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HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING Phil Brown to Speak on Bob Marshall in the Adirondacks

SARANAC LAKE, New York; Historic Saranac Lake will hold its Annual Meeting on October 29 at 7:00 PM, in the John Black Room of the Saranac Laboratory Museum. The meeting marks the organization's 29th year, and will feature a talk by Phil Brown, editor of the *Adirondack Explorer* newsmagazine. Phil will present a slide show on Bob Marshall, the legendary Adirondack hiker and conservationist. The talk is free and open to the public.

A Saranac Lake resident, Brown also will be available to sell and sign copies of his book, *Bob Marshall in the Adirondacks: Writings of a Pioneering Peak-Bagger, Pond-Hopper and Wilderness Preservationist* (hardcover, 334 pages, \$24.95). The book was designed by another Saranac Lake resident, Susan Bibeau of Beehive Productions.

The slide show presents an overview of Marshall's life. Born in New York City in 1901, Marshall spent his boyhood summers at his family's camp on Lower Saranac Lake and fell in love with wilderness. He was the first to climb all 46 of the Adirondack High Peaks. He later explored uncharted Alaska, founded the Wilderness Society and, as a federal bureaucrat, worked to save millions of acres of wild land. He reveled in long hikes, often walking more than 30 miles in a day. He once climbed 13 High Peaks in one day.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana, the nation's largest wilderness area outside Alaska, was established in his honor. The Adirondack Council wants New York state to designate a 409,000-acre Bob Marshall Great Wilderness in the northwestern Adirondacks, where Marshall studied forestry. It would be the largest wilderness area in the Adirondack Park.

Founded in 1980, Historic Saranac Lake is a nonprofit, historic preservation, membership organization offering professional knowledge and experience to the public in support of historic preservation, architectural and historical research and education. The organization owns and operates the Saranac Laboratory Museum, and an online museum of local history, www.hsl.wikispot.org.

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