



Saratoga County History Center
Sharing History to Promote Community
May 12, 2022



Come join Fred the Shearer, as well as sheep, lambs, and spinners, for the long-standing family favorite, Sheep to Shawl. A delightful interactive opportunity for the whole family to enjoy learning about sheep and what it takes to produce woolen clothing. Talk to farmers, weavers, and Fred himself, make some crafts to take home, and enjoy the spring weather. Sheep to Shawl Community Day is this Sunday, May 15 from 1-4 pm.



Saratoga County History Center's Events

May 13 - 7pm *Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls* video viewing party will be held in the Rock City Falls Firehouse. 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. This is an in-person event, which will take place at the Rock City Falls Firehouse 1119 Rock City Falls Road, Rock City Falls, NY 12863.

May 14 – 9am - 4pm *Sold Out - Women in War: The Revolutionary Experience – A Symposium.* The Marshall House will bring together regional and nationally-known historians of the American Revolution including keynote speaker, Dr. Holly Mayer, to provide insights into the experiences and actions of some extraordinary women. The symposium is in partnership with the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission and the Saratoga County History Center. It will take place at the Saratoga Town Hall in Schuylerville, NY. *This event is a sell out!*

May 15 - 1-4pm *Sheep to Shawl Community Day.* The long-running “Sheep to Shawl” program returns to the Saratoga County History Center. Sheep, lambs, farmers, herders, and shearers, including the famous Fred the Shearer, and the Rock Day Spinning Guild will assemble on Brookside Museum’s lush front lawn to demonstrate every facet of sheep husbandry, shearing, and weaving to produce the wool clothing that was so ubiquitous in early America. Sheep to Shawl is an interactive, family-friendly event. Young and the young-at-heart will have fun petting the sheep, meeting farmers, and participating in demonstrations. A terrific opportunity to enjoy the spring weather, learn a thing or two, and enjoy some quality family time. This in-person event will take place at Brookside Museum.

June 18 - 10am-3pm *2022 Craft Fair.* Shop a wide variety of locally handcrafted collectibles, antiques, and farm products. This is a terrific opportunity for New Yorkers to sample and appreciate the best of upstate artisans, farmers, and culinarians. This is an in-person event that will take place rain or shine at Brookside Museum.

All these programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated, and donations are accepted with gratitude. The SCHC Brookside Museum is located at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020.



History Center Update

Great things are happening at the Historical Center. Recently, the Brookside Museum was filled to capacity. Our last two ticketed programs, *Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls* video viewing party and *Women in War: The Revolutionary Experience – A Symposium* has “sold out”. (Don’t worry, there is a second viewing party *Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls* on Friday, May 13 at 7pm at the Rock City Falls Firehouse.) The History Center’s trustee spent last weekend at a board retreat facilitated by SCORE. This is a very productive activity that leads to a plan that we will put in place. Thank you all for your support and I hope that many of you will attend Sheep to Shawl Community Day on Sunday.

Membership Update

“Thank you so much for your generosity and support,” explained Trustee Andrew Collier, chairman of the Membership Committee. “We couldn’t share the inspiring story of Saratoga County without you.”

When you give to The Saratoga County History Center, a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, you support our mission: To serve as a repository for local and regional histories, that provides innovative educational and public programming, and instills in our communities a deeper understanding of how the past informs and impacts our present and future.

Our Brookside Contributor membership starts at \$100. The contributors membership includes the SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, reduced prices for events, North American Reciprocal Museum membership, and a 10% discount at the museum shop..

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

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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.

May 12 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch with Charlie Kuenzel" This presentation will be a variety of historical topics that will highlight the city of Saratoga today. Topics covered will be important people, racing, social customs, historical events and street names. This program is offered as a partnership between the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required. <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8074931>

May 12 - 6:30pm "Susan Brownell Anthony Life Story" by renowned historic re-enactor Linda McKenney. Anthony was a pioneer leader of the causes of women's suffrage, temperance and abolition. In 1878 Susan submitted a proposed amendment to the Congress. Forty-two years later, in 1920, it became the Nineteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. McKenney will use Susan's own words to tell her life story. The performance will take place at the Round Lake Library's Malta Branch, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta, NY 12020. Reservations are required. roundlakelibrary.org or 518-682-2495.

May 15 - 12 - 4pm "Celebrating Historic Preservation In Clifton Park." Festivities begin 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

May 17 - 7pm "At Our Mother's Knee." The Town of Greenfield Historical Society will be presenting a program honoring women's voices from the past with select readings from the book *Before They Were Our Mothers - Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting*. There will be an introduction by editor Patricia A. Nugent and featuring authors Sue Sweet Van Hook and Joyce Hunt Bouyea. This program will take place at the Town of Greenfield Community Center located at 25 Wilton Road, Greenfield Center, NY 12833,

May 19 - 12pm "Noble Boys! The 77th New York at the Second Battle of Fredericksburg." Join David Handy for stories of the NY 77th Infantry's participation in the Second Battle of Fredericksburg, including first person accounts of the 77th charging Telegraph Hill, adjoining the sunken road on Marye's Heights just below the city of Fredericksburg, VA. David Handy is the author of two books about the NY Bemis Heights Civil War regiment: *McKean's Sunday School Boys Go to War: The Story of the 77th Bemis Heights Battalion in the Great Rebellion*, and a new book coming out this spring, *Theas Few Lines: The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump, 77th New York Volunteer Infantry*. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required.

<https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8960474>

May 19 - 7:00pm "Schuyler House and Local Research Updates" Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association and the Stillwater Historical Society for a joint meeting. The program will be Christine Valosin, curator at Saratoga National Historical Park update on interior renovations at the Schuyler House and research on the Loyalist Confiscation Ledger for those in Stillwater and Saratoga. The program will take place at the Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

May 21 - 1pm *A Gangster's Paradise: Saratoga Springs from Prohibition to Kefauver*. A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by retired Police Chief Greg Veitch. Veitch will talk about the city's notorious gangsters featured in his book. He continues the saga of the city's criminal activities where his first book, *All the Law in the World Won't Stop Them*, ended. It was a time of famous gangsters like "Lucky" Luciano, bootlegging, gambling, murders, raids, and political corruption. Town of Saratoga's Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

May 30 - 2pm "Memorial Day Ceremony in Gideon Hawley Park." The Charlton Historical Society sponsors the annual ceremony. This year's theme will be the recognition of the 100th

Anniversary of the U.S. Unknown Soldier. This program will take place at the Gideon Hawley Park, 758 Charlton Road, Charlton, NY 12019

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 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>

June 4 & 5 - "Founders Day Weekend." Saturday at 10am the annual Charlton Heritage 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run will be held. Registration at <https://zippyreg.com/register/charlton5k> and charltonnyhs.org. Saturday starting at 5pm Party in the Park will include entertainment, food, and fireworks. Sunday at 10am will be a Farmers' Market, contact Teresa Hart at 518-399 3436 for a booth. Sunday at 2 pm the Charlton Parade honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Dist. #1 Fire Department will be held. Dairy Ambassador Ice Cream Social will follow the parade and proclamation. Contact John Hussey 518 557-2410 if you/your organization wish to be in the parade. Activities are organized by The Charlton Historical Society.

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.





County Life in Photographs Exhibit Opening

The exhibit includes 26 images of gatherings in Saratoga County between the 1870 and 1950, interpreting the ways in which county residents interacted in social, political, and celebratory contexts. Research was carried out by three students from the history department at Skidmore College. John Greenwood of Wilton served as community advisor



Saratoga County History Center

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Presents

County Life in Photographs



See the exhibit at Brookside Museum. Open Thursday
through Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Become a Member of the SCHC

Become a member of the History Center today at the Brookside Benefactor level (\$1,000) and receive access to exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of our upcoming History of the Potato Chip exhibit.

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COME JOIN!

SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER'S

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to

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Community Event



**This Sunday, May 15 - 1-4pm
At Brookside Museum.**

Volunteer wanted!

The wonderful Brookside Museum is in search of volunteers for the Friday afternoon 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 or every week?

<https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/>

Volunteer At Brookside

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.



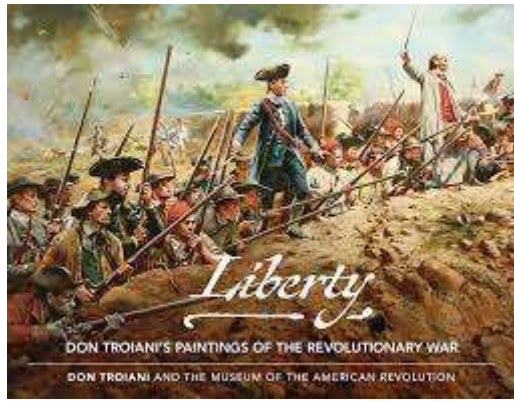
Brookside Museum Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome.



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. Town of Saratoga Historian and Vice President of SCHC Sean Kelleher responded:



My Christmas present was *Liberty - Don Troiani's Painting of the Revolutionary War*, which was published by the Museum of the American Revolution (MOAR) in Philadelphia. The book is a catalog for a special exhibition of Troiani's artworks at MOAR.

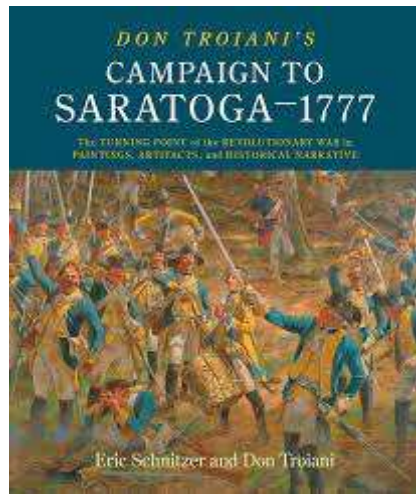
Not only is the book focused on the 40 paintings that make up the exhibit, but also artifacts from Troiani and other private collections. In addition, there are eleven historian notes that give an insight into the period and paintings. Historians include the Saratoga National Historical Park (SNHP) Ranger and historian Eric Schnitzer and former SNHP Ranger Anthony Trammell.

Troiani is a nationally renowned historic artist. Locally all wayside displays currently on the battlefield of Saratoga were painted by Troiani in the 1970s. Troiani spent a large part of his career dealing with what the American War of Independence looked like. His research-based painting captures the reality and drama of crucial moments such as 1777 Saratoga with a focus on Brunswick Camp Follower (the models for the painting are SCHC Education Director Anne Clothier and her daughter, Addie) and Brave Men as Ever Fought focused on the Rhode Island Regiment (the Black Regiment) marching by Independence Hall on their way to what will become the 2nd surrender of a complete British army at Yorktown, Virginia in 1781 (one of the painting models is my son, Henry Kelleher.)

Recently the Saratoga National Historical Park announced it received about \$6.6 million to rehabilitate the self-guided battlefield Tour Road from the Great American Outdoors Act funds. Modern outdoor exhibits will replace the existing informational waysides (early Troiani paintings) that are well beyond their intended design life. The 60 new exhibitions will feature durable steel, aluminum and bronze. Some of these exhibitions will contain new and old Troiani images. As well as other images from various diverse artists.

I think we will also see more of Troiani's images as the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution unfolds in Saratoga County.

It should be noted that one of the best books on the Battles of Saratoga is Don Troiani's Campaign to Saratoga - 1777: The Turning Point of the Revolutionary War in Paintings, Artifacts, and Historical Narrative written by Eric H. Schnitzer and Don Troiani.



The Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. SCHC Brookside Museum lists all closings at <https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/>

The SCHC Brookside Museum is located at 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 *County Life in Photographs*.

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.

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.



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

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