ADIRONDACK BRANCH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/PROGRAM/EVENT 2010-2011

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Category: Education/Community

Title: Understanding Our Environmental Legacy

Having long been a proponent of "green" issues, our branch enthusiastically embraced the idea of presenting a program to educate our members/community-at-large on environmental issues confronting our part of the world – specifically, the Adirondacks. To that end, our committee of four decided on a 3-prong approach. We created a panel of three experts to present from their area of expertise – 1 – on weather changes; 2- on the newest trends in recycling; and, 3- on specific pollutants to Lake George/the Adirondacks.

The program was very well received; as was the "Rethinking the 3 R's" pamphlet created by our committee, and the other informational material provided by "Cornell Cooperative Exchange", the "Lake George Watershed Coalition, and "Waste Management".

While the program only made a brief statement on three aspects affecting the environment, it has provided a "spring-board" for future programming – alternative fuels and single-stream recycling being two possibilities.