a track record of 26 years of outreach and community service through lectures, open houses, workshops and publications.”

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BIG NEWS FOR ADIRONDACK ENERGY DEBATE

Keynote speakers at the Association's 104th Annual Meeting on July 1, 2005 were **Charles G. Fox**, Governor Pataki's Deputy Secretary for Energy and Environment, and **Ann Heidenreich**, Director of Community Energy Services Inc. and Coordinator of the North Country Energy Smart Communities program*.

Charlie Fox said that energy issues boiled down in his mind to two stark facts: the Adirondack Park is downwind of the nation's electricity generators, hence downwind of acid rain precursors, and part of an energy consuming state, therefore vulnerable to price and supply fluctuations, disruptions, and movement of tens of billions of dollars out of state to pay for nonrenewable resources. What can be done?

Renewable Energy: Renewable energy sources are one answer, he said, but only so long as they do not compromise the scenic and aesthetic beauty and environmental quality of the Adirondack Park in any way. Regarding Barton Industries proposal to erect 400-foot wind turbines on Adirondack summits (see Executive Director's Report, page 3), Fox said: "if we faithfully apply the Adirondack Park Agency's Tall Towers Policy to this proposal, it will be a short debate."

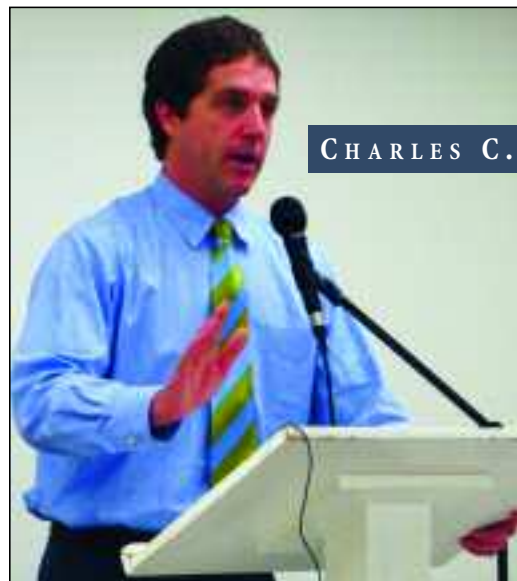
However, Fox is excited about the possibilities of using waste wood from sustainably harvested private forests in the Adirondacks to fuel electrical co-generation facilities. By so doing, the revenue from these lands could be improved by selling non-merchantable timber or waste wood for use in co-generation facilities supplying electricity, steam and hot water. He is also interested in the use of biodiesel fuel from vegetable oil to help fuel our state's transportation sector. And he is excited about the possibility of employing ethanol made from low-grade wood fiber harvested from private Adirondack forests, including lands protected by state-held easements that allow sustainable forestry to be practiced.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation: Increasing the efficiency by which we use energy in our homes, businesses, vehicles and appliances is another critical choice we must make. By so doing, we can create new jobs and prevent our scarce energy dollars from going overseas. There is enormous room for improvement, improvements that could increase our state and national security as well as the health of our environment. Ann Heidenreich is at the very epicenter of the Energy Smart Park equation. She lives in the St. Lawrence Valley, but travels widely throughout the North Country to promote the Energy Smart Communities program. Participating communities, like Canton, Saranac Lake and Wilmington, have pledged to "plug the electrical leaks" wherever possible and to take advantage of the incentives for doing so that are made available through use of the "systems benefit charge" on our electric utility bill, managed by NYSERDA. In turn, these communities reap the economic and environmental benefits that come from making available electricity more productive through efficiency. Fast paybacks are possible, since relatively easy and inexpensive steps can be taken to improve efficiency by about thirty percent. Ann calculates that nearly \$100 million could be saved right away in the Adirondack region, with those savings retained in towns and villages of the Adirondack Park.

It all starts with a home or business energy audit, which is an assessment of the energy performance of buildings that is subsidized by NYSERDA. "You get more than you pay for," Ann said. She strongly encourages audits for existing homes and businesses and for building **Energy Star** homes whenever new construction is undertaken in the region. Energy Star homes and businesses outperform standard energy efficient homes by thirty percent. "Just orienting your new house correctly could result in major energy

savings," she reminded us. Clearly, Ann Heidenreich has a lot to teach us about how to achieve greater energy efficiency and conservation in the Adirondacks. The Association looks forward to working with her and with our other coalition partners ever more closely as the Energy Smart park initiative continues to gain momentum. For more information, contact the Association's Mike DiNunzio, or await further updates on this topic on our website, www.protectadks.org. ●

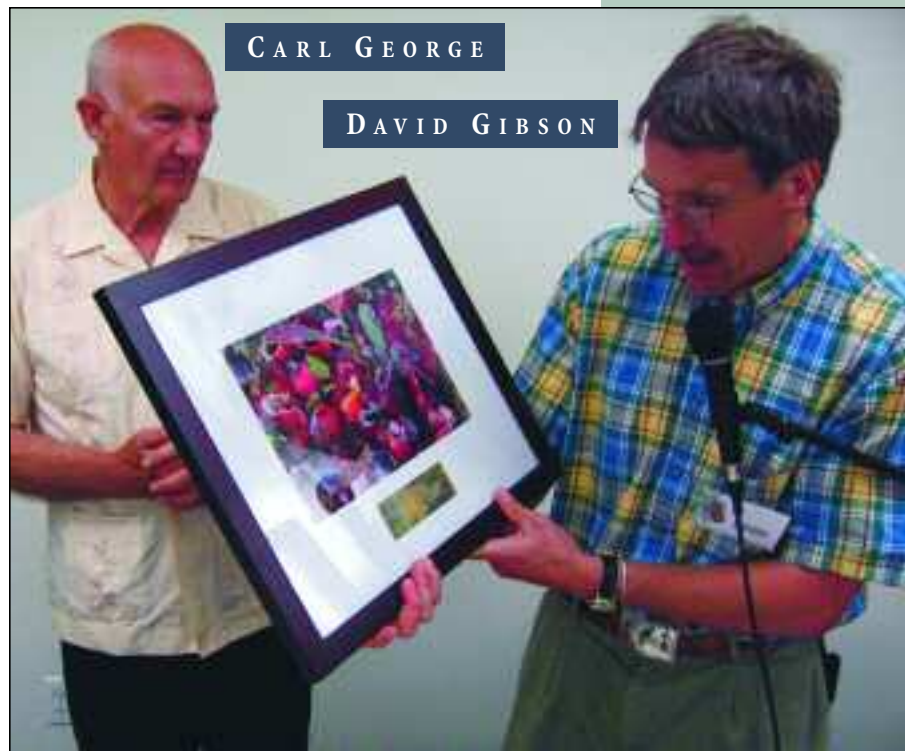
*The Energy Smart program is operated in the Park by the Environmental Business Association of New York State, Inc., under contract to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).



CHARLES C. FOX

Charles G. Fox, Governor Pataki's Deputy Secretary for Energy and Environment, speaking at The Association's Annual Meeting.

Carl George, left, receives Trustee Recognition Award from David Gibson. Carl served as Association Trustee from 1999-2005.



CARL GEORGE

DAVID GIBSON

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Photographs by Ken Rimany

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

In its beautiful new home, the Association feels like "a new organization with a 104 year history." You are invited to share the excitement and help with the Association's vital work by joining the expanding ranks of supporters, active volunteers and members.

If you've misplaced your 2005 Membership brochure (graced by magnificent photographs by Carl Heilman II) the Association would like to hear from you, include you in the membership database, and send you *Issues&Actions* journals, *The Forest Preserve* magazine, invitations, and other timely information.

An envelope for your contribution is provided in this issue. If you need more membership brochures for your colleagues, family or friends, we'd be pleased to send them to you.

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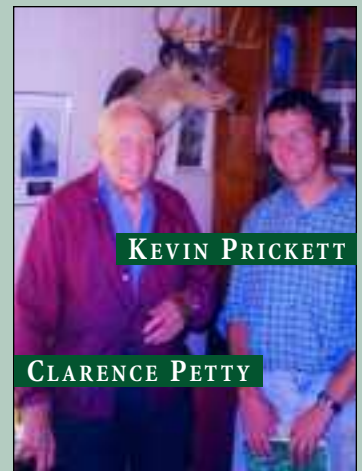
The Adirondack Park today faces many challenges, but it also holds much promise for all things wild and for those who love wildness.

For updates on current issues that impact the Adirondacks, see www.protectadks.org

PHOTO GALLERY



MIKE DINUNZIO



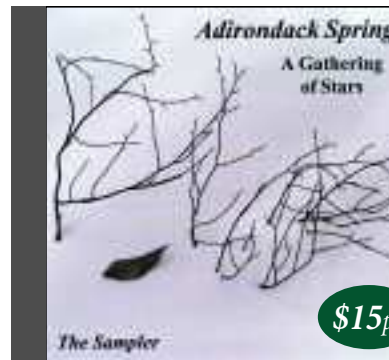
KEVIN PRICKETT

CLARENCE PETTY

Left photo: Mike DiNunzio visiting *The Shack*, the spiritual home of A Sand County Almanac author Aldo Leopold in Wisconsin. Mike is helping to establish our partnership with the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Right photo: Clarence Petty, at left, meets with Kevin Prickett to discuss the August tree cutting on Route 3.

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The award-winning, 30-minute color Adirondack documentary film, *The Adirondack—The Land Nobody Knows*, now on DVD from The Association, with credit to Couch-sa-chra-ga Association, producer of the film. Twenty-five years after it was first released, it remains a timeless documentary about the geological and wilderness attributes of the Adirondacks and the Park's conservation history.

For a contribution to The Association of \$100 we will send you a complimentary copy of the CD; for a contribution of \$500, we will send you a complimentary copy of the DVD. Place your order by calling (518) 377-1452 x 304. ●

UPCOMING: DECEMBER 2005

December 8
 Mohawk Valley Hiking Club visits the Center.

December 9
The Association's Open House and Holiday Party, 5PM-8PM. RSVP 377-1452 x304

December 14
 Garden Explorer Club visits the Center.

VIEWS OF THE NEW CENTER FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE



CENTER DEDICATED JUNE 30, 2005



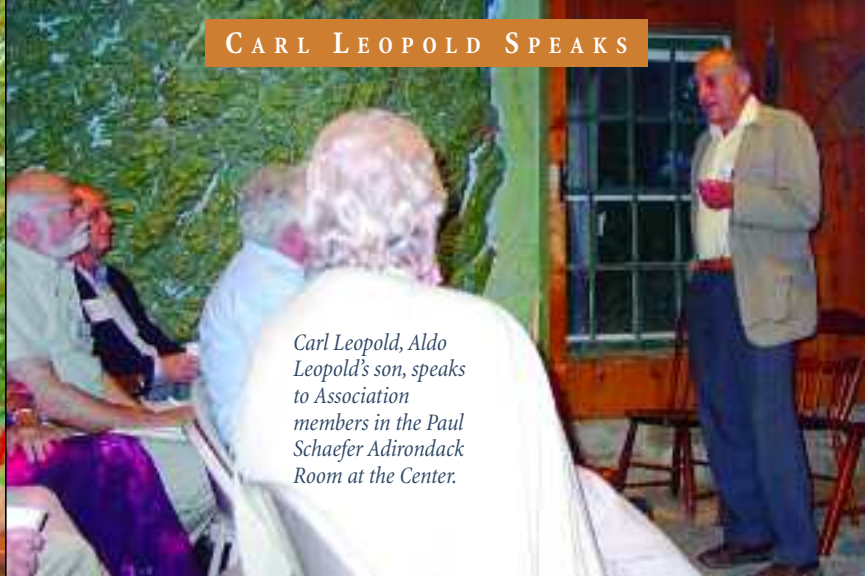
The late Paul Schaefer's family home on St Davids Lane, Niskayuna, is clearly the focus of the capital project. A courtyard and exhibit corridor separates it from the new construction housing the Adirondack Research Library and Association offices.

Photographs on this page by Ken Rimany



Art teacher Katherine Quackenbush and students display their watercolors at the Center.

CARL LEOPOLD SPEAKS



Carl Leopold, Aldo Leopold's son, speaks to Association members in the Paul Schaefer Adirondack Room at the Center.

PAUL SCHAEFER'S RELIEF MAP



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We work to explore, articulate and promote strategies to realize the potential of the Park as a world model of integrated conservation in wild and lived in landscapes.

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