

# North Wind

January–February–March 2024

## 2023 Laurentian Chapter Photo Contest Winners

By Tom Ortmeyer,  
Photo Contest Organizer

The Laurentian Chapter Photo Contest annually recognizes photos that capture the spirit and mission of our ADK Laurentian Chapter and the range of activities that are prized by Chapter members and participants in its activities. The photos represent the conservation and recreation goals of the Chapter and ADK, primarily in the Northern Adirondacks and St. Lawrence and Ottawa River valleys. Entries are accepted from Chapter members, and from non-members on Chapter outings. We award a grand prize every year, and winners and honorable mentions in the Artistic, Action, Landscape, Nature, and People categories. See the [2023 Category Winners](#). All entries are available to view here: [2023 Photo Contest Entries](#). This year's judges were Jean Giblin, Jeanna Matthews, and Tom Ortmeyer.

### Grand Prize



Blair Madore  
Snowshoe Touring at Lampson Falls

## 2023 Photo Contest 1st Place Winners

### Landscape



Bob Platte  
Autumn Dock at Dug Mountain

### Action



Blair Madore  
Learn to Snowshoe at  
Southville State Forest

### People



Jeff Miller  
Snow Bomb!



## 2023 Photo Contest 1st Place Winners

### Nature



Duncan Cutter  
Chipmunk Chowing UP at  
Nicholville Birdfeeder

### Artistic



Holly Chorba  
ADK December Night



## Chapter Chair Report

by Marianne Hebert

### 2023 Outings summary

In 2023 we offered over 100 outings: 52 weekly walks, 24 hikes, 8 snowshoes, 1 ski, 2 paddles, 1 bushwhack, 2 forest bathing events, 4 trail-work days, 3 road walks, 2 birdwatches, 2 wildflower walks, and a cycle outing. Our outing schedule is published 4 times a year. Check our current offerings at <https://adklaurentian.org/?page=events>.

Partnerships have proven to be a great way to offer more diverse events and introduce the Chapter to new people. This past year we ran 5 hikes with Potsdam Public Library, a workshop on maple tree monitoring and citizen science with Nature Up North, a Pride Outside hike with Potsdam Pride, the annual loon count with the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, and a Red Sandstone Trail history hike with SOAR, a lifelong learning institute hosted by SUNY Potsdam. We think this is a good trend. If you know of any local organizations who would like to partner with us, contact Marianne Hebert: [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu).



Salmon River Hatch Brook by Holly Chorba

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## Stone Valley Trail Interpretive Signs Redesign

by Marianne Hebert

Last spring, we appointed a working group to update the interpretive signs along the Stone Valley trails. Of the 10 original signs installed in 2006, six have disappeared and the four remaining signs are weathered, mildewed and pretty much unreadable. The new signs will help visitors appreciate some of the hidden assets of the Raquette River trail system. They highlight Colton's industrial history along the river: the log drives, the tannery, the dams, and hydroelectric power. They also focus on the unique geologic features and some of the spectacular characteristics and beauty of the river. There is a kid-friendly section on each sign to engage our younger hikers and the young at heart.

Over the summer, the interpretive sign working group (Mary Jane Watson, Tom Van de Water, Jeff Chiarenzelli) wrote the content for 10 new signs. Marianne Hebert and Tom walked the trails to determine the location for each interpretive sign and to document the GPS coordinates. Jeff, a geology professor at St. Lawrence University, did the graphic work and layout. The signs were printed by the women-owned company Northeastern Sign Corp. in South Colton. Installation is expected to begin early in the spring, as soon as the ground is thawed enough to start post-hole digging. We will be looking for volunteers to help with digging and with carrying supplies.

The Laurentian Chapter is especially grateful to the Raquette River Advisory Council (RRAC) for its financial support for this project.

If hiking seven miles of the trail seems too daunting, you can [view the new signs](#) from the comfort of your couch!



## Membership Report

Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Vice-Chair, Membership

We maintain 203 households in the Chapter and welcome 3 new members:

- Meigs Ross and Barbara Miesch
- Rainbow Crabtree
- James Bisbee



2023 Photo Contest  
Honorable Mention: Action  
**Mark Simon**  
Stone Valley Group





## Annual Officer Election Results and New Appointments

We welcome to our newly elected Executive Committee members, who begin their terms on Jan. 1: **Tom Wheeler** (Chair), **Brenda Curley** (Vice Chair, Education), **David Katz** (Secretary, second term). In addition:

**Tom Ortmeyer** was appointed to another three-year term as Trustee.

**Tom Van de Water** continues as Vice-Chair for Conservation. He reports, “We have plenty of ‘conservation’ issues to address: reining in climate change, keeping invasive species at bay, advocating for continued forest protection, easements, and more. I’d be happy to hear from members with ideas, at [tblaisdellvandewater@gmail.com](mailto:tblaisdellvandewater@gmail.com).”

We also appointed **Kathleen Fitzgerald** as Vice Chair, Membership, to complete the term recently vacated by **Mary MacKinnon**. Many thanks to Mary for managing our membership initiative this past year. Kathleen remarks, “A move to the village of Potsdam 13 years ago prompted more time enjoying trails that the Laurentian Chapter maintains, like the Red Sandstone Trail and Stone Valley. These, plus so many Adirondack hikes that are accessible to me because of the efforts of ADK, make me happy to be able to give back a little bit by becoming involved with our local chapter as Membership Vice-Chair.”

**Daqing Hou and Xiaoli Wang** recently stepped down as Outdoors Indoors Program coordinators after many successful years scheduling and running that series. **Jeff Miller** was appointed to take their place and has been diligently working on a robust schedule.

**Neal Burdick** was appointed North Wind newsletter editor; **Marianne Hebert** will continue to develop the design and posting.

Many thanks to all our elected and appointed members who volunteer to lead and keep our operations running smoothly.



## And Now for a Few Early 2024 Outdoors-Indoors Programs

**Sun., Jan 21: Outdoors Indoors – Trip Report from Newfoundland.** Thirteen chapter members spent a week last summer exploring the eastern side of the Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland. Jeff Miller will lead a visual tour of the outing with other trip members contributing stories about their adventures hiking, watching moose, and looking for icebergs (spoiler alert: they were everywhere!). In-person at the Potsdam Civic Center Community Room at 7 p.m. or via Zoom at <https://stlawu.zoom.us/j/92634636850?pwd=K2JQb20rMFdIUmhja05MSEZFTGRDZz09>.

**Sun., Feb 18: Outdoors Indoors – Service Trip to Denali National Park and Preserve.** Talk by Tom Ortmeyer about his recent Sierra Club service trip to Denali National Park, where he worked with a group building a new trail along the Nenana River. In-person at the Potsdam Civic Center Community Room at 7 p.m. or via Zoom at <https://stlawu.zoom.us/j/92634636850?pwd=K2JQb20rMFdIUmhja05MSEZFTGRDZz09>.

**Sun., March 3: Outdoors Indoors – Birding in Ecuador.** Tom Wheeler will tell us about the recent adventure he and Eileen undertook exploring Ecuador. In-person at the Potsdam Civic Center Community Room at 7 p.m. or via Zoom at <https://stlawu.zoom.us/j/92634636850?pwd=K2JQb20rMFdIUmhja05MSEZFTGRDZz09>

**Sun., March 10: Outdoors Indoors – Rare Turtle Conservation in the Great Lakes Region.** A talk by Dr. Eric McCluskey, who explains, “The Great Lakes region has several rare turtle species that are in need of conservation attention. My research focuses on applying genetics and GIS tools to assist state and federal partners in furthering conservation efforts for these species.” This talk will be presented via Zoom only at: <https://stlawu.zoom.us/j/92634636850?pwd=K2JQb20rMFdIUmhja05MSEZFTGRDZz09>

**Sun., April 14: Outdoors Indoors – Members’ Nature Poetry.** The majesty of the Adirondacks and other natural areas have inspired poetry from many members. Facilitator: Neal Burdick ([nealburdick@gmail.com](mailto:nealburdick@gmail.com) for more information). We will read aloud and perhaps discuss a selection of them. In-person at the Potsdam Civic Center Community Room at 7 p.m. or via Zoom at: <https://stlawu.zoom.us/j/92634636850?pwd=K2JQb20rMFdIUmhja05MSEZFTGRDZz09>.



# Your Laurentian Chapter Outings, Winter 2024

Holly Woodworth  
Vice Chair, Outings

## Foot Travel

Difficulty Level	Elevation Gain	Miles.traveled
5—Very Strenuous	>1,500 feet.	10+
4—Strenuous	1,000–1500 feet	8–10
3—Moderate	500–1,000 feet	5–8
2—Fairly Easy	<500 feet	3–5
1—Easy	Mostly level.	1–3

## Cycling

Leaders will specify mileage, elevation and surface.

\*Check for last minute updates: [www.adklaurentian.org](http://www.adklaurentian.org)

\*Please contact the leader at least one day before the trip.

\*Car pooling makes sense—so does sharing the cost of gas.

Before we begin, hearty thanks to all of our leaders, and to Outings Vice-Chair Holly Woodworth for her organizing skills!

**Mon., Jan. 1, 2024: Laurentian Chapter Annual New Year Outing at Higley Flow State Park**  
1–4 p.m. Ski, snowshoe or hike (1:00–3:00 p.m.) at the park to kick off the new year in nature. At 3:00 we'll gather at the Lodge for a potluck finger-food social. Bring a snack to share. Weather permitting, we will have a bonfire and the Lodge will be open. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potsteam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsteam.edu) or 315–265–0756.

**Wed., Jan 3: Mount Arab Snowshoe:** Arab, from the French “érable,” meaning maple, is 2,525 feet high, but we'll gain only 750 feet over the one mile we walk to climb it. There's a fire tower at the summit for excellent “360” views. This is a joint outing with North Woods Chapter. Club members only. Moderate to somewhat challenging, depending on the footing. Contact John Omohundro, [omohunjt@northnet.org](mailto:omohunjt@northnet.org).



Whiteface from Lake Placid  
by Holly Chorba



# Outings Schedule

Jan – Mar

2024

continued

**Thu., Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25: Weekly Walk, Red Sandstone Access Roads,** 7:30 a.m. We will walk the dirt access roads for approximately 2 miles, 1 hour round trip. If the roads are icy, traction devices such as micro-spikes are recommended. Meet at the Red Sandstone trailhead, north entrance parking lot off Back Hannawa Road (CR59) between Potsdam and Hannawa Falls. From Potsdam, at the intersection of Rt. 11 and Clarkson Ave (CR 59), drive south for 2.5 miles. The dirt access road to the northern parking lot is on the left just past Sweeney Road. A brown “trail parking” sign marks the entrance of the access road to the parking lot. Leaders for each week will vary. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu), 315-265-0756.

**Sat., Jan 13: Massawepie Snowshoe, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** We'll explore some ponds and the bog by ski or foot, depending on snow. Difficulty is moderate (a few hills). Bring a lunch. Contact Tom Van de Water, 315-261-1723.

**Sun., Jan 14: Ski into Clear Pond in the White Hill Wild Forest in Parishville.** It is 1.9 mi. from the paved road (where we park) to the pond, following a dirt road / snowmobile trail. The trail continues along the north side of the pond. Depending on how far we can go, the round-trip will be 4 to 5 miles. This is a moderately strenuous trip. We will hike if there is no snow. Contact David Trithart, [dtrithar@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:dtrithar@twcnny.rr.com)

**Sat., Jan. 20: Lampson Falls.** This is a snowshoe hike for beginners along an old woods road to a tremendous 40-foot waterfall on the Grasse River. If you don't have equipment, contact us and we should be able to help you. Level 1: One mile with option to extend to three miles. Contact Blair Madore at 315-261-0751 or [madorebf@potsdam.edu](mailto:madorebf@potsdam.edu). This is a joint event with Potsdam Public Library Outside (PPLO).

# Outings Schedule

## Jan – Mar 2024 continued

**Sat., Jan 27: Snowshoe the Riverside Trail, Parishville.** We'll do an afternoon snowshoe on the newly expanded Riverside Trail Loop along the St. Regis River above Parishville. Three miles with some elevation change. Level 3. Contact Tom Ortmeyer, [tortmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:tortmeyer@gmail.com), 315-244-3707.

**Thu., Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Weekly Walk, Red Sandstone Access Roads, 7:30 a.m.** We will walk the dirt access roads for approximately 2 miles, 1 hour round trip. If the roads are icy, traction devices such as micro-spikes are recommended. Meet at the Red Sandstone trailhead, north entrance parking lot off Back Hannawa Road (CR59) between Potsdam and Hannawa Falls. From Potsdam, at the intersection of Rt. 11 and Clarkson Ave (CR 59), drive south for 2.5 miles. The dirt access road to the northern parking lot is on the left just past Sweeney Road. A brown "trail parking" sign marks the entrance of the access road to the parking lot. Leaders for each week will vary. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu), 315-265-0756.

**Sat., Feb 3: Snowshoe (or Hike) Stone Valley Trail** west side trails. Join us as we explore the "quiet" side of Stone Valley. We will follow the trail along the river, possibly spot two cars to do an end-to-end hike. Some steep sections. Up to 4 miles, approx. 250-ft. elevation change. Level C+, fairly easy. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu) or 315-265-0756.

**Sat., Feb 10: Skiing at Nicandri Nature Center.** Two or three hours of easy skiing on the trails of Robert Moses State Park. Equipment can be borrowed at no charge. Skiers of all levels of experience and ability are welcome. 3-5 miles, slow pace, Level 1. Contact John Barron, [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca) or 613-828-2296.

**Sat., Feb. 17: Indian Creek Nature Center.** This is a snowshoe hike for beginners along the Observation and Lowland Trails. If you don't have equipment, contact us and we should be able to help you. Level 2. Contact Blair Madore at 315-261-0751 or [madorebf@potsdam.edu](mailto:madorebf@potsdam.edu) for details. This is a joint event with Potsdam Public Library Outside.

# Outings Schedule

## Jan – Mar 2024 continued

**Sat., Feb 24: Moxham Mt. Snowshoe.** This trail near North Creek has spectacular views from its bald summit ridge. It is a 4.6-mile round trip with 760 feet of ascent, including one very steep section of only a few hundred yards near the top. We plan a casual pace, stopping at all the views. Contact Holly Woodworth, [hswoodworth@gmail.com](mailto:hswoodworth@gmail.com) or 315-848-2953.

**Sat., Mar. 2: Snowshoe (or Hike) John Brown's Farm** trails near Lake Placid. We will explore the Potato and Maple Grove Trail. About 3-4 miles, 250-ft elevation gain. Level C+. Fairly easy. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potSDam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potSDam.edu) or 315-265-0756.

**Thu., Mar. 7, 14, 21 ,28: Weekly Walk, Red Sandstone Access Roads, 7:30 a.m.** We will walk the dirt access roads for approximately 2 miles, 1 hour round trip. If the roads are icy, traction devices such as micro-spikes are recommended. Meet at the Red Sandstone trailhead, north entrance parking lot off Back Hannawa Road (CR59) between Potsdam and Hannawa Falls. From Potsdam, at the intersection of Rt. 11 and Clarkson Ave (CR 59), drive south for 2.5 miles. The dirt access road to the northern parking lot is on the left just past Sweeney Road. A brown "trail parking" sign marks the entrance of the access road to the parking lot. Leaders for each week will vary. Contact Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potSDam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potSDam.edu) or 315-265-0756.

**Sun., March 10: West Parishville Snowshoe.** Snowshoe on the trails in the woods behind our cabin on Pumpkin Hill Rd. in West Parishville. Total distance 2 miles at most. Afterward we'll warm up in the cabin. This outing is limited to 10 people. Call ahead to join and get time and location details: David Trithart, [315-244-8875](tel:315-244-8875).



# Outings Schedule

## Jan – Mar 2024 continued

**Sat. Mar. 16: Stone Valley.** A beginner snowshoe on the east side of Stone Valley for about 2–3 miles. The (sometimes) frozen waterfalls, rapids and gorges are awe-inspiring and make for great photos. If you don't have equipment, contact us and we should be able to help you. Level 1. Contact Blair Madore at 315-261-0751 or [madorebf@potsgdam.edu](mailto:madorebf@potsgdam.edu). This is a joint event with Potsdam Public Library Outside.

**Sat., March 16: Snowshoeing to The Pinnacle.** About 2 miles of flat snowshoeing on a woods road near Santa Clara, followed by a short, moderately steep climb to the summit of a small mountain with good views. 500 ft elevation gain. Return by the same route. Level 2–3, easy to moderate. Slow pace. If conditions require, may become a hike, with or without microspikes. Contact John Barron, [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca) or 613-828-2296.

**Sat., March 23: Road walk on the Donnerville Road in the Downerville State Forest.** We'll celebrate the official arrival of spring with a walk on the Donnerville Road. Plan on 5–6 miles; the distance and route will depend on conditions. Contact Tom Ortmeyer, [tortmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:tortmeyer@gmail.com) or 315-244-3707. Level 3.



The Lunch Stop by Holly Chorba

## Back Tracks:

### Memories of Fall 2023 Outings

We encourage trip leaders (“TLs”) to take pictures and jot down a few sentences about their outing, for eventual response to the editor’s call for “Back Tracks, please!”



**Oct. 28: Iroquois Dam Horse Trails.** A gloomy morning turned into a fine afternoon. It was unseasonably warm and a bit windy. Five of us explored 5 miles of trails and roads at the scenic property in Waddington. We saw several garter snakes, a toad, a hawk, a merganser and a few flocks of migrating geese. Participants L-R: Ling Zhang, Ellie Menz, Jane Gatta Subramanian, Jim Bisbee. Photo by TL Marianne Hebert.

**Nov. 3: Forest Therapy Walk.** We had a wonderful walk in the magical woods at Higley Flow State Park. We were grateful for no rain and a partially sunny day with moderate temps. Five insightful women joined me for a two-hour communion with nature. We attuned our senses deeply as we set intentions and created a threshold for the walk. We built relationships with the water elementals, trees, rhythms/motions, and textures, ending with a sit spot meditation by the beaver pond. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience and we may try to do one again! --Debra Mitchell, TL

This picture is from another hike but it seemed so appropriate!! We unplug and leave our electronics in the car for forest bathing!!





## Backtracks Oct – Dec 2023



**Nov. 4: Yellow Lake State Forest.** Cloudy and pleasantly cool, with a shower or two. As we were getting organized at the trailhead, a couple of hunters emerged from the woods and advised us that bears had been seen in the area. We saw no bears during our hike, but there was plenty of interest including rough terrain, steep climbs and descents, good views over Yellow Lake and some interior wetlands, two beaver dam crossings and occasionally tricky route-finding where the path was not obvious. --John Barron, TL

At Yellow Lake Viewpoint, L-R: Christine Sitts; Marianne Hebert; Marie-Reine Fournier. Photo John Barron

**Nov 11: Nichols Trail at Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area.** A lovely sunny morning turned overcast, but that didn't dampen our spirits as we explored the Nichols Trail at Wilson Hill. We saw no hunters or ducks, but the paths were charming, and we had great views of the wetlands. There were lots of baby white pine sprouts scattered throughout the forest. We also found a great variety of club mosses, some of which were casting powdery spores to the wind. We covered over three miles, which made for an easy but robust outing!

Participants L-R: Jean Giblin, Jane Subramanian, John Barron (photo by Marianne Hebert, TL)



**Dec 9: Baker Woods Preserve Hike.** It was unseasonably warm; all the snow and ice had disappeared before we hit the trails. We enjoyed the great variety of habitats: pine plantations, cedar bog, beaver pond, rocky overlooks, and one short cliff climb. The Nature Conservancy has beautifully maintained the trails with hand-carved wooden signs. The trail maintainers are poetry lovers; there are poems and whimsical carvings along the way. We had plenty of time to amble and enjoy the club moss, fungi, and mosses still active on the forest floor.

Participants (L-R): Holly Woodworth, Jon Montan, Anne Csete, Kathy Mackay, David Katz. (Photo by TL, M. Hebert)



# Stone Valley Trail Work, 2023



Following is an adaptation of the report by Mark Simon, the Chapter's Stone Valley coordinator, to the Raquette River Advisory Committee on work undertaken at the site since 2020, with Chapter financial support.

**Maintenance in Stone Valley is a continuous process; clearing the trail of fallen trees, cleaning water bars, brushing saplings are ongoing tasks. The overarching goal has been to perform maintenance to the trail that is sustainable as possible.**

To this end, steep sections of the trail where stairs were once necessary have been rerouted to less steep terrain. The stairs turned into an ice chute during winter, and were not sustainable.

The reroute is approximately 1/3 of a mile long and is below the High Terrace, terminating before Lucy's Hole. This work required a bench cut for the entire length of the project, which is very labor-intensive. The last 25 yards required cedar cribbing to hold back the steep bank.

Overall, the Stone Valley trail system is in good shape, with the exception of a bridge of non-treated dimensional lumber at the northeast trailhead. This 70-foot bog bridge is in poor condition and is slated to be replaced next fall by the Clarkson Bridge Team with cedar material. Wooden bridges and water bars built with large-diameter cedar logs have proven to have at least a 20-year longevity. Funding for this project will be sought in the spring.

Trail-marking involved both river trails between Colton and Browns Bridge. Additionally, the O'Malley Brook Trail on the west side of Lenny Road was also marked. Chapter member Tom Ortmeyer tackled this project almost singlehandedly.



## In Memoriam: Andy Rawdon



Laurentian Chapter member Andy Rawdon died peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at age 68. He was, according to an obituary in Saranac Lake's Adirondack Daily Enterprise, "happiest when he was either in the mountains, on the water kayaking, reading, [or] working for the various non-profit organizations that he supported." Among the latter was the Chapter, which he served, to quote Chair Marianne Hebert, as "diligent" editor of this newsletter prior to December 2022. A 46er, "He loved climbing and said that he probably climbed most of the [High Peaks] more than once because he introduced many high school and college friends to the mountains," as the newspaper notice put it. A 1977 SUNY Potsdam alumnus, he was a lawyer by profession. Among survivors is a son, Benjamin, of Potsdam. Memorial donations may be made to Historic Saranac Lake, 89 Church St., Suite 2, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; Compeer Rochester, 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607; or SUNY Potsdam College Foundation at 44 Pierrepont Avenue, Raymond Hall 507, Potsdam, NY 13676

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