

Lake George real estate keeps breaking records

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor Before last November, only

two homes on Lake George had sold for

more than \$3.4-million. But in the last eight months, three more joined that exclusive Three sales \$5-million this year; only two ever before. Construction

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list in a flurry of high-end lakefront activity.

• **\$4.95-million was paid** on Nov. 28, 2018, for a secluded 4,700-square-foot home with 1,267 feet of lakefront and seaplane access on 8.22 acres on the lake's Northwest Bay in Bolton.

• **\$5.5-million was paid** in March for a 6,300-square-foot Tudor-style mansion on 1.26 landscaped acres of Cramer Point. That's thought to be a *Please turn to page 35*

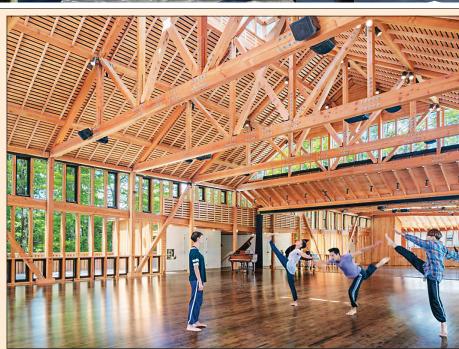
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Faults DEC policy on parked boats in LG

Dear Editor:

Regarding your [July 25] article "DEC: Don't leave trailered boats in parking lot at LG's Million Dollar Beach boat launch":

The Million Dollar Boat Launch is a wonderful service to local boaters who can't afford or can't justify due to limited boating days the several thousand dollars to dock a boat on Lake George. Some of us boaters have brought a boat and left it on *Please turn to page 9*



Fort William Henry to turn Towers Hall into 'Carriage House' for weddings, arts

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

The Fort William Henry and the Lake George Music Festival are collaborating on a plan to transform the vintage Towers Hall into

Aim to finish ized, atmospheric venue to be called the Carriage House —

suitable for large concerts as well as weddings, conventions and other gatherings.

"This is something we've been looking at for at least five years," Fort William Henry CEO Kathy Flacke Muncil tells *The Chronicle*. They've retained BBL Construction of Albany to create plans, including the renderings shared here.

Ms. Muncil said they hope to complete renovations by 2021, "or maybe the year after." She projects the cost between \$600,000 and "a million and a half, maybe \$2 million, depending on what we do for sound and such."

"It is a beautiful post-andbeam building from the 1800s," Ms. Muncil said. They've used it of late for large wedding receptions, banquets and conventions including an NRA gathering, Americade and the Adirondack Nationals Car Show.

The project is coordinating with Alexander Lombard's *Please turn to page 26*





Mike Smith Smith ends his auction By Mark Frost

By Mark Frost Chronicle Editor

After 33 years auctioning antiques for a living, Mike Smith conducted his last one Saturday night at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

"It's time. "It's time. I'm 66," Mr. Smith told *The Chronicle* Saturday afternoon — but he readily acknowledges that what prompted the end of

Antiques interest plummets; 'no one under 60' likes them

Cherry Tree Auctions is that demand for antiques has plummeted.

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