



### Remembering the 2019 Gala

The 2019 API Leadership Awards Gala was held Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the historic Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake. This is the API's major fundraising event. Sixty-five Gala supporters gathered to celebrate the work of well know Adirondackers and support funding of environmental education programs at the Paul Smith's College VIC and SUNY ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center in Newcomb. Pictured top left and clockwise: Frank Hutchins Awardee Neil Woodworth of the Adirondack Mountain Club with API President Frank Pine and the 2019 Community Service Awardee Steven Englehart, Executive Director of AARCH. *Photo by Willie Janeway.* The 2019 Hornbeck boat raffle was won by Larry Sutherland from Lewiston, NY.

### 2019 Fall Newsletter



In 2019 the API provided \$12,000 to the **Paul Smith's College VIC**. The funds supported programs such as the ever popular Breck Chapin Native Species Butterfly House, the Summer Naturalists Program, school group visitations from area schools, and the Fall Homesteading Festival. Pictured above right and clockwise: Paul Smith's College VIC Naturalist Thompson Tomaszewski, right foreground, leads a batbox building project; Butterfly House Coordinator Cindy Watson leading a monarch tagging program; Junior Paleontologists working on a bog coring project, and, visitors find a special friend at the 2019 Biofest Celebration. More VIC program and event information can be found at [www.paulsmiths.edu/vic](http://www.paulsmiths.edu/vic).

*Photos by the Paul Smith's College VIC.*





At **SUNY ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center** in Newcomb, the API provided \$12,000 to fund the summer Artist-in-Residence Program, a summer Interpretive Intern, the Huntington Lecture Series, and the Annual Philosophers Retreat. Pictured above left is Interpretive Intern Lilly Stradtman who led the Wildlife Wednesday and Woods Walks programs, worked with the Newcomb Youth Program and interacted with over 2,000 visitors at the Center. Lilly will be graduating in December from SUNY-ESF and will pursue a career as an environmental interpreter. The 2019 Artist-in-Residence was Dennon Walantus. Pictured at work above right, Dennon led workshops, seminars, and created some spectacular art. Pictured above center is a painting he created near Tahawus. This program is funded in part by the Essex County Arts Council. *Photos by SUNY ESF.* More AIC program information can be found at [www.esf.edu/aic](http://www.esf.edu/aic).



**The API** is pleased to continue supporting school group visits from area schools to both Centers. These hands-on programs enhance classroom learning and foster an appreciation of the natural world. This class is visiting the Paul Smith's College VIC. *Photo by Paul Smith's College.*

The spring, API Vice President and owner of Cloudsplitter Outfitters in Newcomb, led the very popular Needle Felting Workshop at the Interpretive Center in Newcomb. Ruth, far right center, works with participants on their projects. *Photo by SUNY ESF.*



### Become an API Member!

Your generous memberships and donations allow us to fund these and other enriching educational programs in the Adirondacks. Please consider becoming a member and donating today. For more information on how to do this, go to our webpage at [adkinstitute.org/Membership](http://adkinstitute.org/Membership). Remember, your donation is tax deductible!

