

**Call for Presentation Abstracts:**  
**APTNE 2025 Annual Meeting & Symposium:**  
**Evolution of Place Identity**



The Association of Preservation Technology Northeast Chapter (APTNE) invites the submission of abstracts for consideration for presentation at the upcoming 2025 APTNE Annual Meeting & Symposium, to be held on **Friday, February 28, 2025**, at Saratoga Springs, NY, with an in-person event, as well as a virtual program. The overarching theme of the 2025 APTNE Annual Meeting & Symposium is **Evolution of Place Identity** and will feature presentations from professionals, emerging professionals, and local students.

In Saratoga Springs, fissures in bedrock formed naturally-occurring mineral springs, which were foundational to the development of Saratoga as a center of healing and leisure. Later popular for gambling and its horse track, it is the ongoing pursuit of leisure and recreation that has led to the city's motto "Health, History, Horses."

What makes a place unique, creates its identity and legacy, and draws people to it? Depending on who you ask, it may be the local natural resources, the buildings, the industry, or the people. Each of these features contribute to the identity of a place. Together, we will explore the roles that the built environment has in maintaining place integrity for future generations.

Presentations must be tied to one of the following tracks:

- Using and sourcing local materials and how they shape the place they're in: the risks/rewards of using local materials, who was using these materials, and physical and design challenges.
- Preserving healing spaces (hospitals, churches, forest, hot springs), sustaining change to the physical and spiritual, while maintaining identity.
- Preserving recreational facilities: active facilities with ongoing use, inactive facilities, and the challenges that come from both.
- Saving and sustaining seasonal buildings, such as American Summer cottages, that weren't constructed with modern conveniences or materials: logistical issues, design challenges, and construction difficulties.
- Sustaining local community identity: what is it and why is important, how to adapt to changing identity, and policies developed to sustain. What role does the built environment have in maintaining the integrity of place?

We encourage not only **materials discussions, preservation discussions, and social and identity discussions**, but also **technical discussions, academic research, and academic research**.

Presentations are to be 25-30 minutes in length and are to be in English, with a maximum of two speakers.

The due date for Abstract Submission is **Monday, October 21st, 2024**.

Abstract submission will be through the APTNE website. The following materials will be required to submit an abstract:

- Contact Information - Name, Email, Phone Number
- Presenter Information- Resume, Head shot, Biography (250 words or less)
- Abstract Information - Title, Abstract (500-900 words in word doc and plain text)
- Impact Statement - Up to 250 words about how your proposed abstract is related to technology in preservation and how it will build upon and/or advance the field of preservation

- Photographs - at least two photographs referencing the abstract

The selection process and notifications will be completed in Mid-November.

**[Submit Here](#)**