

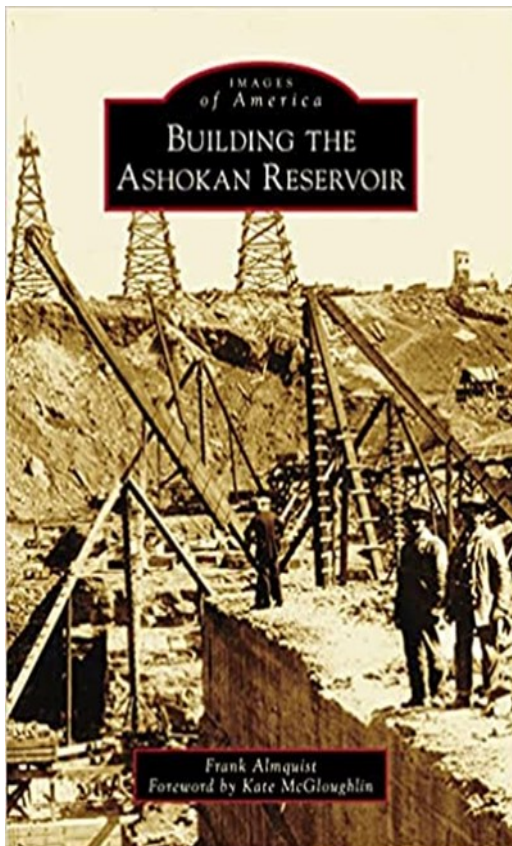


Lifespring

Winter Presentation

Building the Ashokan Reservoir: Ten Years of Engineering and Hand Labor

Presenter: Frank Almquist



In the late 1890s New York City was running out of water for its growing population; the water supply was diminished by lack of rainfall and insufficient reservoir capacity. The search for additional water sources continued into the early 1900s and eventually led engineers to the Esopus Creek basin. Using vintage photograph postcards to illustrate his talk, Mr. Almquist will describe the quest to find the proper site for a water source to serve New York City and explore how the Ashokan Reservoir was built, primarily using hand labor for this monumental task.

Frank Almquist is a retired IBM engineer, who fly-fished the Esopus creek for many years. He collected antique postcards of the Ashokan Reservoir area, the towns displaced by the building of the Reservoir, and images or the construction process. His extensive research culminated in an Images of America book, *Building the Ashokan Reservoir*, published in 2021.

Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Time: 11:00 am -12:30 pm

Place: Online via Zoom (See below.)



All Lifespring members, their guests and those on the Interest List are invited to attend. To register, please click [here](#). Your Zoom link will be emailed to you within 24 hours after you complete and submit the online registration form.

Please register as soon as possible.

The deadline for reservations is **Monday, January 3rd.**