



2018 Fall Newsletter

A Message from President Amanda Lavigne



I'm happy to share our fall Newsletter. The Consortium has accomplished a great deal this year, our 25th anniversary! We are heartened by your support of our mission to encourage research and share information on issues of importance to the Adirondacks. There has never been a time of greater need for good science to guide the dialogue about our shared future.

We rely on your generous contributions to support our work. Please consider renewing your membership or a tax deductible donation. We can't do it without you! I hope to see you at an event soon!

Best regards,
Amanda

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Women in Conservation Advocacy and Policy

In the spring we held the fourth Women in Leadership Series Forum at Paul Smith's College featuring women in conservation advocacy and policy. Eighty people attended the day-long workshop held in partnership with the Adirondack Council. In addition to featured speakers, facilitated group discussions were held to identify potential actions and research needs to further gender equity. The Women in Leadership Series is sponsored by the Walbridge Fund.

At right, left to right, Keynote Speaker Kathy Moser, former Deputy Commissioner of the NYS DEC; Diane Fish, Deputy Director, Adirondack Council; and, Dan Fitts and Amanda Lavigne, Adirondack Research Consortium. Pictured below, a group photo of workshop participants. Bottom right, Melanie Johnson, Paul Smith's College professor, third from left, with her students.

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25th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

“25 Years – Research Needs
Yesterday, Today, and in the Future”



Olympic Sculpture by Laurel Fitts

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At left, 2018 Annual Conference keynote speaker, **Hon. Sherburne B. Abbott**, University Professor of Sustainability Science and Policy, Syracuse University. Shere’s talk was titled “Acid Rain to Climate Change”. She formally worked in President Obama’s science office. Below, the Conference gathering listen to Shere’s presentation.

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The **2018 Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award** was presented to Dr. Nina Schoch, Director of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation. Pictured with Nina, center, is Amada Lavigne, left, and Liz Thorndike, right.

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Faces in the Conference Crowd

A left, Nancy Selleck at the Annual Awards Luncheon program honoring her husband and former Consortium President Bruce Selleck who passed in 2017. At right, frequent program attendee and ARC supporter Jim White. Jim, a Cornell University Emeritus Professor, passed this year at 102.

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**2018 Ecology and Environment
Richard D. Morse Award**

**Amanda Preston
Paul Smith's College**



Amanda, a 2018 Paul Smith's graduate, majored in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Her love of the outdoors, the environment, sports, music, and the Adirondacks, certainly honors the spirit of the Morse Award. This \$500 annual award helps students with educational expenses.

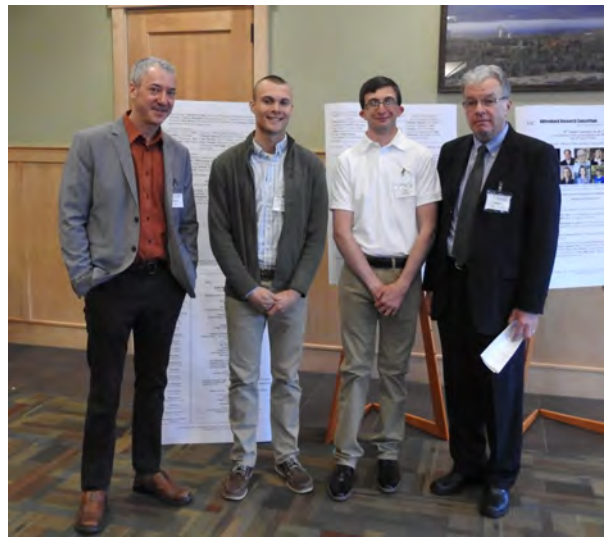
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Panel Presentation Honors Bruce Selleck

The 2018 Dr. Bruce Selleck Hot Issues Forum featured a panel discussing the impacts of road salt on water quality, Panel participants left to right; Dan Kelting, Paul Smith's College, organizer and moderator; Jim Sutherland, NYS DEC; Michael Twiss, Clarkson University; Brendan Wiltse, Ausable River Association; and, Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper. This annual session is held in honor of former ARC President and friend, Bruce Selleck.



Bruce Selleck
1949-2017



Annual Conference Welcomes Students

We were pleased to welcome a number of students to the 2018 Conference. Student participation is supported by a grant from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Foundation. Top left and clockwise: Paul Smith's College professors, students, and alumni at the Poster Reception; Clarkson professor and ARC Board Member Stephen Bird with two Clarkson University students and Dan Fitts; the Poster Reception; and, students from Northwood School in Lake Placid.

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Several students attended the Roundtable which was made possible by a grant from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation. Pictured top left and clockwise: John Bartow talks with Clarkson students; Jeff Denkenberger, left, and Dan Fitts, right, with two students from the SUNY Plattsburgh's Environmental Science Program; and, Clarkson students with SUNY Adirondack President Kris Duffy and Assemblyman Dan Stec, a Clarkson alumni. *Photos by SUNY Adirondack*



The **2018 Fall Forestry Roundtable** was held on October 10th at SUNY Adirondack in partnership with the Empire State Forest Products Association. Seventy-five people attended the workshop. The theme was keeping private forests as working landscapes and featured presentations from the local government, science, and timber industry perspectives. Several students attended the event, made possible by a grant from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation. Pictured at right top and clockwise: Roundtable participants; Tim Burpoe and Nick Brunette, Molpus Woodlands Group; SUNY Adirondack President Kris Duffy with Assemblyman Dan Stec; Craig Leggett, Town of Chester and Ema Johnson, American Forest Foundation, on forestland panel; and, Peter Innes, NYS DEC, discussing private forest ownership patterns in the Adirondacks. *Photos by SUNY Adirondack*

