Landmark News & Views

2026 CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 24
Open for the Season
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Membership Kick-Off & Landmark Society Annual Meeting
4:30 p.m.
49 Ontario Ave.

Wednesday, July 1, 15, 22, 29
Preservation Wednesdays
2:00 p.m.
Landmark Shop

Wednesday, July 8
TI Park History Trivia Night
7:00 pm - Guzzle

Wednesday, July 22
Thank You Member Event
5-6:30
Hotel Garden

Thursday, July 23
Cottage & Garden Tour
9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25
Illumination Night

Sunday, July 26
Ice Cream Social
3:00 p.m. - Landmark

Wednesday, August 5
FIRES in T.I.P.
TALK & WALK
2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5
Closing 2026 Season

20th Cottage and Garden Tour this Summer

by Peggy Cleary

This summer's Cottage and Garden Tour is Landmark's 20th, and will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026. With a nod to the history of food and dining along the River, the theme of this year's tour is "Let's Eat: Kitchens, Dining and Picnics Through the Years!" The morning and afternoon tours begin with a short presentation at the Tabernacle.

The tour will feature five cottages, a boathouse, various points of interest, and a lemonade stop where tour participants can refresh themselves. The cottages on the tour encompass a range of architectural styles, including Early Campground-Tent Platform, Eastlake, and Vernacular, a designation applied to cottages displaying typical Victorian-era elements and using locally available materials as well as the knowledge of local builders. The Tour also features a Montgomery-Ward pre-fabricated Kit House, which is a unique cottage type in TI Park. The boathouse, located along Coast Avenue West, is one of the Park's most beautiful, and houses both modern and antique boats. The points of interest include a dining tent reminiscent of the early years of the Park, the original Tea House (located at the current Security Building), and large banners marking the former locations of the Columbian Hotel, the Geneva Hotel, and the Pratt House, all places of lodging and dining. Finally, the lemonade stop takes place on one of the Park's most iconic and recognizable porches, which has a uniquely lovely rounded shape, making it the perfect welcoming place to relax with a cold drink.

There will be morning and afternoon tours (9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1p.m.- 4 p.m.), as well as an optional Garden Buffet Lunch in the beautiful Wellesley Hotel garden, served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Golf cart transportation will be available throughout the day.

Tickets may be purchased online at TIPLandmark.org and at the Landmark Shop when it opens in June.

Photo Caption:
Picnic, Thousand Island Park. c.1880 Outdoor Dining
Landmark Archival Collection

Announcement: Landmark Launches Two Website Resources

by Julie Mathien and Marjorie Snelling

The Landmark Society continues to advocate for the preservation of TI Park's built environment, and to save images of the Park, its people and the things that they do. We are pleased to announce two new websites which make accessing historic information easier. Now you can research your cottage or look at old photos over the winter when you may be far away. (*continued on page 2*)

Presidents' Message: 150 Years and Counting

Last summer was a season of heightened celebration, participation in events and preservation efforts. Through events for the community and merchandise depicting the artwork submitted to the 2024 Poster Contest, the Landmark Board and volunteers felt a surge of energy from the community and visitors. The Landmark Shop and Resource Center were very busy with not only shoppers, but also people curious for more information about the Park's past or interested in gaining more information on their cottage. In addition, the Victorian photo opportunity at the restoration tent brought others in to create vignettes of yesteryear. All of these signal to us to keep up the community interest and support.

In response to the Tabernacle Restoration Project-Phase 1, Landmark donated $2000 for Honorary Memberships with emeritus status to four individuals who have contributed significantly to preservation efforts and the Landmark Society. The honorees are Trude Fitelson, Dick Greene, Julie Mathien, and Penny Partlow. Throughout the summer all profits on Sesquicentennial Merchandise were calculated and ear-marked for donation to a future phase of Tabernacle Restoration.

We continue to keep a pulse on Landmark's role increasing support for the cottage owners in their understanding of architectural styles and appropriate changes to cottages or new builds. This summer, we plan to have times available for cottage owners or contractors to come in for help with the application process to the Preservation Board. We realize the process can seem daunting.

In order to better serve our mission, Landmark realizes that we need more open hours during the height of the summer. We are working to develop staffing positions to help with educational information and sales in addition to the shared Summer Intern with the Corporation. We will continue to rely on volunteers at the Landmark Shop and for our summer events. Please consider helping. Once a week in Landmark and at one or several events would make a difference as we grow into the next 50 years! Our summer plans include a TIP History Trivia Night along with another Illumination Night, a *Talk & Walk*, and Preservation Wednesdays. Together we can do it!

Andy Greene and Jean Ris

Announcement: Landmark Launches Two Website Resources (*continued from page 1*)

TIP Landmark Society Photo Archive:

Welcome to a collection of historic photographs of the Park and the people who have summered here. Browse pictures from the last 150 years. Thank you to Park residents and others who have generously allowed us to scan their photo collections. The images, arranged into albums for each donor, give us glimpses into why the Park continues to be so important to us now. TI Parkers swam, sailed, boated, fished, and hiked. Children played everywhere, as they do today. If you have Park photos, we will be delighted to add them to the collection. Our present will soon become our past and photos will continue to tell our story.

TIP Landmark Society Interactive Map:

Explore our interactive map that allows you to find every cottage in the Park, along with photographs and a description of its architectural features. The data in the map were gathered during the 2016-2018 review of TI Park's placement on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to the photos and descriptions, the map permits filtering results by architectural style, decade built, and other criteria. Maps dating from our founding help show the development of the Park, and as in the case of the 1915 Sanborn map, when many cottages were lost. Please, take a minute and explore the Park.

Visit us using our NEW URL: **TIPLandmark.org**
or contact us ***tipregistry@gmail.com*** for more information

Preservation Corner *with Trude Fitelson*

How our Preservation Board is assisted in making decisions: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties are at the heart of most preservation codes across our country. These Standards and Guidelines were developed following the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966. That act came about because Urban Renewal of the 1960's decimated structures of our valuable architectural past. A very significant demolition was the Beaux Arts Style Pennsylvania Station designed by the turn of the century architectural firm McKim, Mead & White. The 1963 Penn Station demolition was an important catalyst for the creation of the NHPA.

A new ornament is added to the collection for purchase Summer 2026.

Save the Date

ILLUMINATION NIGHT

July 25, 2026

Contests for Best Neighborhood & Cottage

Winners are invited to an Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 26th at Landmark .

Lanterns & LED lights will be available for purchase at Landmark while supplies last.

Membership Levels 2026

Members may purchase tickets for the Cottage & Garden tour at the $40 MEMBER PRICE and are invited to a Thank You Member Event Wednesday, July 22nd.

$10 **Youth** Level (ages 0-18): Sesquicentennial Celebration Sticker or Water Bottle
$25 **Individual** Level: Sesquientennial Celebration Sticker or Water Bottle
$50 **Family** Level: Michael Ringer Pavilion Note Cards
$100 **Benefactor** Level: TIP Jute Bag
$150 **Preservationist** Level: Archival Note Cards or Sesquicentennial Cotton Tote
$200-500+ **Steward** Level: 2 Complementary Cottage & Garden Tour Tickets

Thank You for Your Support for Historic Preservation in TIP

Youth & Individual Level = 1 Vote at the Annual Meeting - All other levels = 2 Votes

2025 Summer Intern Shares Experiences *by Dipper Benoit*

Thousand Island Park has always held a special place in my heart. Over the years, like many teens, I've taken on my fair share of summer jobs in the Park. Yet serving as the Preservation/Landmark Intern was something entirely different—it was truly meaningful.

Not only did the role allow me to explore my passion for history and research, but it also gave me the chance to connect more deeply with a community that has shaped me. From organizing "Preservation Wednesdays" for younger children to attending meetings with long-time residents—individuals who have devoted years to safeguarding the Park's history and who generously shared their knowledge—I witnessed a remarkable passion that spans generations.

Thousand Island Park is a community rooted in centuries of rich history, and the commitment to preserving its defining features has always been central to its identity. Through my work with the Board, I was able to engage directly with that legacy while strengthening my own ties to the community. By helping bridge the gap between older and younger residents, I felt I was giving back to the Park that has given so much to me—playing a small part in ensuring it will be cared for in the future, just as it has been in the past.

Membership

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society, founded in 1976, is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization created to promote the preservation and appreciation of the unique architecture and social heritage of Thousand Island Park. It is a member and volunteer-supported organization.

Landmark could not exist without our members who provide us with the support needed to continue our preservation mission and community and fundraising activities. Volunteers are always welcome as resource center/shop docents, committee and board members.

A member of TIPLS supports the organization's work to safeguard the historic architecture in Thousand Island Park and provide educational activities and preservation resources to the community. Your membership also entitles you to membership incentives.

Please join Landmark or renew your current membership by completing and returning the membership envelope by mail or in person to the Landmark Office. Membership runs from May 30 to June 1 of the following year. Contributions are tax deductible.

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Landmark Resource Center, Exhibit & Sales

Season Opening - Wednesday, June 24th
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This season's extended hours will be advertised.

Visit the Landmark building offering educational, archival collections, research, and shopping opportunities.

The Trude Fitelson Center is a dedicated area for researching information with access to our library, educational resources, and the 1982 and the most recent National Register survey documents for each cottage in the Park.

We welcome Park residents and visitors to view our reference materials and to appreciate the continuing efforts of the Landmark Society and the Preservation Board to preserve the uniqueness of TIP.

We'll continue to have Sesquicentennial Merch: Posters, Notecards, Stickers, Prints, Magnets, Cotton & Canvas Tote Bags and will be featuring new items using TIP Artwork.

A new TABERNACLE ornament adds to our architectural series.

2024 Community Photos, Guzzle and Pavilion Ornaments, selection of books, and apparel items remain for sale.

Stop by to meet the 2026 Summer Intern who once again assists Landmark and the Corporation.

This volunteer organization relies on help from those with time and interest. **PLEASE CONTACT US.**

Annual Meeting & Membership Kick-Off

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society's Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 24th at 4:30 p.m. at 49 Ontario Ave. along with the Membership Kick-Off. All community members are welcome. Landmark members are eligible to run for and vote in Board elections.

Landmark Board and Advisors

Co-Presidents: Andy Greene and Jean Ris
Vice President: Peggy Cleary
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