



Adirondack Research Consortium

2017 Fall Newsletter



2017 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award Presented to Raymond P. Curran Ray is a professional ecologist, having worked for the Adirondack Park Agency for 31 years before entering the private sector in 2004. He has a varied community activity past, serving as President of Ausable Valley Habitat for Humanity, in the Adirondack Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as a Trustee for the Adirondack Nature Conservancy, and a founding director of Adirondack Sustainable Communities. Recently he served as a volunteer participating with Northern Forest Atlas Project, the Common Ground Alliance – Blueprint for the Blue Line, land use planning with the Town of North Elba, and recreation planning for the Town of Wilmington. The Thorndike Award is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated significant contributions to the long term sustainability of the Adirondack Park through scholarship, research, and policy initiatives. Ray is pictured above standing fifth from left with his friends at the Annual Award Luncheon held at the Annual Conference on the Adirondacks. *Photo by Ken Rimany.*

The 2017 Forestry Roundtable was held in Glens Falls on October 11th in partnership with **Empire State Forest Products Association**. The purpose of the program was to provide an update on private forest management strategies in the Adirondacks and to learn about the American Forest Foundation's report "Hidden in Plain Sight". Pictured at right is Jeff Denkenberger, Molpus Timber Management, far left, and Assemblyman Dan Stec, far right, with a class from Clarkson University. Funding support for student participation in this and other Consortium events is made possible by the **Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation**.

Photo by Laurel Fitts



Women in Leadership Forum Workshops

Sponsored by the Walbridge Fund and International Paper

In continuing the Consortium's Women in Leadership program, two workshops were held in 2017. On February 14th at Paul Smith's College, we celebrated "**Women in Science**" which was chaired by College President Cathy Dove and featured keynotes by Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul and Sylvia Getman, President and CEO, Adirondack Health. On June 21st the Consortium presented "**Women in the Arts and Humanities**" at the View in Old Forge. It featured keynotes by RPI Professor of the Arts Branda Miller and Kickie Britt, Director of the Music Business School at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music. The goal of these workshops, which are held in partnership with the **Center for Women in Government and Civil Society at Albany University**, is to identify challenges and opportunities for women pursuing careers in the Adirondacks through expert presentations and facilitated discussions.

Pictured clockwise from top right: Sylvia Getman, Adirondack Health; Branda Miller, RPI; Debbie Fitts, Lake Placid Sinfonietta and Kickie Britt, SUNY Potsdam; and, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul with Peru Central students.

(Photos above by Frank Pine. Photo at right by Bob Bennett, Paul Smith's College.)



2017 Ecology and Environment Rick Morse Award

Tyler Dezag, Senior, Paul Smith's College

Tyler is the first recipient of the Rick Morse Award. He is a Senior at Paul Smith's College and is studying for a degree in Natural Resources - Ecological Restoration with a minor in Forestry. At the athletic collegiate level Tyler participated in many sports, has been recognized for academic achievement, and has been playing acoustical stringed instruments most of his life. In the future Tyler would like to work with AmeriCorps. Richard Dunn Morse passed away in 2016. After spending 32 years on the staff of the New York State Assembly, Rick worked as a senior policy advisor at Ecology and Environment, Inc. He was an avid backcountry and alpine skier, sailor, runner, Ironman triathlete and musician. Ecology and Environment established an annual Award Fund in Rick's memory which awards \$500 to a college student who is studying at a regional college and shares the passion Rick had for environmental policy, music, and/or outdoor activities in the Adirondacks. The Fund is administered by the Adirondack Research Consortium. Tyler is pictured at right.



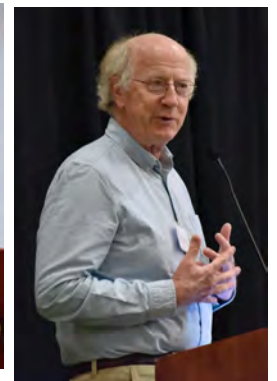
Ken Rimany Recognized

At the 2017 Annual Conference on the Adirondacks, the Adirondack Research Consortium honored Ken Rimany for his many years of voluntary services. Ken's stunning photos have been featured prominently in many Consortium programs, publications, awards and webpages. President Dan Spada said that "Ken's work has contributed to the success of the Consortium and helped further our shared passion for promoting science and information to better inform policies impacting the future of the Adirondacks". Ken is pictured below right.





The **24th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks** was held May 24th and 25th, 2017 at the Conference Center at Lake Placid. The theme was “Transitions and Connectivity, In the Adirondacks and the Northern Forest”. It featured a keynote by Aaron Mair, President of the Sierra Club and presentations on the Adirondack Atlas Project, Clean Water Infrastructure, Communities as Gathering Places, and the premier of a Mountain Lake PBS documentary, “The Rare Creatures of the Photo Ark“. Pictured above left and clockwise is Aaron Mair; Sabrina Ty, Environmental Facilities Corporation, and Willie Janeway, Adirondack Council; John Warren and Steve Signell, Adirondack Atlas Project; Steven Engelhart, AARCH; Michale Glennon, WCS, and Alissa Rafferty, Adirondack Nature Conservancy; Nina Schoch, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation; Dan Fitts, Paul Smith’s College President Cathy Dove, Ecology and Environment Senior Vice President, Dan Castle, and Liz Thorndike presenting the 2017 Ecology and Environment Rick Morse Award; and, Cindy Chadwick, NYSEG/Iberdrola. *Photos by Frank Pine and Ken Rimany.*





Remembering our Board President and Friend

Dr. Bruce W. Selleck, the Thomas A. Bartlett Chair and Professor of Geology at Colgate University, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, July 31, 2017. Bruce joined the Adirondack Research Consortium Board in 2011 and was elected President at the 2017 Annual Meeting last May in Lake Placid. Bruce had deep ties to the Adirondacks and brought a wealth of passion and ideas to the Consortium. His friendship and leadership will be missed by all his friends and colleagues in the Adirondacks. The Consortium is honoring Bruce by dedicating the next Volume of the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies to him and by permanently dedicating a program at the Annual Conference on the Adirondacks in his honor to be known as the “Dr. Bruce W. Selleck Adirondack Issues Forum”. Pictured above at left is Bruce with Karina Wojnar and Branda Miller, from RPI at the Women in the Arts and Humanities Workshop at the View in Old Forge on June 21, 2017. *Photo by Frank Pine.* Below, Bruce is with (l-r) Liz Thorndike, Aaron Mair, Dan Spada, Willie Janeway, and Dan Fitts at the 24th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks held last May in Lake Placid. *Photo by Ken Rimany.*



Board News

At the summer Board Meeting at Adirondack Experience, Amanda Lavigne was elected President of the Board of Directors, and Mel Johnson, professor, Paul Smith’s College, was elected to the Board. Bryan Goodwin, professor, SUNY Adirondack, joined the Board this fall. Dan Spada, who served as President from 2011 through May of 2017, was honored by the Board for his leadership of the Consortium with a framed Ken Rimany photograph. Dan is pictured with the Award below, right. At left below, the 2017 Board of Directors, (l-r) Willie Janeway, Adirondack Council; Amanda Lavigne, ANCA; Greg Slack, Clarkson University; Dan Fitts; Dan Spada; Hallie Bond, Long Lake; Liz Thorndike, Cornell; Dave Miller, Ballston Lake; Eileen Allen, SUNY Plattsburgh; and, Mel Johnson, Paul Smith’s College. Missing from the photo are Jeff Chiarenzelli, St. Lawrence University; Curt Gervich, SUNY Plattsburgh; Caleb Northrop, Union College; and, Bill Porter, Michigan State. *Photos by Frank Pine.*

Mark Your Calendar!
 2018 Annual Conference on the Adirondacks
 May 22nd and 23rd, 2018, Conference Center at Lake Placid
 25th Anniversary Celebration!

