WELCOME BACK FOR AN EXCITING 2023 SEASON!

We have a fun-filled season planned full of special programs and events for everyone to enjoy!

Join us here this summer to discover the history and stories of the region through interactive exhibits, our world-class collection, and our new art exhibition opening July 1, *Artists & Inspiration in the Wild*. Come take in the scenic views of Blue Mountain Lake, stroll our nature trails, and sit and relax by the ponds and beautiful gardens. We are so grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing you.

Check out our website at www.theadkx.org
Join all of us at ADKX on July 1 for the opening of our newest permanent exhibition, Artists & Inspiration in the Wild.

We have a day full of activities, special guests, and, of course, art to celebrate! ADKX members will be the first to get to see the exhibit; please come from 9am–11am for the members’ preview and reception. At 12pm, ADKX Executive Director David Kahn and Nancy Reardon Sayer, Chair of the ADKX Board of Trustees, will join other special guests to cut the ribbon and open the exhibit to all visitors.

Throughout the day, the campus will be abuzz with plein air painters, live muralling, live screen-printing, music, games, and a chance to enjoy ADKX’s premiere new experience.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS INCLUDE: Barney Bellinger, Carrie Hill, Glenn Hill, Sandra Hildreth, Bob Jones, Paul Lakata, Greg Rudd, Bob Stump, Takeyce Walter, Patrice Jarvis-Weber, Hannah Williams, and Brisbane Young.

MUSICIANS: Jamcrackers and Warden & Co.

ACTIVITIES BY: ADK Artrise, Adirondack Center for Writing, Soul and Ink, plus many, many more.

The first 500 visitors will also get to take home a free commemorative screenprint—available only on July 1.
**Event Highlights**

**Market**

**Adirondack Artisan Festival**
July 22 | 10am–5pm
Showcasing unique items made by artists and artisans from the 12 Adirondack counties.

**Event**

**Mushroom Mania**
August 19 | 10am–5pm
Come learn about the mycelium superhighway hidden beneath your feet at a fun-filled, family-friendly day all about fungi!

**Event**

**Celebrate Akwesasne**
August 26 | 10am–5pm
Meet a variety of Akwesasne Mohawk artists and artisans—from painters to storytellers, basketmakers to beadworkers—and learn more about creative expression and cultural traditions.

**Event**

**Photography Showcase**
October 6–8 | 10am–5pm
Browse the work of Adirondack-based photographers, from seasoned professionals to emerging young talent.

**Fundraiser**

**Gala**
July 29 | 5pm–9pm
Join the Adirondack Experience Board of Trustees for an evening under the stars.

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**Rustic Furniture Fair**
September 9–10 | 10am–5pm
Interpretations of classic and contemporary rustic art presented in handcrafted furniture, furnishings, and Adirondack paintings.

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A celebration of outdoor recreation and introduction to the broad opportunities for outdoor enjoyment for all. Free admission for all visitors!

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**FallFest**
October 1 | 10am–5pm
Celebrate fall at the Adirondack Experience with traditional pastimes.

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WORKSHOPS

CREATING ART IN NATURE
Walking Workshops with Ed Kanze and Sandra Hildreth
- Thursday, July 13
- Thursday, August 10
- Thursday, September 28

ADK ARTRISE
Glass Etching Date Night
Saturday, July 8 | 6:30–8:30pm
Woodland Creature Guided Painting (Ages 3+)
Saturday, August 5 | 11am–12:30pm
Wildlife Study Guided Painting
Saturday, August 5 | 1:30–3pm
Nail String Art – Butterfly (Ages 4+)
Saturday, August 12 | 11am–12:30pm

PAINT WITH PATRICE
Inspired by Light
- Thursday, July 20
- Sunday, October 1
Inspired by Water
- Saturday, July 29
- Saturday, August 19

OTHER WORKSHOPS
Come Play with Powdercoat with Margaret Jacobs
Sunday, July 16 | 10am–1pm
Paint & Skip – Art & Movement Workshop with ADKX Staff (Ages 3+)
Friday, July 21 | 1–3pm
Mouse Taxidermy Workshop with Divya Anantharaman
Saturday, July 22 | 11am–5pm
Jackalope Taxidermy Workshop with Divya Anantharaman
Sunday, July 23 | 11am–5pm
Black Ash Basket Business Card Holder with Carrie Hill
Friday, July 28 | 10am–1pm

Visit our website for more information and fees.
Workshop fees are discounted for members.
We are delighted to welcome back regional artists for our Artist-in-Residence program this season. As part of the new Artists & Inspiration exhibition, we have a new Inspired by the Adirondacks program that will bring regional artists to the museum in July and August.

**Takeyce Walter**
July 1–3

**Paul Lakata**
July 8–11

**Emma Percy**
July 15–18

**Michale Glennon**
July 22–25

**Ingrid Van Slyke**
July 29–August 1

**Dennon Walantus**
August 5–8

**Yvette White**
August 12–15

**Nancy Halter**
August 19–22

**Hannah Williams**
August 19–22

**Sandra Hildreth**
August 26–29 & September 2–5

Public programs and the artist-in-residence series at the Adirondack Experience are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.
The Indigenous Artist-in-Residence program returns this year with Akwesasne Mohawk artists visiting weekly in July and August demonstrating their artistry and unique craft. Artists will be located in the Life in the Adirondacks exhibition from 10am–4pm during the dates listed below. Please check our website for any updates or changes to this schedule.

**Carrie Hill**  
June 28–July 1

**Natasha Smoke Santiago**  
July 5–8

**Margaret Jacobs**  
July 12–15

**Wilma Cook Zumpano**  
July 19–22

**Glenn Hill**  
July 26–29

**Trevor Brant**  
August 2–5

**Victoria Ransom**  
August 2–5

**Robin Lazore**  
August 9–12

**Kit Thomas**  
August 16–19

**Emma Thompson**  
August 23–26

**Kelly & Tyson Back**  
September 2–3
Saturday, July 29 | 5–9pm

The ADKX’s annual benefit Gala is extra special this year as we celebrate the opening of Artists & Inspiration in the Wild. Starting at 5pm, Gala attendees will have exclusive access to the new exhibition. Then, at 6pm, the festivities begin with good food, great people, and exciting live and silent auction items. It truly is the most fun way to support the museum!

During the event, we will be awarding conservationist and philanthropist Edward McNeil with the prestigious Harold K. Hochschild Award. We honor Mr. McNeil because his leadership of—and collaboration with—many Adirondack organizations has broadened our understanding of conservation science and made a lasting, positive impact on the Park.

To purchase tickets, visit the ADKX website or contact Sarah Lewin at slewin@theadkx.org or (518) 352-7311, ext. 125.

ADKX SAYS GOODBYE TO LONGTIME SUPPORTER ANNETTE MERLE-SMITH

Over 30 years ago, Annette Merle-Smith’s love of art led to her involvement with what was then called the Adirondack Museum. Annette was an ardent supporter of the museum’s art collection, lending her expertise to the Art Committee and providing financial support for art acquisitions and exhibitions. She served on the museum’s Collections Committee right up until 2019, at the tender age of 88, rarely missing a meeting.

She generously donated nearly one million dollars to the museum over the years, for projects large and small, ranging from sponsoring the Diversity Fellowship program to supporting the cataloging of ADKX’s painting collection. Annette’s major donation in 2018 toward the planning of a new art exhibition launched the successful fundraising of over $5.5M for Artists & Inspiration in the Wild.

Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting Annette knows of her practical, no-nonsense way, along with her sharp sense of humor. Her longtime experience as a docent at the Princeton University Art Museum and passion for art made her a valuable and deeply knowledgeable friend of the ADKX. Though traveling the world was important to Annette, her summer home high atop a mountain in Keene Valley was her most cherished place to be. Annette died this past April and will be remembered fondly with gratitude for helping the ADKX in so many ways over the years.

Any questions or requests for information may be directed to Elizabeth Ion, ADKX Development Director, or to the ADKX Development office at (518) 352-7311, ext. 125.

Annette’s generous support of the cataloging of ADKX paintings has made the collection more accessible to the public through our online database.
### Calling All ADKX Members

We have an exciting list of programs and events scheduled just for you.

**Members-Only Artists & Inspiration Opening Preview**

**July 1 | 9–11am**

On the day of the grand opening of Artists & Inspiration in the Wild, our members will enjoy access before the exhibition opens to the general public. You can be among the first to explore ADKX’s newest offering and mingle with other members during a breakfast reception. Included with free membership admission.

**Trip to Asgaard Farm**

**July 13 | 2–4pm | $25**

Join us at the scenic Asgaard Farm in Au Sable Forks where 20th-century artist, writer, and adventurer Rockwell Kent lived. Nestled in the Adirondack Mountains, this picturesque farm boasts stunning views, historic buildings, and a working goat dairy farm. Join a guided tour to learn about the farm’s innovative practices and rich history. Space is limited, so register online today!

### Member Appreciation Day

**July 18 & August 22**

Enjoy special offers at the ADKX store all day long, just for being a member! (Offer excludes books, consignment, and already discounted items.)

As a special thank you to our members, Artists & Inspiration will be the focus of this year’s collection tours, led by our expert curatorial staff.

**Blue Mt Lake Boat Tour**

**July 18 | 5–7pm | $35**

All aboard for a memorable afternoon on the crystal-clear waters of Blue Mountain Lake! Join us at the Blue Mt Livery for a scenic cruise that will take you on a journey through one of the Adirondack’s most breathtakingly beautiful lakes. As you cruise across the water, you’ll be surrounded by stunning views of the mountains, forests, and sky. This excursion is the perfect way to experience the beauty and wonder of this iconic region. There will be snacks and beverages available. Space is limited, so register online today!

### Members, Moths, and Merlot

**August 5 | 7:30–9:30pm | $5**

With a glass in hand, get a close-up look at what flits around the museum at night with retired Smithsonian entomologist David Pollock. He will attract live critters, which allows you to get up close and personal with some of the most intriguing and beautiful insects in the region. So come join us for an evening of education and exploration under the stars, surrounded by the stunning beauty of the Adirondacks. Register online for this fun evening event!

### Hike at Great Camp Sagamore

**August 12 | 10am–2pm | $45**

Join the ADKX for a thrilling hiking adventure at Great Camp Sagamore! This special event offers a unique opportunity to explore one of the Adirondack’s most iconic historic sites, nestled in the heart of its exquisite wilderness. You’ll have the chance to explore part of the surrounding Lake Trail, eat lunch in the impressive Dining Hall, and get an exclusive tour of the buildings and grounds. Space is limited, so register online today!

### Open Mic

**August 16 | 7pm | Free**

Join us at the museum for an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment! Our open mic night is back and better than ever. This is your chance to share your musical talents or enjoy an evening of live music as we gather in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Bring your instrument, your voice, or simply your love of music, and let’s make some memories!

Contact Membership Coordinator Matt Waligora at mwaligora@theadkx.org or (518) 352-7311 ext. 112 to pre-register to perform.

### Beyond the Buoys

**September 6 | 8am–1pm | $30**

Take a short (3/4 mile) morning hike to Minnow Pond with Shane Holmes, licensed Adirondack guide, and Doreen Alessi-Holmes, ADKX Conservator. Learn about the history of the trail and some of the flora and fauna that can be seen along the way. Then prepare for an extended outing on the water in our historic vessels. Picnic lunch following at the museum. Space is limited, so register online today!

Member exclusive events require registration. Scan the QR code or visit our website, www.theadkx.com for more information.

**NOT A MEMBER?** Join today so you don’t miss these fun member events!
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At the ADKX, we are happy to carry on this long-standing tradition with our program, Nature Walks with Ed Kanze. A self-identified “a-little-bit-of-everything-ologist”, Ed is a naturalist, author, and Adirondack Guide. He is a former National Park Ranger, worked at Acadia National Park and Gulf Islands National Seashore, served as Curator of the Trailside Nature Museum in Cross River, NY, taught field ecology for the National Audubon Society, and was senior naturalist at the Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Ed has deep roots in the Adirondacks; his great-great-great-great grandparents carved a farm out of the woods along the Sacandaga River, ca. 1795.

Nature Walks with Ed include identifying local flora, fauna, and animal tracks. You may be lucky enough to catch a wildlife sighting, and Ed is sure to regale the group with a good story or two. This summer you can explore the route of the old Marion River Railroad, take in the magnificent views atop Castle Rock, join us on the accessible trails at John Dillon Park, and explore many more trails throughout the central Adirondacks.

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Take the experience home with you
Shop for unique items from around the Adirondack region including apparel, books, toys, and more! You’ll also find handmade products by artisans from the Adirondacks.
Open 7 days a week, 10am–5pm
Always open online at: www.theadkxstore.com

Take in the spectacular views
Featuring a full menu of options in our Lake View Café, enjoy outdoor seating on our deck overlooking beautiful Blue Mountain Lake.

Serving beer, wine, lunch, and snacks from 10am–3pm every day!