



Saratoga County History Center
Sharing History to Promote Community
May 26, 2022



SCHC traveled to the 2022 Waterford Canal Festival to share with hundreds of visitors the historical events and programs that SCHC and partners offer across Saratoga County. A special thank you to the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County for sharing their tent with the history center. It was the opening weekend of the 2022 navigation season along the 524-mile New York State Canal system, kicking off the 198th consecutive opening of the waterway and celebrating the ongoing bicentennial of the Erie Canal's construction and completion, which spanned from 1817 to 1825.



Saratoga County History Center's Events

June 3 – 3-6pm Brooks BBQ. SCHC will be selling Brooks' BBQ chicken dinners as a fundraiser for \$14. Each dinner will include: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, and a bread roll. Take-out only. Reserve your dinners at [HERE](#) There will be a limited number of extra dinners available on the day. Questions? Contact donna@brooksidemuseum.org or 518-885-4000

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June 11 all-day Albany Symphony Orchestra American Music Festival Free Community Concert at Hudson Crossing Park. SCHC will join the Albany Symphony Orchestra and Hudson Crossing Park for a day full of activities for all ages for Trailblaze: NY, a free community concert and part of the 2022 American Music Festival series. SCHC will have a table and host two walking tours along the Champlain Canal at 11 am and 2 pm. There will be activities in and around Hudson Crossing Park and the greater Schuylerville area throughout the day culminating with a FREE performance by the Albany Symphony Orchestra with food and beverage vendors, and art auction to benefit Hudson Crossing Park and Lake George Arts Project.

June 15 - 7pm Saratoga - Las Vegas Connection with Dr. Michael Green, Associate Professor at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Trustee of the Mob Museum in Las Vegas via Zoom, as part of the Expert Next Door series. Las Vegas is famous for its gangster history, but ... so is Saratoga County! Hear about these underworld connections Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/44049-experts-next-door-20-saratoga-las-vegas-connection> A Zoom link for the event will be sent within 48 hours of the event time.

June 18 - 10am-3pm 2022 Craft Fair. Shop a wide variety of locally handcrafted collectibles, and farm products. This is a terrific opportunity for shoppers 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.

Upcoming BBQ Fundraiser



We will be selling freshly made Brooks Barbecue chicken dinner "to go" on Friday, June 3rd, 3-6pm for \$14. Enjoy a barbecue chicken dinner, and help support our programs.

For over 40 years, the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum has provided high-quality K-12 educational programming, and shared and preserved our local history. This last year we had exhibits celebrating 100 years of Stewarts ice cream, Hats, Black History Experiences in the County, Mystery Photographs, Country Stores, and County Life in Photographs. We have welcomed school groups and families to Sheep to Shawl. We have had talks and walks. We want to offer more and need your support.

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Membership Update

The Saratoga County History Center is growing and contributing to the community in ways that it never has before. After weathering a financial deficit and facing the closure of the museum in 2019, SCHC has rebounded due to the strong support of community members and businesses. In order to continue this trend, and ultimately hire an executive director to manage day-to-day operations, we need your help to ensure the Center's future.

In the last year, we've raised money to repair the iconic front porch, replace the windows at the Center, and increased our programming for members and the community. Our staff and trustees are working hard every day to bring the best programming and community events to all of Saratoga County.

Our basic membership starts at \$25 for Senior/Educator/Student and \$35 for individuals. A couple can become a member for \$65. The basic membership includes the SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, and reduced prices for events.

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.

May 26 - 7pm "Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed Meet the Filmmakers." Filmmakers Tom Mercer and Anthony Vertucci will show the Battles of Saratoga scenes from their documentary, *Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed*, and discuss the history. They will talk about Arnold's actions on the two

battles that are collectively known as the Battles of Saratoga. The event is at the New York State Military Museum 61 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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 2 - 12pm "15 Miles on the Sacandaga Canal? The Canal Craze." This presentation will discuss the construction and success of the Erie Canal and the subsequent "canal craze" that sparked the idea of a Great Sacandaga Canal. Discover the area's efforts to expand their commercial reach as they sought to draw raw goods and resources from the Sacandaga Valley and throughout the Adirondack Mountains down to the Mohawk Valley, and wider global economic market. The presenter is David Brooks, the Education Director at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in Fort Hunter, NY. Schoharie Crossing interprets and preserves the significant history of the Erie Canal and its contributions to the state as well as the nation. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required. <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8965256>

June 3 - 10:30am "The Kidnapping of Free Citizens before the Civil War," Historian David Fiske will lecture as part of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library's First Friday series. The film *12 Years a Slave* told Solomon Northup's kidnapping and enslavement before the Civil War. But Northup's victimization was not an isolated incident: Fiske will detail the factors that made such crimes profitable and explain how kidnappers could operate with relative ease. Along with a recap of Solomon Northup's story, several other cases--including some from upstate New York--will be related. This program will be accessible via Zoom, or can be attended in-person at the library 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Registration is required to attend either virtually or in-person. Register at: <https://events.cphlibrary.org/event/6506689>

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.

June 18 - 10am-5pm "U.S. Grant's Bicentennial Birthday Celebration." It's been 200 years since former 18th President and Civil War commanding Union General Ulysses S. Grant was born. To help celebrate, the Friends of Grant Cottage invite you to a fun-filled family birthday event on the grounds of Grant Cottage! The celebration will include an open house of the cottage, complimentary food (including birthday cake), music, a magician, games, face painting, and more. Meet General Grant (portrayed by living historian and Grant Cottage tour guide Steve Trimm) and sing Happy Birthday to the General. The popular 77th NY Regiment Balladeers will perform Civil

War-era music during a one-hour concert beginning at 1:00 PM. Tom Smith and Diana O'Brien will be singing engaging songs from their Knee High Songs for Children program in period dress during the all-day event as well. Other reenactors will be on-site to share their expertise on topics such as tin-type photography, Civil War medical practices, and what it was like to be a Civil War infantry soldier. Attendees will be given small American flags as souvenirs of a memorable day at Grant Cottage. Grant Cottage is at 1000 Mt. McGregor Rd in Wilton NY 12831

June 23 - 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/9177599>

June 23 - 7pm "Tour of Fairmount Cemetery/" Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association for a guided walk of the Fairmount Cemetery on corner of County Route 69 and Casey Roads in the Town of Saratoga (Schuylerville.)

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.



The Saratoga County History Center is thrilled to announce a county-wide craft fair! The family-friendly free event will be held at beautiful Brookside Museum on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 10am to 3pm.

Guests will be able to shop a wide variety of locally handcrafted collectibles, and farm products. No mass-produced or commercially-made items will be permitted.

"The county-wide craft fair gets better each year, and we cannot wait for our guests to see the amazing artisans our area has to offer," said Beth Silvestri, coordinator for the Craft Fair.

This is a terrific opportunity for shoppers to explore and appreciate the best of upstate artisans, farmers, and culinarians.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be held rain or shine.

Brookside Museum is located at 6 Charlton Street, Ballston Spa, NY, 12020. A well-preserved 1792 mansion, Brookside houses the records, collections, and exhibits of the Saratoga County History Center. The SCHC is dedicated to preserving and sharing the diverse histories of Saratoga County, and offers a wide variety of innovative, exciting, and educational programming both online and in person. Please see the SCHC website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and our social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

Please contact Beth Silvestri for more information:(518) 885-4000 or bsilvestri@brooksidemuseum.org



The
Saratoga-Las Vegas
Connection

June 15, 7pm, via Zoom
Experts Next Door
Dr. Michael Green, The Mob Museum

WELCOME TO THE PIONEER CLUB CASINO
CASINO CENTER
SOUVENIR SLOT MACHINES FREE

Free Tickets to the Experts Next Door

News from the Colonial Herb Garden...

As I round the corner of the museum early on Sunday morning, a crown of golden blossoms glitters in the sunlight...

WOAD. Last summer it was a large, ground-hugging rosette of long green leaves adored by slugs. Now, it stands almost five feet tall! Like most herbs woad is a plant with a purpose: the two-inch, blue-green leaves that climb the tall stems have been used since ancient times to produce a blue dye.



Nearby, in the fragrance bed, **Florentine** iris blossoms glisten. Also called orris, the roots are harvested, dried, and aged for two to three years, before being ground releasing an extraordinary

fragrance of violets. Only then is it used as a fixative for potpourri. Neither plant is native; they arrived when the early colonists first set foot on our soil.

Next week: the Three-Sisters Garden and disarming Dame's Rocket.

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Become a Member of the SCHC

The easiest way to help support Saratoga County History Center's mission— as a repository for local and regional histories, to provide innovative educational and public programming, and to instill in our communities a deeper understanding of how the past informs and impacts our present and future—is to become a Member.

Visit the link to explore our different membership levels: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/>

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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](https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/)

Saratoga County History Center

with Skidmore College Department of History

Presents

County Life in Photographs



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

Heritage Hunters meeting, July 16th, 2022

On July 16th at 1pm, the Bullard family will welcome us on a guided tour of their historic home, known as the Marshall House, located at 136 Route 4 North, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

During the 1777 Revolutionary War Battles of Saratoga, the farmhouse was used as a hospital for the wounded, and a refuge for wives and children who accompanied officer husbands. Surviving writings of one of these women, Baroness Riedesel, provide an amazing record of the conditions of the times.

After the tour, we will move to the old Marshall Family Cemetery nearby, where docent Elaine Gardella will tell us about some of the 53 people who are buried there. More background information is provided on the website, <https://themarshallhouse.org>.

Since the family would like to know how many attendees to expect, we will provide a sign-up sheet at the May and June Heritage Hunters meetings. People can also contact Ginny Humphrey, 518-885-9309, or bhumphre@nycap.rr.com.

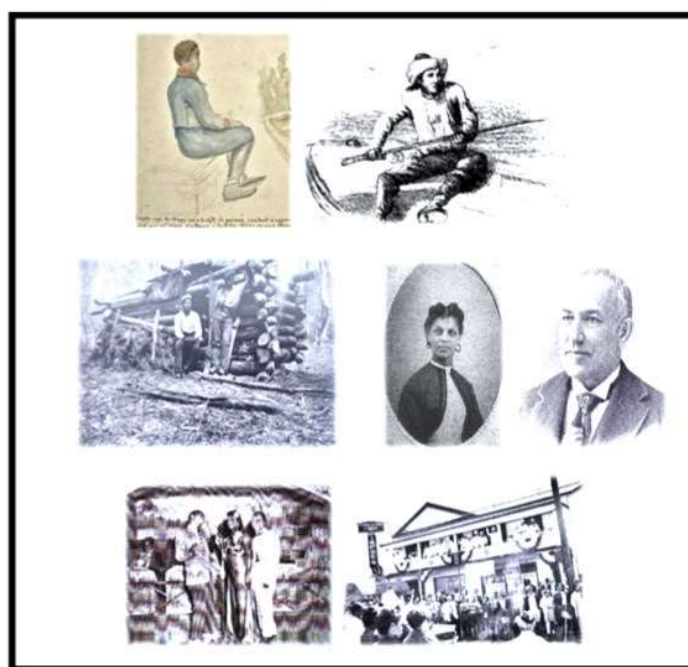


BLACK EXPERIENCES IN SARATOGA COUNTY 1750 – 1950

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.

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By-law Change

From time to time, the By-laws of the organization need to be updated. Our by-laws are available on our [website](#). The by-laws do not yet reflect the change in the organization's name from Saratoga County Historical Society to Saratoga County History Center. The proposal is "wherever the title Saratoga County Historical Society appears in the by-laws, it be replaced by Saratoga County History Center." The Board of Trustees, after posting on-line a proposed amendment to these by-laws and 30 days after promulgated at a Board

of Trustees meeting, may so amend these by-laws upon 2/3 vote of the full Board of Trustees,

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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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

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