



Saratoga County History Center  
*Sharing History to Promote Community*  
March 10, 2022



The Saratoga County Public History Award was presented to inaugural winners James Richmond and Carol Godette, on Tuesday, March 8. Richmond and Godette are pictured with some of the board members of the Saratoga County History Center.



# Saratoga County History Center's Events

**March 24 - 7pm** “Supporting the Poor in Saratoga County” A Saratoga County History Roundtable talk by County Historian Lauren Roberts on the 130-year history of the County Poorhouse. The Poorhouse was established in 1827, when the county purchased land to accommodate an Alms House for “the victims of misfortune.” As the county grew, so did the number of people who needed care. The Poor House complex included a large-scale farm, schoolhouse, imposing brick residence and an infirmary. Tickets for this in person event at Brookside Museum are at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39903-supporting-the-poor-in-saratoga-county> This is a hybrid program and will be available via our Facebook Live (no ticket necessary). [https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live_videos/)

Tickets for Supporting the Poor

**April 6 - 7pm** “The Deepest Devotion (President Ulysses S. Grant)” with Ben Kemp from the Friends of Grant Cottage, via Zoom, as part of the Expert Next Door series. It has been 200 years since the birth of famed Civil War general, and two-term president, Ulysses S. Grant, who spent his last days here in Saratoga County at Mount McGregor. Mr. Kemp will portray President Grant’s eldest son, Frederick and, using intimate stories, Fred will show a different side to President Grant, and illustrate the intense devotion his father had for his nation and his family. Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/40362-experts-next-door-episode-19> Donations are always much appreciated. A Zoom link for the event will be sent within 48 hours of the event time.

Tickets for "The Deepest Devotion"

**April 16 - 1pm** “Finding Criminals using DNA from Genealogical Databases” A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by Tobi Kirschmann, owner of DNA Investigations in Saratoga Springs. A DNA analyst, Kirschmann has decades of experience before starting her own business. She has been assisting adoptees in locating their biological relatives, but her preference now is to devote more time working with law enforcement groups in attempting to solve cold cases. This live event, co-sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center is at Brookside Museum. This is a hybrid program and will be available via our Facebook Live (no ticket necessary). [https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live_videos/)

Brookside’s Research Library, which includes the Heritage Hunter's collection, will be open before and after the program, between noon and 4 pm.'

*Programs are free unless otherwise indicated.*

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**Saratoga County Public History Award**









The Saratoga County Public History Award was presented to inaugural winners James Richmond and Carol Godette on Tuesday night.

James Richmond is the founder and coordinator of the Saratoga County History Roundtable, a group dedicated to investigating and discussing local history. In 2019, he received a special award from the Association of Public Historians of New York, and has been a close associate of the History Center.

Carol Godette is a former educator and freelance writer whose ground-breaking investigations into Saratoga Springs culture and history have illuminated the not-so-distant past in remarkable ways. Her dozens of essays in *Simply Saratoga Magazine* have ranged in topic from architecture to fashion to popular personalities.

The recipients were selected by a committee of esteemed professionals: Ronald Schorpp, social studies department chair at Saratoga Springs High School; Lisa Kissinger, social studies academic administrator for Shenendehowa CSD; Heather Mazurowski, social studies department chair at Ballston Spa High School; Heidi Hill, Historic Site Manager at the Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site; Samantha Bosshart, Executive Director of the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation; and Isobel Connell, Ph.D., trustee of the Saratoga County History Center. The committee was chaired by Michael Landis, Ph.D., trustee of the Saratoga County History Center.

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## THE DEEPEST DEVOTION (PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT)

Experts Next Door : Episode 19

April 6 | 7 PM



Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/40362-experts-next-door-episode-19>

Tickets for Supporting the Poor



# Saratoga County Historical Community Upcoming Events

**These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted. These are not hosted or sponsored by SCHC.**

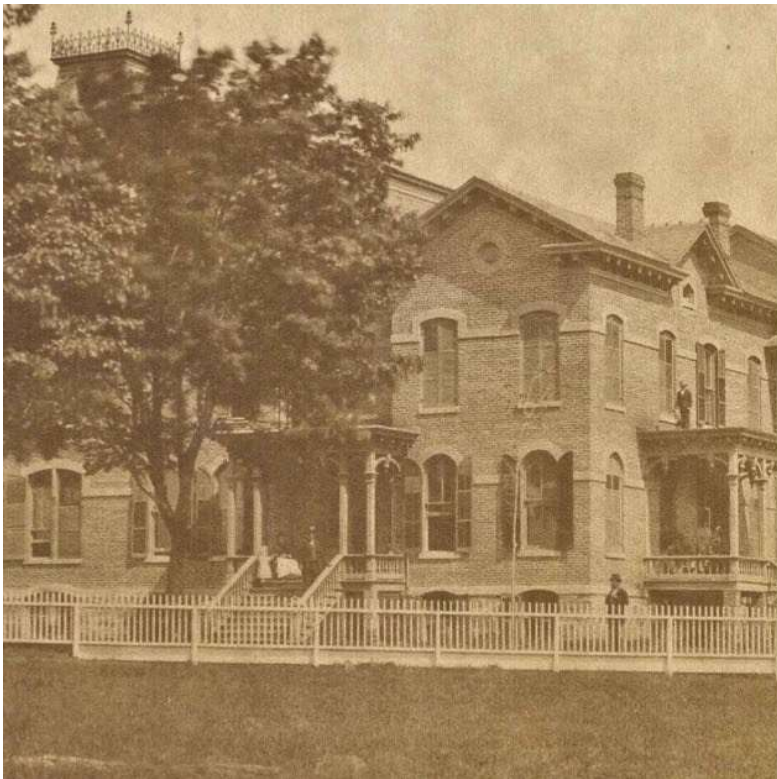
**March 13** - 2pm "Voice of the Mountains" with storyteller Eileen Egan Mack. A program of the Charlton Historical Society. The meeting is at Academy Hall at Charlton Freehold Church, 768 Charlton Road.

**March 16** - 7pm "*George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring*," Pulitzer prize winning journalist and author Bill Bleyer reveals the fascinating story of the Culper Spy Ring and the people and places involved. This is a program of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum. Attendance limited to 40. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs.

**March 19** - 1pm “The Marshall Family of Schuylerville and the historic Marshall House.” Heritage Hunters will present a Zoom program led by Elaine Gardella of Worcester, Massachusetts, a direct descendant of the Marshalls. Gardella will share information on the early colonial Marshalls and the Marshall cemetery, including three Revolutionary War patriots of the Saratoga campaign. The presentation will include a review of the guidelines to applying for membership in the DAR. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88038454037?pwd=WVdETmNjT0VINHJ4YUZyQzRkZW0rZz09> or contact 518-885-9309 for obtain information.

**March 19** - 2pm "The Battle of Valcour Island," Award winning historian and author of the recently published *Valcour: The 1776 Campaign that Saved Cause of Liberty*,” Jack Kelly shares the wild and suspenseful story of the scrappy American navy that took on the full might of the Britian’s sea power in the opening year of the American Revolution. Attendance limited to 40. This is a program of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs. .

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [sean@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:sean@brooksidemuseum.org). SCHC News and Events is a collaborative effort. We count on the contributions of the historic community of Saratoga County and others for the entire content of this page.



## SUPPORTING THE POOR IN SARATOGA COUNTY

130 year history of the County  
Poorhouse

March 24 | 7 PM

Brookside Museum 6 Charlton  
Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.



Tickets for this in person event at Brookside Museum are at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39903-supporting-the-poor-in-saratoga-county>

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## We could use a moment of your time.

As we look forward to the future, we are reaching out to our members and friends for feedback on our programs and services. SCHS will use this information to develop a strategic plan for the next five years.

This is thanks to the management volunteers of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce.

The SCHS Board of Directors really wants to hear what you think and what you think about how programs can be improved. Below is a link to an online survey to document your opinions. You will need less than 10 minutes to complete the survey in an anonymous manner.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTJ6G62>

Thank You!

Answer the Survey

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## History Center Spring Offerings

The Saratoga County History is pleased to announce two major events this spring featuring prominent local scholars: “Supporting the Poor in Saratoga County” with Lauren Roberts on March 24; and “The Deepest Devotion,” with Ben Kemp, who will portray Frederick Grant, the eldest son of Ulysses Grant, on April 6.

### “Supporting the Poor in Saratoga County”

Thursday, March 24, 7pm

Brookside Museum (6 Charlton St, Ballston Spa)

Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts will explore the history of Saratoga’s “poorhouse.” Established in 1827 as an alms house for "the victims of misfortune," the institution grew along with the county. The Poor House complex included a large-scale farm, schoolhouse, imposing brick residence, and an infirmary. Over the decades, laws changed the way indigents were cared for, and, finally, in 1961, the poorhouse was demolished. Though the building no longer exists, this institution played a significant role in the care of county residents for well over a century.

"Many people may not realize that County Farm Road in the Town of Milton once led to an actual farm that was operated by people who lived in the county poor house” Roberts explains. “This 112-acre parcel was home to thousands of county residents over its 130-year history and operated



almost self-sufficiently. Some of the people who were cared for there stayed only a few days, while others were there for much of their lives."

Free tickets to attend this event in person are available at

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39903-supporting-the-poor-in-saratoga-county>

The program will also be broadcast on Facebook Live on the Saratoga County History Center Facebook page.

### **"The Deepest Devotion"**

Wednesday, April 6, 7pm

On Zoom

Timed perfectly to celebrate the 200th birthday of the beloved general and president Ulysses Grant, Episode 19 of the popular virtual speaker series Experts Next Door will feature public historian and re-enactor Ben Kemp of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage National Historic Landmark (Wilton, NY).

Mr. Kemp will embody Frederick Grant, the eldest son of the Civil War victor and controversial two-term president Ulysses Grant. President Grant spent his final months of life at a cottage on Mt. McGregor in the Adirondack foothills of northern Saratoga County. Fred devoted himself to helping his father write his memoirs, and thus had a unique perspective on both the flesh-and-blood person and historical figure. Through intimate stories, Fred will show a different side to his famous father while illustrating the intense devotion his father had for his nation and his family.

Mr. Kemp was born and raised in the Saratoga region of New York State. He is a living historian, speaker, and researcher who has been featured on C-Span, PBS, and the History Channel documentary *Grant* (2020). Mr. Kemp has been a staff member with The Friends of U.S. Grant Cottage since 2014.

This event is free and open to the public. Please register at

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/40362-experts-next-door-episode-19>

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THE SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER, WATERFORD (NY) HISTORICAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER AND IRELAND'S WATERFORD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PRESENT....



MARCH 12TH, 2022 AT 7 PM

A live international history program about the connections and shared cultural aspects of both Waterford, Ireland and Waterford, New York through the lasting legacy of heritage within the greater Capital Region and Saratoga County.

This is a free online event open to the public. To register and receive the zoom link visit :

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39590-waterford-to-waterford-irish-connections>

We are sorry to say that we had to reschedule our Waterford to Waterford: Irish Connection program on Irish history and culture, which was planned for March 12. Our Irish professor Seamus Dillion at the Waterford Institute of Technology is out on medical leave. We will let you know when we have an updated schedule.

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# BLACK EXPERIENCES IN SARATOGA COUNTY 1750 – 1950

Explore the diversity of the lives of African Americans in Saratoga County over 200 years from the colonial period to the mid-20th century. It is a panorama of the struggles and hardships they faced, but also of their persistence and success.



Brookside Museum Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome.



## Heritage Hunters Meeting, April 16, 2022

The intriguing process of identifying criminals through comparing DNA from genealogical databases to the DNA left behind in old crime scenes will be discussed at the April 16th Heritage Hunters meeting by Tobi Kirschmann, owner of DNA Investigations in Saratoga Springs. A DNA analyst, Tobi worked for the California DNA Databank for 10 years, before moving to New York in 2017. Here she worked at the Forensic Investigation Center in Albany until she decided to start her own business. Since then, she has been assisting adoptees in locating their biological relatives, but her preference now is to devote more time working with law enforcement groups in attempting to solve cold cases. She even assembled a group of interns to help. They are called LEADS, the Law Enforcement Assistance Service. Tobi's website is [dnainvestigations.com](http://dnainvestigations.com).

With the help of our partner organization, this presentation will take place at the usual time, 1 p.m., at the Saratoga County History Center, Brookside Museum, located at 6 Charlton St. in Ballston Spa. The program will also be broadcast on Facebook Live on the Saratoga County History Center Facebook page. Brookside's Research Library, which includes the Heritage Hunters collection, will be open before and after the program, between noon and 4 pm





## FINDING CRIMINALS USING DNA FROM GENEALOGICAL DATABASES

Heritage Hunters of Saratoga  
County

April 16 | 1 PM

Brookside Museum 6 Charlton  
Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.



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This message was sent by the Saratoga County History Center Board of Trustee which recognizes Native Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live. We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands, we write from, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home in New York State today.



## The Lattimore Circle

**WATCH AT [HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCCWB2LIMLN6FISBYOXCPEW](https://youtube.com/channel/UCCWB2LIMLN6FISBYOXCPEW)**

[Visit our YouTube Channel](#)

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The Brookside Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm. SCHC Brookside Museum lists all closings at <https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/>

The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome. The current exhibits are *Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950*, *A Century of Ice Cream*, *a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops*, and the *Country Stores in Saratoga County*.

The Saratoga County History Center is dedicated to the preservation and sharing of the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center offers a variety of innovative, exciting and educational programs online and in person throughout the county. Please visit the website ([www.brooksidemuseum.org](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

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