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Tug Hill Commission Celebrating 50 Years, Announcing Class of 2023 Tug Hill Sages at Annual Dinner

WHAT/WHY: The NYS Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region through natural resource and land use planning, community and economic development, technical assistance, and other methods of capacity building. The Tug Hill Commission is celebrating 50 years of service to the Tug Hill region in 2023. Additionally, since 1983, the distinction of “Tug Hill Sage” has been given to individuals with vast knowledge of Tug Hill’s heritage and environment and a life-long involvement in the region. As part of the Tug Hill Commission’s 50th Anniversary celebration, we will also be welcoming a new class of Tug Hill Sages for 2023.

WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 2023

5:00 p.m. - *Park It: Tug Hill* video debut with WPBS-TV

5:30 p.m. – Social hour with hors d’oeuvres, music by NYS Old Tyme Fiddler’s Association

6:30 p.m. – Gathering & Reflections on 50 Years

7:00 p.m. – Buffet dinner

8:00 p.m. – Designation of Tug Hill Sages: Class of 2023

WHERE: Tailwater Lodge, 52 Pulaski Street, Altmar, NY 13302

WHO: Tug Hill Commission Executive Director Katie Malinowski and Chairman Jan Bogdanowicz will lead the proceedings, with former executive directors Ben Coe, Bob Quinn, and John Bartow making remarks, as well as the newly inducted Tug Hill Sages.

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The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.