

Fire tower logo design contest winner

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To the editor:

The Friends of St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower would like to announce the winner of the recent logo/patch design contest.

The contest was detailed on our website in January, ending June 15. It was open to anyone who wanted to submit a design. We received eight excellent entries, making it a difficult decision. The winner, Jackie Sullivan Passeti, was chosen by the executive committee. She is a teacher/artist from Manlius. Jackie climbed St. Regis Mountain for the first time this May and was inspired to create this lovely logo/patch. We thank all the contributors for their time and effort. All the entries submitted can be seen on our website. In addition to the patch, we intend to use the logo for other promotional items. The patch will be used as a thank-you gift for anyone donating \$5 or more to the Friends of St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower. This can be done through our website (www.friendsofstregis.org/donate).

In other news, restoration of the fire tower continues. As of this date, railings, stairs, safety fencing and the floor of the cab have been replaced by the Friends and the Student Conservation Association. The New York State Police and Department of Environmental Conservation have provided logistical support in delivering supplies and materials to the summit. The next stage to be completed is roof replacement.

A series of anonymous donations have allowed the Friends to contract with David Vana of Davana LLC of Bloomingdale to remove the old roof, fabricate a new roof and install it on the tower. Plans to airlift the roof and other parts to the summit for assembly are in progress. Cross braces, window frames, hatch fencing and railings will be installed by the Friends group soon after the roof is completed.

The Aquatic Watershed Institute of Paul Smith's College is providing a summit steward who is scheduled to be on the mountain every Friday of the summer season.

If anyone is interested in helping out with this project, being a volunteer steward, donating or joining the Friends group, all are welcomed. You can get more information on our website, www.friendsofstregis.org.

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