The Adirondack Park Institute Partners with Paul Smith’s College to Manage Friends of the VIC

Paul Smith’s College has reorganized the management of the VIC and invited the Adirondack Park Institute (API) as a partner to manage the Friends of the VIC group. The API will continue to manage its current membership focused on programming at SUNY ESF’s Adirondack Interpretive Center in Newcomb and programs throughout the Adirondacks. The API and the College view this partnership as an opportunity to bring additional funding to the Centers by re-growing the membership base, expanding grant options, and increasing the appeal of funding applications with a more comprehensive program. The API administration will continue to operate from its Newcomb office and the organization will have a presence at both locations. API members will have the option to restrict their tax deductible donations to either Center or to the area of most need as identified by the API Trustees.

2018 API Funded Programs at the Paul Smith’s College VIC
The API is pleased to provide funding support for the following programs:
- 2018 Lepidopterist-in-Residence
- Junior Naturalist Program
- Adirondack Rural Skills and Homesteading Festival
- School Group Visitation from area schools

To learn more about all the programs at the VIC, go to www.paulsmiths.edu/vic/

Please Join Us!
Lepidopterist-in-Residence Reception,
August 11th, Paul Smith’s VIC

As part of the day-long Butterfly Festival being held at the Paul Smith’s College VIC on August 11th, the API is hosting a lecture and welcoming reception for the 2018 Lepidopterist-in-Residence Danielle Urich. Please join us along with some old friends as we welcome Danielle and learn about the programs she is preparing to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Breck Chapin Butterfly House.
Please Join Us!

**Artist-in-Residence Lecture and Reception, July 12, AIC Newcomb**

The 2018 Artist-in-Residence at SUNY ESF’s Adirondack Interpretive Center is Neil Rizos. Neil is an award-winning artist specializing in birds and landscapes, who has traveled the globe conducting natural history research on birds. At a lecture at 7:00 p.m., Neil will give an overview of his research and travels while showcasing the artwork he created during and after his trips. He will discuss the relevance of art to our daily lives and offer insights into what moves him to create art. His presentation will be followed by a reception and an opportunity to speak to the artist about his travels, research, and artistic process. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Essex County Arts Council Cultural Assistance Program.

2018 API Funded Programs at the AIC in Newcomb

In 2018 the API is providing funds for the following programs:
- Summer Intern Program
- Artist-in-Residence
- Huntington Lecture Series
- Philosophers Camp

To learn more about all the programs at the AIC, go to www.http://www.esf.edu/aic/

2018 Leadership Awards Gala

The 2018 Awards Gala will be held on Friday, September 21st, 2018 at the historic Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake from 5:30 – 8:30. At the Gala, the **2018 Frank M. Hutchins Adirondack Environmental Education Leadership Award** is being presented to Elizabeth Thorndike to honor her exceptional leadership in promoting educational programs that foster stewardship of the Adirondack’s natural resources and sustainable communities. This is the API’s major fundraising event to support educational programs for children and families in the Adirondacks. In addition, some lucky individual will have the chance to win a beautiful Hornbeck Boat generously donated by Pete Hornbeck to support the API’s work. To learn more about the Gala or to get a ticket to win the Hornbeck boat, contact the API today.

API Friends Golf Tournament and Small Art Auction and Reception

Please join us on October 6th, 2018 at the beautiful High Peaks Golf Course in Newcomb, NY. Golfers of all skills and abilities are invited to this fun filled fundraising event. Following golf, the API is holding a reception and small art auction at the Lake Harris House in Newcomb. Even if you don’t golf, join us to see and have a chance to own small art pieces created by some interesting Adirondack individuals. Refreshments will be served. Call the API office to learn more about these events.