



2017 FALL Newsletter

Learn About Some of the 2017 Programs Funded by the API With Your Kind Support

2017 Artist-in-Residence

The API was pleased to welcome Artist Emma Percy to SUNY ESF's Adirondack Interpretive Center as the 2017 Artist-in-Residence. The Artist is a graduate of the School of Art & Design at Alfred University and works primarily in the fields of book arts, printmaking, paper making and mixed media sculpture. During the summer, Emma presented programs and workshops sharing perspectives on the natural environment of the Adirondacks through artistic interpretation. In her art, Emma specializes in working with native materials found in the natural environment. The API hosted a welcoming reception for the Artist at the Interpretive Center in June. Pictured from top right is Artist Emma Percy; SUNY ESF President Quentin Wheeler with API Executive Director Dan Fitts at the Artist Reception; and Charlotte Demers, SUNY ESF Naturalist, greeting guests at the Artist Reception. *Photos by Frank Pine.*



This Artist-in-Residence Program is made possible in part, by the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program Grant with funding provided by Essex County.



2017 Summer Naturalist Program

The API was pleased to welcome the 2017 Summer Naturalist, Andrew Coulter, a graduate of Paul Smith's College. In addition to gaining valuable experience in environmental education and interpretation, Andrew helped manage the Interpretive Center and led the weekly outreach program with the Newcomb Youth Program's summer day camp. Andrew is pictured below. *Photo by Frank Pine.*



"The Arrival of Fall" by Laurel Fitts



API's Arto Monaco Banner

The API's Arto Monaco Banner is on display this fall at the Paul Smith's College VIC. The banner tells the amazing life story of this famed Adirondack artist. The purpose of the banner is to promote partnership and collaboration among regional organizations through the whimsical perspectives captured in Arto's work. Pictured at right is Paul Smith's College Marketing Director and API Trustee, Shannon Osborne. *Photo by the API.*





Paul Smith's College VIC Butterfly House

The API was pleased to provide funding to help support educational programs offered at the Breck Chapin Native Species Butterfly House. It is enjoyed each summer by nearby communities and visitors to the region. Pictured at left, Butterfly House interpretation, and at right, Azaria chasing butterflies. *Photos by Paul Smith's College*

The 2017 Leadership Awards Gala

The Gala, API's major fundraising event, was a success raising nearly \$16,000 to support educational programs for children and families in the Adirondacks. The 2017 Frank M. Hutchins Adirondack Environmental Education Leadership Award was presented to Adirondack Experience, recognizing years of work in interpreting and telling the story of the region's rich history and culture. Gala Co-Chairs were Paul Smith's College President, Cathy Dove, and SUNY ESF President, Quentin Wheeler. Thank you to the donors and patrons that supported the Gala! Also, many thanks to Pete Hornbeck for the generous donation of a Lost Pond Boat with raffle proceeds supporting the Gala. The boat raffle was won by Marilyn Lilly of Newcomb, NY. The Gala was held at the historic Adirondack Hotel and the attendees enjoyed a visit by President Teddy Roosevelt impersonator Joe Wiegand.

Pictured starting below left and clockwise: Sue Goodspeed, API Office Manager and Board Secretary, and President Roosevelt drawing the winning ticket for the Hornbeck boat; Marilyn Lilly with her new Hornbeck boat; John Warren and Dan Fitts; API President Bob Lilly leading the Gala program; David Kahn, Executive Director, accepts the 2017 Hutchins Award on behalf of Adirondack Experience with Andrew Couture and API President Bob Lilly looking on. *Photos by the API.*

