



Saratoga County History Center

*Sharing History to Promote Community*

June 2, 2022

**Saratoga County History Center**

**BROOKS**

**Barbecue**

**@ Brookside!**

**Friday, June 3, 3-6pm**

*"Welcome back to Summer"*

**½ bbq chicken, baked potato, cole slaw,**

**bread roll all for \$14!**

*\*Take out only\**

**Please visit [www.brooksidemuseum.org](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)  
to reserve in advance.**

*All proceeds go to fund public education and children's programs*

**6 Charlton Street, Ballston Spa, NY, 12020**

Help support the Saratoga County History Center at their Brooks' BBQ chicken dinner. It is a fundraiser with \$14 dinners that include: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, and a bread roll. Take-out only. Reserve your dinners at [HERE](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org). There will be a limited number of extra dinners available on the day. Questions? Contact [donna@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:donna@brooksidemuseum.org) or 518-885-4000



# 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](mailto: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.

**June 28 - 7pm *Off The Northway* Release Party.** A presentation and book signing by longtime local journalist Stephen Williams, who wrote *Off the Northway* is a compilation of 83 articles from

the Daily Gazette in Schenectady, NY. The *Off the Northway* book will be available for purchase. The event will be held at the Brookside Museum, and you can pre-register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/44328-off-the-northway-book-launch-and-presentation>.

Register for the *Off The Northway* Release Party

*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

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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.

SCHS/Brookside Museum Brooks' BBQ chicken dinners fundraiser is on Friday, June 3rd, 3-6pm for \$14. Each dinner will include: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and a bread roll. Take-out only

Reserve your dinners [HERE](#)

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## Membership Update

"Every day, we want you to have the best donor experience possible with the Saratoga County History Center," explained Trustee Andrew Collier, chairman of the Membership Committee. "To do this, we have evaluated the benefits we provide to ensure that we thank you for your partnership in the most appropriate and meaningful way."

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/>

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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.**

**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](http://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 4** - 1-4pm "Ralph Savage Artwork and Lilac Wine and Cheese Tasting." The Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center is offering a reception of landscape works in the museum collection by 19th century Hudson River School of Art-inspired artist, Ralph Savage (\$5 admission). The Lilac Wine and Cheese offers a fun chance to sample a selection of delicious wines and cheeses while enjoying the museum's porch that overlooks the old Champlain Canal trail. Admission to the Wine and Cheese is \$15 and includes a hand-etched glass and admission to the art reception. Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center at 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY 12188.

**June 10** – 6:30pm "The Anti-Rent War: 1839 to 1869" outdoor lecture presented by Michael Barrett at the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center at 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY 12188. These are bring-your-own chairs and refreshments picnic-style events on the museum lawn offered on the second Friday of the month over the summer. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, contact [info@waterfordmuseum.com](mailto:info@waterfordmuseum.com)

**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 18** - 1-3pm Canalways, an educational program exploring the history of the Erie, Champlain and Barge canals in Waterford. Admission of \$5 per person includes a guide booklet for the program, continuous tours of Lock 2, educational displays, and a chance to hear the Town Historian, Russ VanDervoort, speak on the canals. This is an outdoor program, sponsored by Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, beginning at the Harbor Visitors Center (1 Tugboat Alley, Waterford, NY 12188) and at Lock 2.

**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.)

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## History Center Announces Publication of *Off the Northway*

The Saratoga County History Center is pleased to announce the publication of a new book on local history. *Off the Northway* is a compilation of 83 articles written by longtime local journalist

Stephen Williams, who retired after a 42-year career at the Daily Gazette in Schenectady, NY.

The book, a collection of his weekly *Off the Northway* columns and other stories spanning the period from 2005 through 2020, will be released and become available for sale beginning Tuesday, June 28 at 7 PM at a presentation and book signing by the author at Brookside Museum, 6 Charlton Steet, Ballston Spa, the home of the History Center. Pre-registration for this event can be made at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/> The book will also be available at local bookstores, additional book signing sessions to be announced, and at [amazon.com](https://amazon.com)

*Off the Northway* provides a reporter's up-close perspective on the events that impacted people living in Saratoga County during this 15-year period and reflects on the changes seen across the county stemming from the construction of the Adirondack Northway six decades ago. As with all good story tellers, Mr. Williams' articles often capture the past and give readers pause to think about the future. "The book not only takes the reader down memory lane, but many articles have continued relevance to the communities that straddle the Northway," commented Jim Richmond, chairman of the History Center's Publications Committee.



Stephen Williams

One of the principal topics is the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta, which recently announced plans to construct a second plant at its vast Luther Forest location.

Among the other topics, Mr. Williams covered during his tenure at the Gazette and included in *Off the Northway* are stories about the ongoing efforts to manage development and environmental protection, some of the unusual local history of Saratoga County and Saratoga Springs, and his takes on local politics and politicians of the early years of the 21st century. One of the major players in the GlobalFoundries story, state Senator Joe Bruno, is covered extensively, as are politicians like state senators Jim Tedisco and Roy McDonald.





Global Foundries  
Down to Earth Aerial

“Though he later fell from grace, Senator Bruno is among the key people who reshaped the Capital Region into a tech hub and brought GlobalFoundries to Saratoga County,” Williams said. “I wanted to tell that story and to write about the changes I’ve seen – as well as the things that haven’t changed – throughout my career. Each story has an introduction explaining why it was written and sometimes a postscript explaining how the issues raised may have played out.”

For more information, please contact the Saratoga County History Center or James Richmond at [saratogacohistoryroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:saratogacohistoryroundtable@gmail.com)

This is the second new book to be published by the History Center. Plans are underway to release a second volume of “Saratoga County Stories” in the fall, based on the “This week in Saratoga County History” series written by various local historians and “history buffs.”

**Register for the *Off The Northway* Release Party**

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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.

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## News from the Gardens...

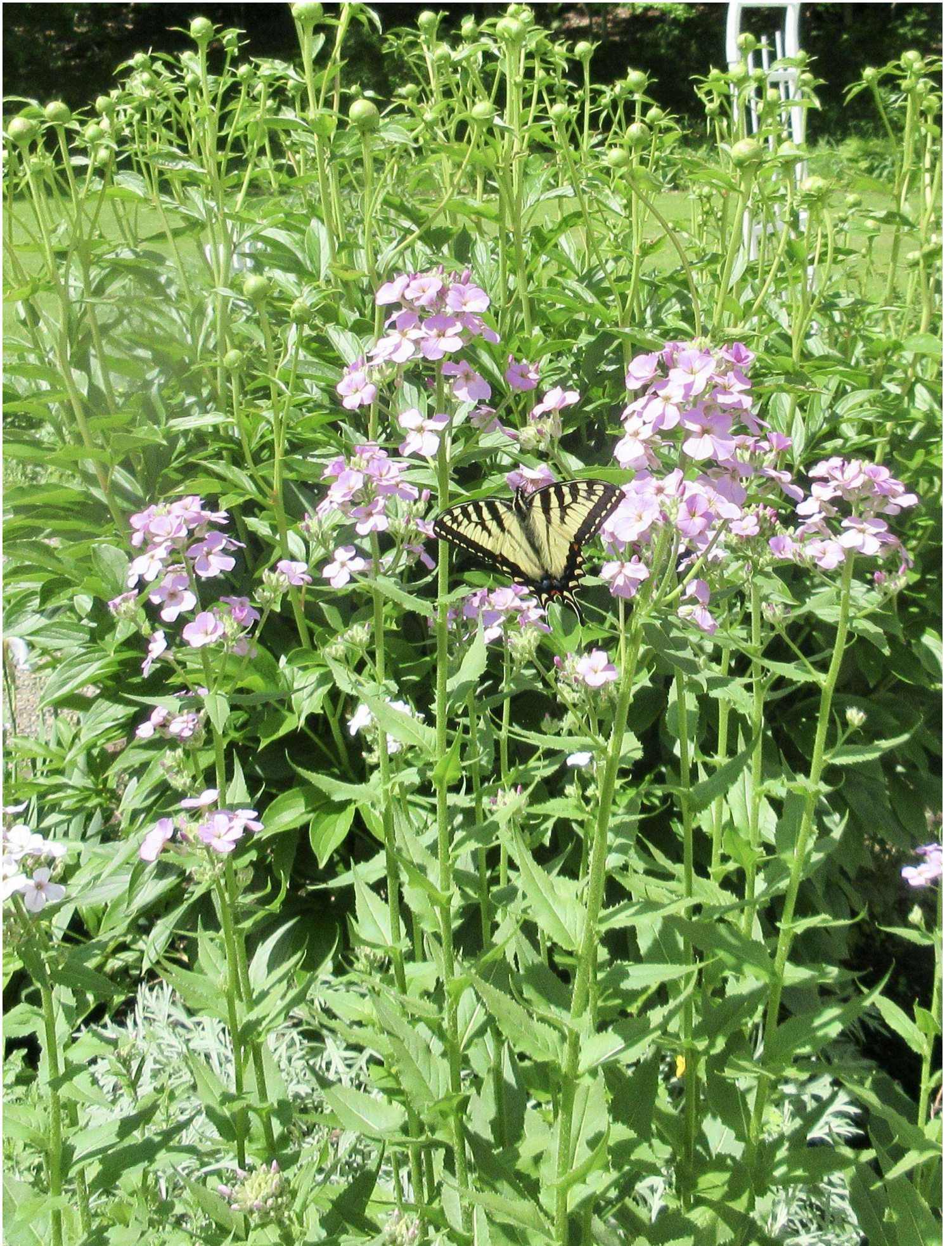
Last May an unknown plant appeared in the fragrance bed of the herb garden. “Did you plant this?” I asked my co-gardener. “No, I thought you did.” The plant looked like it belonged so we labeled it “mystery plant.” As its neighbors, catmint and peony, came into bloom so too did the mystery plant. The flowers resembled phlox and towards evening exuded a delightful scent.



Leafing through my herb books I finally identified it. I found the most common name—dames rocket—almost as mysterious as the plants arrival in the garden. But the word rocket provided a hint: the British call arugula salad rocket and the French call it roquette. An article the magazine Mother Earth Living confirmed that dames rocket is closely related to arugula.



Dames rocket arrived with the colonists. The young pungent leaves are edible and reminiscent of arugula, the plant has medicinal properties, and the scent is lovely. Dames rocket escaped from the colonists' gardens and has naturalized in much the Eastern United States. You will see it growing on the side of many roads, and possible think, oh, that's wild phlox. But look closely. There are only four petals on each blossom while phlox has five. Kept within bounds it is a valuable addition to the fragrance garden. Pollinators love it. It is a thrill to see butterflies and hummingbirds visiting for its sweet nectar.



Just a few footsteps away from the herb garden is the Three Sisters Garden. The Iroquois people relied on the three sisters—corn, beans, and squash—as a major food source. The garden is planted like the Native Americans planted their gardens. Corn is sowed in the center of small mounds, beans are planted around the corn. They will climb the corn stalks as they grow. Squash seeds are added. Their large leaves will help retain moisture and keep the soil cool. The combination of corn, beans and squash provided a balanced and nutritious diet for the Iroquois, other native groups, and the colonists from the first years of their arrival. This garden seems to shoot up overnight. The corn, beans, and squash plants are small now but just wait. Soon the corn will be reaching for the sky.



Next week: The pearl of the garden

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Free Tickets to the Experts Next Door

## Become a Member of the SCHC

We invite you to become a part of Saratoga County's history and join our fantastic community of partners and supporters as a History Center Member.

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

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## Off the Northway

By Stephen Williams, former *Daily Gazette* columnist

Join SCHC at a release party with a presentation and signing by the author on Tuesday, June 28, 7 PM at Brookside Museum, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa.

Pre-registration for this event can be made at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/>. There is no charge to attend.

After June 28, the book will be available at the Brookside Museum store and website, local bookstores, additional book signing sessions to be announced, and at amazon.com.

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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



# 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.



Our BROOKS' CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER on Friday, June 3rd, 3-6pm is one of our major fundraising events. It draws over 500 people to enjoy a finger-lickin' dinner of 1/2 chicken, baked

potato, cole slaw, and a bread roll. The dinners are prepared by the Brooks' House of BBQ. All dinners cost only \$14. Take-out only. Pick up at Brookside Museum, located at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Reserve your dinners at

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/43743-brooks-barbeque-june-2022>

There will be a limited number of extra dinners available on the day. Questions?

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The food is excellent and it's satisfying knowing that all net proceeds support SCHC!

*Reserve your Barbecue Dinner*

## 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*

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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*.

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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.

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