



Saratoga County History Center
Sharing History to Promote Community
April 7, 2022



Spring is back as we enter the new phase of the pandemic. It's great to see a broader and more diverse audience at the History Center.



Saratoga County History Center's Events

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 had 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 12pm and 4pm.

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 1pm 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 is an in-person event, cosponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, that will take place in 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 is an in-person event, cosponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, that will take place in the Brookside Museum.

May 3 - 7pm *Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls* video premiere viewing party will take place at Brookside Museum. This is the first of a series of "Forgotten Crossroads of Saratoga County" videos, by the History Center and the Saratoga County History Roundtable. The video documents the development of this once vibrant community, what attracted families to settle here in the late 18th and 19th centuries, and how it grew around the mills, taverns, schools, stores, churches, and farms. The film concludes with a segment of the contemporary community that still works and lives there.

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

Membership Update

There are a number of exciting developments underway with the membership of the Saratoga County History Center.

"In 2021, we added five new exhibits, made great strides in our collection, raised more than \$31,000 to improve our building and saw 240% growth in our membership," said Trustee Andrew Collier, chairman of the Membership Committee. "We are delighted to announce changes to SHSC members!"

It's the first time we've offered a \$5,000 lifetime membership at SCHC at Brookside. This is really for the person who enjoys a sense of pride in helping to preserve the legacy of Saratoga County. We have updated some of the donor benefits and added some exciting new benefits. At the lifetime membership level you will receive behind the scenes tours, discounts at the museum shop and two free uses of event space per year.

Learn more at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/>

Become a member



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.

April 14 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch: 45 Years of Preserving Saratoga Springs" Since 1977, the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation has been dedicated to preserving and enhancing the unique architectural, cultural, and landscaped heritage of Saratoga Springs. In April 2022 the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation celebrates its 45th Anniversary. Join Executive Director Samantha Bosshart to learn about the Foundation's founding, advocacy efforts, and successes over the last 45 years. This is a program partnership between the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. The Saratoga Springs is located at 49 Henry Street • Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required.

<https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8074928>

May 15 - 12pm - 4pm Festivities begin at noon with the opening of the exhibit "The Archaeology of Clifton Park," followed by a lecture at 1pm by New York State Archaeologist, Dr. Christina Reith, on the Cultural Resource Survey Program, which provides research and assessment of archaeological and architectural resources for other state agencies. 18th and early 19th century period music by Liaisons Plaisante will begin at 2pm with refreshments and tours of the Historic Tavern. This event is co-sponsored by the Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission and Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern. Grooms Tavern is located at 290 Sugar Hill Rd, Rexford, NY 12148

June 4 - 7:30am - 7:30pm "Bus Trip to Erie Canal Museum and Camillus Erie Canal Park" Join award winning Clifton Park historian John Scherer for a bus trip to the Erie Canal Museum, located

in Downtown Syracuse, showcasing the 1850 National Register Weighlock Building, the last remaining structure of its kind, and to telling the incredible story of adventure on the Erie Canal. Come aboard a full- size replica canal boat. Explore life in a canal town. Experience a part of history that played an imperative role in the growth and development of the United States. Cost is \$70. Details can be found at <https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/cliftonpark/Search?TagId=393>

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to 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.



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.



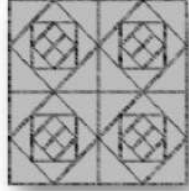
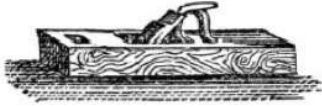
Become a Member this Month!

Did you Know? SCHC Members receive newsletters, access to special events, free museum and library admission, reduced prices for events and so much more.

Join today, <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/>

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TOOLS & TEXTILES



April 24 | 12pm Hudson Mohawk Antique Tools and Trades Association Meeting Featuring a Program and Book Signing with Don Williams

May 1 | 1pm Quilts of New York and New England with Quilt Expert Deb Grana

Two events commemorating early America. These programs are free and open to the public, and donations are accepted with gratitude.

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6 Charlton Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020 Please visit the website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory)



The wonderful Brookside Museum is in search of volunteers for the weekend visitor experience! You will help visitors appreciate their experience and time in the museum. Can you give me a hand? A 4-hour shift or two, each month? <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/>

Volunteer At Brookside

A CENTURY OF ICE CREAM, A CENTENNIAL OF THE DAKE FAMILY AND STEWART'S SHOPS

Few things are as beloved and iconic in upstate New York as Stewart's shops. The exhibit is made possible through the generosity of Stewart's Shops/Dake Family.



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.



Perky Pak gal
The model is showing off an innovation, pre-packaged portions of ice cream.
The Stewart Story, September 1954



Saratoga County History In the News

Saratoga County History in the News presents brief extracts from articles published in mainstream media and, less frequently, blogs and alternative media. The excerpts come directly from the websites referred to in each source note. Quotation marks are not utilized.

The [Empire State Trail](#) is named the **best rail trail** in the entire country. by Outside Magazine.. This significant recognition includes including the Champlain Valley Trail in the towns of Waterford, Halfmoon, Mechanicville, Stillwater and Saratoga The trail which has been in the works for years follows the historic Champlain Canal in eastern Saratoga County - [Times Union](#)

Saratoga County Public History Award-winner Carol Godette's new work on the secret history of [260 Broadway](#) in Saratoga Spring - [Simply Saratoga Spring 2022](#)

The future of the replica canal schooner [Lois McClure](#) is under examination at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. The *Lois McClure* and its trained crew have made many voyages to Saratoga County, exporting canal schooner history - [Addison County Independent](#)

In case you missed it, [This Week in Saratoga County History - March 31](#) *The Old and New Burnt Hills* written by the Town of Ballston Historian, Rick Reynolds <https://tinyurl.com/54kvkaft>

THE COUNTRY STORE IN SARATOGA COUNTY

Saratoga County was dotted with a variety of country stores, that served as both necessary sources of supplies and social hubs.



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The Brookside Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays (except Easter 4/17) from 12pm to 4pm. 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.



Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls

New Video Release

Tuesday, May 3 | 7 PM
Saratoga County History Center
at Brookside Museum

This is the first of a series of "Forgotten Crossroads of Saratoga County," on Rock City Falls is designed to document the development of this once vibrant community, what attracted families to settle here in the late 18th and 19th centuries, and how it grew around the mills, taverns, schools, stores, churches, and farms.



Contribute to Saratoga County History Center News and Events. Submit events, stories, job changes, promotions or news about Saratoga County history to 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. Producer Sean Kelleher and Editor Donna Dardaris coordinate the creation of the email with the help of many contributors, including Anne Clothier, Andrew Collier, Isobel Connell, Cindy Corbett, Michael Landis, Jim Richmond, Beth Silvestri and David Waite.

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