

Fall Newsletter November 2021

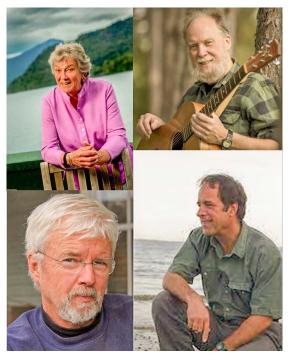


Teaching Generations to Care



This season, we were able to provide \$12,000 to fund 7-day a week Naturalist coverage of the **Breck Native** Chapin **Species Butterfly House at the Paul** Smith's College VIC. Through interpretive displays and workshops, visitors learned about the wonders of the natural world in a fun entertaining way. Although butterflies have been released and the Monarchs are on their way to Mexico, we look forward to next season and all the Butterfly House has to offer! The program was funded in part by a generous gift in memory of Barbara Silber. Photos by Paul Smith's College

The **2021 Awards Gala**, API's major fundraiser, was held virtually. The 2021 Frank M. Hutchins Adirondack Environmental Education Leadership Award presented to Caroline Lussi, longtime Adirondack Nationally renowned scientist and author philanthropist. **Dr. Curt Stager**, Draper Lussi Endowed Chair in Lake Ecology and Paleoecology at Paul Smith's College, talked about the programs that have been funded through Mrs. Lussi's generosity. The Third Annual Community Service Award was presented to Adirondack musician and educator **Dan Berggren.** Dan performed a song in tribute to his longtime friend **Peter Hornbeck**, to whom the Gala was dedicated. A recording of the program can be found on the API's webpage, adkinstitute.org.





At SUNY ESF'S Adirondack Interpretive Center in Newcomb, we provided \$12,000 in program funding for the ever popular Artist-in-Residence Program and the Summer Naturalist. SUNY Oswego Master's Degree students, Madison and Christopher Rosier, were the 2021 Artists-in-Residence. Through on-trail and studio workshops and demonstrations, they were able to share their art with community members and visitors to the region. This program is funded in part by a generous grant from the Essex County Arts Council. Madison and Christopher are pictured above left and some of their gorgeous paintings and charming cyanotypes are on the right. The Summer Interpretive Naturalist Intern was **Ryleigh Scales**. Although she has left us to continue her studies as a senior in Environmental Science at SUNY ESF, Ryleigh assisted visitors at the AIC and led a series of guided walks during the summer season. Ryleigh is pictured above. Many thanks to Madison, Christopher,

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Adirondack is a not-for-profit The Park Institute organization formed in 1989 for the purpose of funding environmental education and interpretive programs in the Adirondacks. The API receives its funding through annual memberships, individual donations, and grants. As the friends group for the Paul Smith's College VIC and SUNY ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center (AIC) in Newcomb, we support participatory and enriching educational programs and experiences throughout the Adirondacks. These programs teach the young and inspire all generations to care about the natural and cultural environments of the Adirondacks.

and Ryleigh for their great work!

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