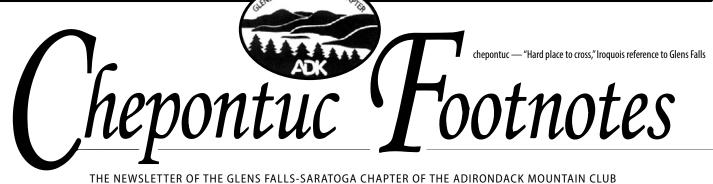
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Seneca Ray Stoddard's Saratoga Connection

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBIC LIBRARY, DUTCHER COMMUNITY ROOM

"Seneca Ray Stoddard's Saratoga Connection." A presentation by Daniel Way, retired primary care physician for Hudson Headwaters Health Network.

What do you know about Seneca Ray Stoddard?

Starting from humble beginnings, he grew to become a renowned artist, author, photographer, explorer, surveyor, cartographer, traveler, inventor, and Adirondack environmentalist.

Learn about Seneca Ray Stoddard's connection to and roots in Saratoga, his effusive promotion of the city and how he evolved to become the savior of the Adirondacks.

Join Daniel Way, a native of Glens Falls, and retired primary

care physician for Hudson Headwaters Health Network, as he discusses the remarkable life and impact of Seneca Ray Stoddard.





DANIEL WAY WILL PRESENT "SENECA RAY STODDARD'S SARATOGA CONNECTION."

JAN. 31
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Take in the stunning natural beauty and explore the globe in another collection of the world's greatest mountain and adventure films from the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival



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Chapter members and past attendees will receive an email around Dec. 8 with a Presale Code.

For ticket purchase: www.woodtheater.org/banff or call 518-480-4878.

For more film info: www.adk-gfs.org or facebook.com/ADKGFS or email: banff@adk-gfs.org

PROGRAM

Many thanks to our volunteers

any thanks to Anne Paolano for organizing our 2024 Annual Dinner. It is always a challenge but Anne makes it happen every year. We are lucky to have her and grateful for all her help with this and the monthly programs that she facilitates for our chapter members.

Many thanks to **Pat Desbiens**, Nominating Committee Chair and the Nominating Committee members (**Margie Litwin**, **Laura**

Fiske, and Brian



Coville). Pat's experience has made this annual process very smooth and we thank her!

Thank you to the new and returning Executive Committee Members. Luckily, we continue to have volunteers that continue year after year and my hat is off to them! Thanks to Paul Dietershagen for agreeing to Chair our Conservation Commitee. Also, I want to welcome two new Committee Chairs: Lisa Lehman and Deb Balliet. Lisa took over our newsletter last spring. You may have noticed that it is looking bright and fresh with her help. Deb Balliet is our new Publicity Chair and we are looking forward to having her help!

- Kim Brown



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Moose on the rise in New York

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025, CRANDALL PUBIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

"The Moose is Back: The Status of Moose in New York." A presentation by Dave Kramer, research scientist at SUNY-ESF Roosevelt Wild Life Station, and Southern Adirondack Audubon Society

Join Dave Kramer, Research Scientist at SUNY-ESF Roosevelt Wild Life Station and our friends at Southern Adirondack Audubon Society to hear about moose in New York.

Dave received wildlife degrees from Delaware Valley University (BS) in 2009 and from Texas Tech University (MS) in 2012 and since 2016 has been a Research Scientist with the SUNY-ESF Roosevelt Wild Life Station. He provides consultation and research support for moose, deer, bear, turkey and furbearers for NYSDEC.

Moose have long been present in the State of New York. Historical records suggest that moose were present north of the Mohawk River as far back as the Pleistocene. Due to unfettered forest harvest and market hunting, moose were deemed extirpated from the landscape by as early as 1861. During this time, moose were also extirpated from neighboring Vermont, but populations persisted elsewhere in northeastern North America. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that moose began to take



up residence in New York once again, with an estimated 6-11 permanent residents by 1986. Over the next four decades, moose have slowly repopulated the Adirondacks. Current population metrics suggest a small but stable population of approximately 700 moose currently reside within the Adirondack Blue Line.

SUMMER CAMP 2025

Adventure, education, and fun for youth!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2025

Do you know a child, grandchild, neighbor or friend that might be interested? Can you imagine being able to go to camp in the Adirondacks for free? Our chapter sponsors several young people every year!

The Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club pays the \$350 fee for the selected youths (ages 11-17) to spend a week at either of the DEC's environmental camps, **Camp Colby** near Saranac Lake or **Pack Forest** just above Warrensburg.

ADK also offers its own camp through the **Teen Trail Program** which includes five days overnight in the woods with hands-on experience learning the ins and outs of trail maintenance. This is for older kids who prefer a more rugged experience. Applicants for Teen Trails have a choice of several possible locations which, in the past included the High Peaks area, portions of the Northville-Placid Trail and others.

Applications for camperships for both DEC Camps and ADK Teen Trails are on adk-gfs.org under menu/Chapter Info links/Education.

More details on DEC Camps can be found at dec.ny.gov/education (search DEC camps).

Email questions to Kim at education@ adk-gfs.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like social media and/ or marketing a good cause?

WE'RE SEEKING TWO VOLUNTEERS

The ADK-GFS Chapter's Publicity Committee is seeking two additional volunteer members. The Committee's purpose is to promote the club, and its activities, keep our members informed, and support the membership program.

We are seeking one volunteer with an interest and at least one year of experience in **social media marketing** to assist with posting content including Chapter events, outings and programs, news from the ADK Mountain Club and more. Time commitment is 1-2 hours per week.

We are seeking a second volunteer



with an interest in **earned media** and other free ways to promote the club, raise visibility, increase member engagement and support the membership program. Time commitment is 1-2 hours per week.

If interested, please email Deb Balliet at publicity@adk-gfs.org sharing information about your interest in the Chapter and the ADK Mountain Club, the role that is of interest to you, and specifically how you think you could help. Please send your information by November 15.

Thank you so much!

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THE VIEW FROM GOODNOW MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER. PHOTO BY LISA LEHMAN.



ADK FIRE TOWER CHALLENGE

TOWER CLOSURES DURING HUNTING SEASON

Stillwater Mountain Oct. 8 through Dec. 20
 Swede Mountain Sept. 11 through Dec. 15
 Spruce Mountain Oct. 19 through Dec. 1

ADDITIONAL CLOSURES

Gore Mountain Tower Trail will be closed once snowmaking begins. Please check adk-gfs.org for those dates and all information on the Fire Tower Challenge.

Congratulations to the following hikers who have recently completed the Fire Tower Challenge:

Michael Deciel, Leeds Jamie Myers, New Paltz Christine Guarino, New Paltz Kristine Guptill, Syracuse Susanne Bang, Syracuse Brian Osgood, Syracuse Dorsey Rohrer, Chittenango Rick Rohrer, Chittenango Rick Schott, Mechanicville Eric Kelly, Averill Park Shea Kelly, Averill Park Bill Boulette, Chestertown Erika North, Malta Amy Mc Dougall, Fulton Molly Austin, Whitehall Cindy Groves, Westernville Gary Groves, Westernville Amy Marie Lord, Burke Diane Covell, Watertown Carmen Pizzuto, New Berlin Sean Ryan, Glens Falls Timothy Hayes, Webster Roz Hayes, Webster

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OUTINGS & PROGRAM CALENDAR

Date	Day	Туре	Destination	Leader(s)	Rating
NOVEMBER 2024					
2	Sat	Hike	Noonmark Mountain Loop	Jeff Mans	A-
6	Wed	Meeting	Executive Committee	Kim Brown	NR
9	Sat	Hike	Southern Adirondacks / Lake George Region	Kim Brown	В
20	Wed	Program	November Chapter Program, Dutcher Community Room Saratoga Springs Public Library	Anne Paolano	NR
28	Thu	Hike	Turkey Trot #26, Saratoga Battlefield	Rich Crammond	C+
DECEMBER 2024					
4	Wed	Meeting	Annual Pot Luck and Executive Committee	Kim Brown	NR
7	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Southern Adirondacks/ Lake George Region	Kim Brown	В
7	Sat	Hike	Wilton Wildlife Park Hike	Rich Crammond	C+
21	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	First Day of Winter High Peak	Jen Ferriss	A+
JANUARY 2025					
4	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Southern Adirondacks / Lake George Region	Kim Brown	В
22	Wed	Program	January Chapter Program, Crandall Public Library Community Room	Anne Paolano	NR
31	Fri	Program	Charles R Wood Theater Glen Street Glens Falls NY 12801	Mo Coutant	NR

NOONMARK MOUNTAIN LOOP Hike

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, 8:30am, Rating: A-Jeff Mans: 518-265-4135, adkhighlander@aol.com A short, sweet, challenging and rewarding hike, in celebration of all things Adirondack and the end of AMR's seasonal restrictive parking reservation lottery for 2024. We'll enjoy the freedom to come and go as we please to hog some views on Noonmark Mountain and enjoy wide open views of the High Peaks, including Giant, Dix Mountain and the Great Range. The trail to Noonmark's 3,556' summit starts with a gradual elevation through a forested region and gets steeper and rougher with rock scrambles, ladders, and steep inclines approaching the summit that offers expansive views in all directions. We'll return on the loop trail. About 5.5 miles roundtrip with 2,300' elevation gain. Meet-up at 8:30 am at Schroon Lake Tops, or at the AMR parking lot off Route 73 at 9:15 am.

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS / LAKE GEORGE REGION Hike

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, time TBD, Rating: B Kim Brown: 908-305-8357,

Kim137@me.com

What's Up Saturday? Geared for those new to hiking and those coming back to the outdoors! Pace will be slow to moderate with distance between 4-8 miles. Hikes will be primarily in the Lake George/Southern Adirondack Region. Let me know if you want to be on my email list and I'll share what we are doing and where to meet.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER PROGRAM: SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY, DUTCHER COMMUNITY ROOM Program

Wed., Nov. 20, 2024, 7:00pm, Rating: NR Anne Paolano: 518-744-6359, annepaolano@yahoo.com
Seneca Ray Stoddard's Saratoga Connection: A presentation by Dr Dan Way, retired primary care physician at HHHN. What do you know about Seneca Ray Stoddard? Starting from humble beginnings, he grew to become a reknowned photographer, artist, author, explorer, surveyor, cartographer, traveller, inventor and Adirondack environmentalist. Join Dan Way, a native of Glens Falls as he discusses the remarkable life and impact of Seneca Ray Stoddard.

All are welcome!

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, 7pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, 7pm Annual Potluck Kim Brown: 908-305-8357, kim137@me.com

The November meeting will be virtual, via Zoom. All chapter members are welcome. Please email chapterchair@adk-gfs.org for the Zoom information if you would like to attend. The Zoom link will also be provided to the Executive Committee in the meeting agenda.

TURKEY TROT #26, SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD Hike

Thurs., Nov. 28, 2024, 8:00am, Rating: C+Rich Crammond: 518-584-2380
Approximately 4 miles of hiking. Little elevation change. Dress for cold weather. Meeting place is at the visitors parking lot off Route 32, Stillwater. Happy Thanksgiving from Rich.

ANNUAL POT LUCK AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting

Wed, Dec. 4, 2024, 7:00pm, Rating: NR Kim Brown: 908-305-8357, kim137@me.com

Members welcome for annual pot luck! Meeting may be a hybrid. All chapter members are welcome at the meeting. Please email chapterchair@adk-gfs.org for the Zoom information if you would like to attend.

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS/LAKE GEORGE REGION Hike/Snowshoe

Sat., Dec. 7, 2024, time TBD, Rating: B Kim Brown: 908-305-8357,

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WILTON WILDLIFE PARK Hike

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, 9:00am, Rating: C+Rich Crammond: 518-584-2380

Meet at the main parking lot across the road from the flag pole, off Scout Road.

Dress for cold weather and rain. Around three miles of hiking with little elevation change. Bring microspikes in case of ice.

EEKS! Merry Christmas to all from Rich.

FIRST DAY OF WINTER HIGH PEAK Hike/Snowshoe

Sat., Dec. 21, 2024, time TBD, Rating: A+ Jen Ferriss: ferrissj@gmail.com

The destination and meet up time will be determined as we get closer to mid-December. It will be a great day to reacquaint oneself with your winter gear while getting up into the high peaks. Space is limited.

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS / LAKE GEORGE REGION Hike/Snowshoe

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, time TBD, Rating: B Kim Brown: 908-305-8357, kim137@me.com

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The Moose is Back, Dave Kramer
Research Scientist SUNY ESF Roosevelt
Wild Life Station. Come and join our friends from the Southern Adirondack
Audubon Society for a joint program and hear the latest information from Dave
Kramer accompanied by photographs.
See complete writeup on page 2.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR, CHARLES R. WOOD THEATER, GLENS FALLS Program

Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, 7:00pm, Rating: NR Mo Coutant: 518-708-0096, banff@adk-gfs.org
Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour See chapter website as more details become available.

Fort Edward/Schuylerville Ride

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, Steve Mackey

Other than a lot of traffic around Fort Edward, it was a very nice trip. We started along the Hudson on the west bank, heading south. Nice scenery, little traffic, only one significant hill. Then onto Orange Hill Road. It was freshly paved, and super smooth. Then we stopped at the Saratoga Monument and had a little break and read all the historical signs. We biked a little through Schuylerville, and crossed into Fort Hardy Park. From there on, we were on trails, including the Champlain Canal Trail. We crossed an old bridge across the Hudson that now is only for pedestrians and cyclists. For the rest of the way back, we stayed on the Empire State Trail. The first third is all good dirt roads, and then the last two thirds is on Route 4. Route 4 has a good shoulder, but a fair amount of traffic. We all decided that it was too close to dinner to stop at Stewart's, so we'll have to save the ice cream for another day.

Participants: Rich Zuccaro, Mo & Jim Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Mary Ward, Steve & Licia Mackey.

Long Lake Camp and Hike to Cold River and Miller's Falls Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, Jeff Mans

A group of four sports ventured out on Long Lake aboard the SS Arnold in the misty morning greeted by some light rain. Past Plumley Point we found a vacant lean-to at the Sargent Ponds Long Lake NW Lean-to #2 on a knoll overlooking the lake. A fine spot to camp for the night, and a sandy shore perfect for a quick dip in the lake. As light rain continued on and off throughout the rest of the day, we waited for August and the tolerably forecasted weather to arrive. Instead, unusually cold, wet and raw conditions descended upon us overnight. With no break in the unseemly weather, we decided that our outing would be better continued in the warmth and comfort of Camp Henry in The Hoffman Notch Wilderness area of Schroon Lake, so we packed up and took a slow boat ride to admire the shores and camps of Long Lake as we returned to the launch and a fine lunch at the historic Adirondack Hotel on Long Lake, complete with Moose and Black Bear photo ops, and on to Camp Henry and a short hike up Cobble Hill and some fine local views. After a comfortable night at Camp Henry, three sports remained and decided to scamper up Severance Hill (now boasting Mountain designation by DEC fiat and recent signage), to enjoy the vast mountain views of Paradox and Schroon lakes laid out before our eyes, as our journey ended, but for the promise to return to Long Lake and Cold River Valley in fairer weather. And so, on this fine early autumn day, September 27, I will return to Long Lake with two other sports in fine autumn weather to complete this annual outing to Plumley Point and the Cold River on the NPT. Full sun and fall foliage will be on tap, and maybe a fish or two on the line. Participants: Jeff, Jim, Anthony and Margaret (trip 1); Jeff, Ocho and Scott (trip 2).

Evening Ride

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, Jen Ferriss

I've been riding a lot in Gansevoort/Northumberland and I wanted to show off the back roads this evening. We met at the Exit 16 park and ride and made our way to Fortsville and the center of Gansevoort before making our way back to the cars. It was a perfect evening to ride and we were greeted to a red fox, turkey, and fresh pavement!

Participants: Beth P. and Theresa C.





TOP: THE VIEW OF SCHROON LAKE FROM SEVERANCE MOUNTAIN. BOTTOM: JEFF MANS, LEFT, AND THE GROUP WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LONG LAKE CAMP AND HIKE TO COLD RIVER AND MILLER'S FALLS.

Gravel Ride on the Champlain Canal

Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, Jen Ferriss

This is one of my favorite off-road paths that is close to home. It is a bit rough from Fort Edward to Kingsbury with big gravel (slag), a motor vehicle dirt road and rutted terrain. Bill S. rode in on his travel bike, a versatile cycle that continues to impress me with its capabilities (along with the rider) and the rest of us were on gravel and mountain bikes. We spent time at the Fort Ann end replenishing and looking for the gouges in the stone from the days when chains were used to pull the boats through the lock. **Participants:** Bill S., Sophia F., Beth P, Pam D.

Southern Adirondacks/Lake George Region

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, Kim Brown

Our hike was at Moreau Lake State Park from the Bonita Lake trailhead to Hudson River Overlook — 6 miles round trip with 550 feet of elevation gain. The official last day of summer, it was a dry day with both cloudy and sunny skies and temperatures in the high 60s into high 70s by the end of the day. We stopped at both the Bonita Lake picnic table and the Lake Ann lean-to for snacks on the way, and then a leisurely lunch at the overlook. **Participants:** Alan C., Helena N., Jon T., Laura F., Jim M., Joan G., Linda F., Donna F., Margie L., Scott A., Donald B., Roseanne E., Marie N., and Joan K. and pup Farrah. Thanks to our sweeps Margie L. and Scott A.



THE VIEW ATOP WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN, OCTOBER 6. PHOTO BY JEFF MANS.



LOOKING AT COLDEN, AVALANCHE, AND ALGONQUIN (LEFT TO RIGHT) FROM MT. VAN HOEVENBERG, OCTOBER 7. PHOTO BY WAYNE RICHTER

2024

And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.

— Oscar Wilde



THE VIEW FROM BAXTER MOUNTAIN, WEEKEND OF OCT. 5. PHOTO BY JESSICA KRAUSE.



THE VIEW FROM HOPKINS MOUNTAIN, SEPTEMBER 24. PHOTO BY KATHI NOBLE.



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