

March 24 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



Saratoga County History Center

Sharing History to Promote Community

March 24, 2022



Brookside Museum is a gathering place which tells the story of Saratoga Country.



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. There a few tickets still available 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/

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 had been assisting adoptees in locating their biological relatives, but her preference now is to devote more time to working with law enforcement groups in attempting to solve cold cases. This in-person event, co-sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center is at Brookside Museum. This is also a hybrid program that will be available via our Facebook Live (no ticket necessary). 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.

April 24 - 12pm "Hudson Mohawk Antique Tools and Trades Association (HMATTA) Meeting featuring a Program and Book Signing with Don Williams" Join members of HMATTA for their noon swap meet for sales and trades of antique tools in the parking lot. At 1 pm the gathering will move indoors for the meeting and a presentation about collecting antique tools and a book signing by Don Williams, author of *Grandfather's Toolchest*. This live event, cosponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, will take place at the Brookside Museum.

May 1 - 1pm "Quilts of New York and New England with Quilt Expert Deb Grana" Learn about the fascinating history of quilts and quilting in the northeast. View original quilts from the presenter's collection. Participants are welcome to bring your own antique quilts to share with the group and to discover more about their origins. This live event, cosponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, will take place at the Brookside Museum.

All these programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated, and donations are accepted with gratitude.

SARATOGA COUNTY Public History Awards

Watch the presentation on our
You Tube channel

<https://youtu.be/our16SW2cUk>



Watch the Saratoga County Public History Awards

Become a Corporate Member

In addition to providing essential support for the History Center, corporate members receive a host of special benefits and opportunities

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Gordon Creek Member: \$250

Receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events.

High Rock Member: \$500

All the benefits above plus: Five North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) memberships.

Hudson-Mohawk Member: \$1,000

All the benefits above plus: Personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum by the President, 10% off at the museum shop, and five copies of *The First Respectable House: Brookside and the Growth of Ballston Spa*.

Excelsior Member: \$2,500

All the benefits above plus: a one-time free use of event space.

Adirondack Member: \$5,000

All the benefits above plus: Two free uses of event space, first-look at new exhibits, ten NARM memberships for your employees, and 15% off at the museum shop.

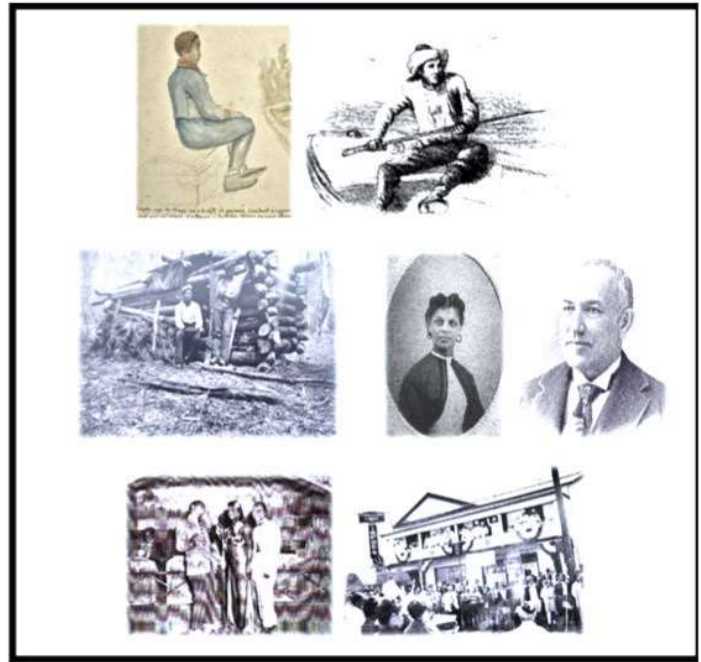
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BLACK EXPERIENCES IN SARATOGA COUNTY 1750 – 1950

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.



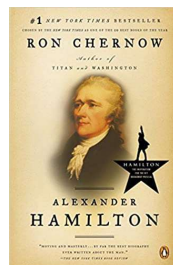
Brookside Museum Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 5 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome.



What book is on the nightstand?



We asked various local historians and history enthusiasts what history book has been their bedside table recently. As the pandemic continues, we hope you will want to find out what others are reading in these uncertain times and why. SCHC new board member Frederic Sober shared:

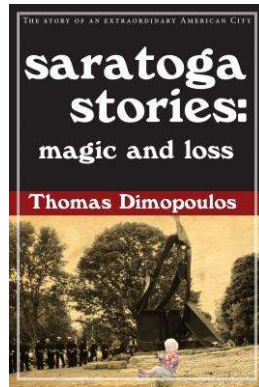


"On my nightstand right now is *Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow (about 2/3 finished), and *Saratoga Stories: Magic and Loss*, by local author Tom Dimopoulos.

Hamilton is so well known that not much needs to be said. It follows Hamilton's life and documents his superhuman intellect and achievements.

Saratoga Stories is a collection of stories about Saratoga Springs and the colorful people and events that have shaped it. Dimopoulos is a writer for Saratoga Today, and is well-known in the local literary community."

Sober's selection of a biography on Philip Schuyler's son in law, Hamilton by Ron Chernow is certainly a tome. This book is inspirational and led to the Broadway blockbuster of the same name. His second book was written by Tom Dimopoulos of Schuylerville who is well known as a talented journalist and author. Dimopoulos is also known locally as one of the nicest and most humorous gentlemen in the area.



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.



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) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

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