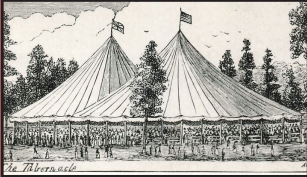


Landmark News & Views



2025 CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 25
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 2
**Sesquicentennial
 Launch of
 Books and Poster**
 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Wellesley Hotel Garden

Wednesday, July 9
**FLORA OF TIP
 TALK & WALK**
 2:00 p.m.

Friday, July 11
**History 2
 Donor Recognition**
 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**July 16, 23, 30
 Aug. 13**
**Preservation
 Wednesdays**
 2:00 p.m.
 Landmark Shop

Saturday, July 19
Illumination Night

Wednesday, August 6
**BOARDING HOUSES
 TALK & WALK**
 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 30
Closing 2025 Season



Community Involvement Captures the Spirit of TIP

by Regan Brown and Jean Ris

Over the past few years there have been requests to the community to get involved in adding to the Park's rich history through sharing of information, photos, and participating in a number of special activities. Much of this challenge has been a lead-up to the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Park's history. For several years, the National Register Update Project was underway and with generous contributions and volunteers helping with the survey, this project was completed. On its heels has been the request for information to help with the contents of both the History 2 book and the Dinner on the River book. Once again generous donations and volunteerism have allowed these two books to be ready to be launched during the 150th celebration. The archival photo collection continues to grow and is available at Zenfolio for public viewing. We are grateful to Marjorie Snelling and those who shared their photo collections for scanning, (thousandislandparklandmarksociety.zenfolio.com)

A year ago, a challenge to participate in community photos and re-create archival photos at the iconic Pavilion and Tabernacle was initiated in the *News & Views*. Thanks to Andy Kane with his drone technology and the gathering of park residents, the photos were created to mark another period of history. Also during the 2024 season, Landmark announced a Sesquicentennial Poster Contest, open to all ages. With the anniversary fast approaching, we thought it would be a good idea to feature a new poster, celebrating this milestone, much like the previous anniversary posters did. The first prize winning design would become our new Sesquicentennial poster, 2nd prize designs were to be made into notecards, 3rd prize to be made into a sticker, and honorable mentions to be made into prints. Happily, 14 submissions were received and over the winter months, our Poster Committee was busily using those winning designs to create Sesquicentennial merchandise, all of which will be for sale throughout the 2025 season in our St. Lawrence Avenue shop.

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*What spirit will
 future milestones in
 Park history reveal
 about community
 structures and
 activities?*



2024 Summer Intern Shares Experiences by Tommy Nemeč

My summer as the TIP Landmark Society and Corporation intern was incredible! As a Classics and History student at Colgate University, it's hard not to see history all around me, and Thousand Island Park couldn't make it any easier. My summer was filled with events like scavenger hunts for historic architecture, walking tours, and research on the remarkable history that we live amongst in the Park, and it was not hard to find inspiration. Through the summer, a desire to connect what I study in school to the houses of TIP overtook me, and I endeavored to begin researching the classical influence of architecture in Thousand Island Park. (continued on page 4)

Presidents' Message: 150 Years and Counting

What is Landmark doing to keep the 150-year-old Park moving forward keeping a keen eye out for continued community involvement and attention to preservation efforts? During the summer season, Landmark once again will offer a variety of educational programs for youth and adults on "Preservation Wednesdays." Activities and events for this Sesquicentennial Summer 2025 include two Talk and Walks, programs led by the Summer Intern, Illumination Night, a new exhibit in Landmark, and a special launch of the two books that Landmark has supported and the Sesquicentennial poster winner. Donors to the History 2 book will be recognized at a second special event. We think this summer's photo opportunities will pique your interest of yesteryear in TIP!

Last summer's very engaged intern, Tommy Nemec, has inspired us to look within the Park to develop interest and leadership. It is our hope that we can build a stronger sense of community and preservation amongst the younger generation for our future.

One or both of us are currently involved with a number of Park committees or boards that are important for communication within the community and a means to help keep a pulse on preservation. These committees include: Landmark as Support, Tabernacle Committee, Buildings and Grounds, Land Use, Sesquicentennial, Racquet Committee, and Preservation Board. With an emphasis on the Sesquicentennial season which is well underway, we should have more time to devote to the Salvage Program and a return of the Cottage and Garden Tour in 2026. Preliminary ideas for updating the Thousand Island Park Preservation Handbook regarding installation of mechanicals and gutters are underway. We hope to offer information sessions on both to help cottage owners and contractors understand options that are the best fit for the Park.

Despite busy, changing, and challenging times, Landmark's volunteers continue to look for ways to advocate for this historic district, recognized by the National Register of Historic Places, through education and community programs. We urge you to get involved and we are grateful for those already taking part.

Andy Greene and Jean Ris

Book Projects Reach Completion for the Sesquicentennial



Thousand Island Park 1975-2025

Relive the last 50 years on the Park in Landmark's new history book, written to celebrate our sesquicentennial.

Enjoy the story of how Thousand Island Park changed and how we preserved our timeless place on the river for future generations.



Dinner on the River

Food and Meals in Thousand Island Park and the Upper St. Lawrence River from 1875-2025

- includes evolution of River kitchens, and their appliances, memories and photos of so many River friends and families with treasured recipes to try
- 200 pages, hardcover, forever binding, \$50 USD

Visit us at thousandislandparklandmarksociety.org
or contact us tipregistry@gmail.com for more information

Preservation Corner *with Trude Fitelson*

The TI Park Corporation, in concert with the TIP Landmark Society, will host a National Alliance of Preservation Commissions CAMP on this coming June 28th. CAMP is the National Alliance of Preservation Commission’s Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program. The goal is to provide high quality, engaging and informative training to preservation boards and commissions through presentations, hands on exercises, group discussions or virtual training. CAMP is led by qualified preservation professionals in support of NAPC’s mission to build strong local preservation programs and leadership through education. The CAMP trainers are commissioners, local state and federal staff members, attorneys, consultants and planners. Topics chosen for this workshop: Standards and Guidelines for Design Review, Alternative Materials, and Envisioning Infill. As numbers are limited, contact the Landmark if you are interested. More information will be provided as we come closer to the June date.



Save the Date **ILLUMINATION NIGHT**

July 19, 2025

A bike & golf cart parade will be added this year.

Contests for best Neighborhood and Cottage

Winners are invited to an Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 20th at the Tabernacle.

Lanterns, LED lights and bike lights will be available for purchase at Landmark while supplies last.

2:00 p. m.
Preservation Wednesdays
Take A Closer Look
Scavenger Hunts, Talk & Walks and more!

LOOK for more information:
Instagram: thousand_island_park
4-Corners Sandwich Boards
Weekly Tabernacle Sheet
Landmark Window Signs

ALL AGES WELCOME

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On July 2nd, during Landmark’s major sesquicentennial event along with the launch of the books, we will reveal all winners and have the merchandise ready for sale to the community. Proceeds from the merchandise sales will be put toward the Tabernacle Restoration Project. Please join us on July 2nd for this exciting reveal!

Membership Levels 2025

Thank You for Your Support for Historic Preservation in TIP

- \$10 **Youth** Level (ages 0-18): Sesquicentennial Celebration Sticker
- \$25 **Individual** Level: Sesquicentennial Celebration Sticker or Water Bottle
- \$50 **Family** Level: Sesquicentennial Celebration Note Cards
- \$100 **Benefactor** Level: Sesquicentennial Celebration Magnet and Archival Note Cards
- \$150 **Preservationist** Level: Sesquicentennial Celebration Cotton Tote Bag
- \$200-500+ **Steward** Level: Sesquicentennial Canvas Tote Bag **or** Guzzle or Pavilion Ornament

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

Intern Experiences *(continued from page 1)*

This research led me to parts of the Park I had never seen, made me notice things I had never noticed, and brought me to conclusions I would never otherwise have drawn, such as realizing that even the most basic pattern of porch spindles or skirting has its roots in the Greek geometric period, or that the columns on porches throughout TIP so resemble those of the ancient world. Through these sorts of observations, and my summer research for Colgate surrounding Roman historiography, I was able to put together a presentation that I think encapsulated the historical feel of the architecture in TIP. Everywhere you look around the Park, there's something that was there before us all, or something that we have seen change and grow over the years. From a summer retreat with no more than some tents between the trees, to a blossoming community surrounded by historic structures and a century and a half of culture, Thousand Island Park is a treasure trove of history, if not a monument of it, and my internship for the TIP Landmark Society made it possible for me to realize what had been right under my nose for so long. Of all those who I must thank for that experience, there is nobody more deserving than the Landmark Board themselves, whose monumental efforts to preserve our town enliven it, and make experiences like the one I had possible.

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 25th

**Hours: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Visit the Landmark building for archival collections, and research, educational 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've Stocked Sesquicentennial Merch to
Accompany the 2 Newly Published Books
&***

***Posters, Notecards, Stickers, Prints, Magnets,
Cotton & Canvas Tote Bags, and More
Featuring TIP Artwork***

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

Stop by to meet the 2025 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 25th 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.

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