

July 14 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



Saratoga County History Center  
*Sharing History to Promote Community*  
July 14, 2022



**An excellent week of programming at the SCHC's  
Brookside Museum**

Well, thanks, thanks, thanks. It's been a terrific week at the History Center. Thank you for filling the room for these two programs about our diverse county. Thank you to Melissa Howell, who presented Embracing the Legacy of Solomon Northrup. We thank Professor Karim Tiro for his presentation of **New Light on Saratoga's Indigenous Past**. Thanks to Saratoga National Historic Park for commissioning

the study to better understand Saratoga's aboriginal past. Thank you to our volunteers and staff for assisting with both events. It was a fantastic week for programs at the Saratoga County History Center. Thank you for your support and keep an eye on our new programs.

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## Saratoga County History Center's Events

**July 14 - 7pm *Off The Northway* Presentation and Book Signing.** Local journalist Stephen William will talk about the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written by Steve from 2005 through 2020 for the Daily Gazette in Schenectady, NY. The *Off the Northway* book will be available for purchase at \$20. The event is sponsored by and proceeds to benefit the Saratoga County History Center. The event will be held at the David R. Meager Malta Community Center at 1 Bayberry Dr, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**July 15 - 2pm Fridays in the Herb Garden: there's more to an herb than its name.** The Saratoga County History Center invites you to join Kathleen Royka, Master Gardener, and Thymly Herb's lead gardener at the museum's Colonial Herb Garden. This week's theme "Weeds, or are they? Meet three of New York's top 10 —dandelion, purslane, and broad- leafed plantain. Hear their stories. You decide." Each Friday (July 15, July 29, and August 12) will have a different and unusual theme. Questions and discussions about any aspect of gardening, historic or otherwise, will be welcome. The programs are free, though donations are always appreciated. Children are welcome, and there will be 18th-century toys and games and other activities for them to explore. This is an in-person event that will take place at Brookside Museum.

**July 18 - 2pm Exploring the Hotels of Old Ballston Spa Walking Tour. \*SOLD OUT\***

**July 19-24 America's Turning Point Marquee Tent** Join the Saratoga County History Center at the 2022 Saratoga County Fair, in Ballston Spa, NY. The History Center will be part of the America's Turning Point Marquee tent. The Marquee tent sponsored by the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission will feature educational displays, living history demonstrations, and children's activities. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Saratoga County Fair 2022.

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Garden. This week's theme "Plants to dye for – plants, both for dyeing and healing. Meet Woad, St. John's-wort, and Feverfew. Their stories are history." Questions and discussions about any aspect of gardening, historic or otherwise, will be welcome. The programs are free, though donations are always appreciated. Children are welcome, and there will be 18th-century toys and games and other activities for them to explore. This is an in-person event that will take place at Brookside Museum.

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**Walking Tour**

*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.*

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## **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.**

**July 16 - 1pm "Heritage Hunters: Guided Tour of the Marshall House"** The Bullard family will welcome Heritage Hunters and friends on a guided tour of their historic home, known as the Marshall House, located at 136 Route 4 North, Schuylerville. 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. Since the family would like to know how many attendees to expect, contact Ginny Humphrey, 518-885-9309, or [bhumphre@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bhumphre@nycap.rr.com) .

**August 4 - 12pm "Iron-Hearted: The 115th NYS Vol. Regiment in the Civil War."** During the Civil War, Colonel Simeon Sammons received authority to recruit a regiment in the counties of Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Saratoga, with headquarters at Fonda. On August 26, 1862, it mustered into the service of the United States for three years. Join local historian David Brooks in an exploration of the history of the "Iron-Hearted Regiment." Journey along with them from Upstate NY to the Deep South and back. Discover the battles they faced on the front line and those experienced from within. This event will be held outdoors, weather permitting, on the library's "porch." In case of rain, we will convene in the Community Room on the main floor. David Brooks is the Education Director at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in Fort Hunter, NY and sits on the board of the Fulton County Historical Society, based out of the Fulton County Museum in Gloversville, NY. As a native of that County, growing up, he heard tales of local history and how his own ancestors fought to preserve the Union during the tumultuous Civil War. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required.  
<https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8965174>

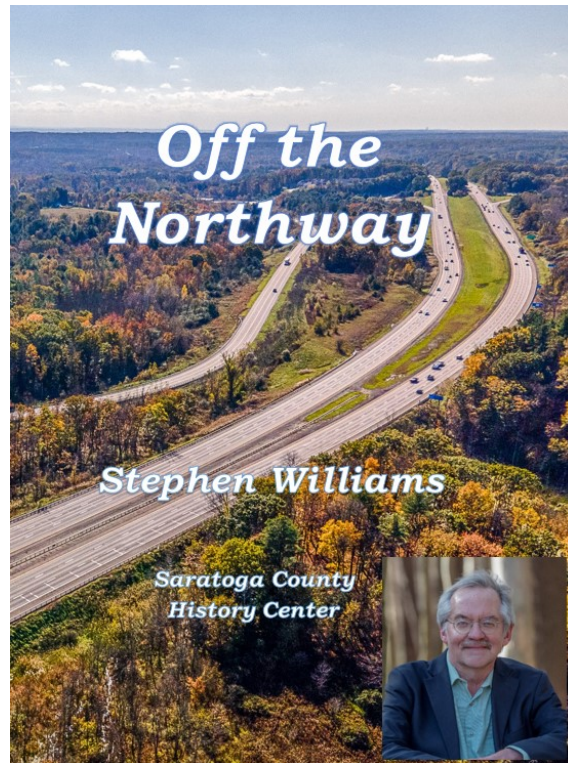
**August 12 – 6:30pm "Bells, Bells, Bells"** Outdoor lecture presented by Michael Barrett at the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center at 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY 12188. These are bring-your-own chairs and refreshments picnic-style events on the museum lawn offered on the second Friday of the month over the summer. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, contact [info@waterfordmuseum.com](mailto:info@waterfordmuseum.com)

**August 20 - 1pm "Heritage Hunters: Guided Tour of the Hugh White homestead"** The Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center will welcome the Heritage Hunters and friends on a guided tour. Begun in 1830, the house was built in several two-story sections on Saratoga Avenue in Waterford, NY and moved to 2 Museum Lane in 1964. Hugh White was born into a prominent Oneida County family in 1798. He was drawn to the Waterford area when he and his brother developed a waterproof cement product that was much in demand for use in canals and dams. The group tour costs \$5 per person. It will run 30-45 minutes, after which there will have free time to explore on your own. The History of Waterford is on permanent exhibit, and the current seasonal exhibit is Waterford Travel Through Time. Contact Ginny Humphrey, 518-885-9309, or [bhumphre@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bhumphre@nycap.rr.com)

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [sean@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto: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.

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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 *Off the Northway* book is available at the Brookside Museum shop or may be ordered online through <https://brooksidemuseum.org/off-the-northway/> The cost is \$20 including tax, plus \$5 shipping.

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**July 15 - 2pm**

at Brookside Museum

6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020



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Kicking off the series on Friday, July 15th at 2 pm: Weeds, or are they? Meet three of New York's top 10—dandelion, purslane, and broad-leafed plantain. Hear their stories. You decide.







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## News from the herb garden...

The herb garden is almost at its peak with each herb having its moment in the sun. Violets, the peony, and roses are passé and calendula, cosmos, and feverfew are in bloom. The thyme is ready to cut back and rest before coming into blossom for a second time.



The most interesting happenings of the week are not the antics of the Japanese beetles or snails. It's ladybugs on the tansy. The variety of tansy in the herb garden grows about five feet tall. This week, like last summer, I noticed a plethora of ladybugs on the fern-like leaves. There are red ladybugs with dark spots—the ladybugs we remember from our childhoods. But others are orange-red without spots. A tap of the computer keys and the answer appears. Ladybugs, when at all possible, lay their eggs on tansy. As adults, they will feed on pests in the garden. I welcome them to the garden.

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## **Become a Member of the SCHC this Month!**

Become a member of the History Center today at the Couple level at \$65. You will receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events.

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

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# Historians' Walking Tours

## Schuyler's Saratoga

led by Sean Kelleher

**Thursday, August 4, 4pm –  
Schuylerville**

Details and Registration at  
[brooksidemuseum.org/](http://brooksidemuseum.org/)  
Suggested Donation \$10



The Saratoga County History Center will host a series of guided walking tours led by local historians during the summer and fall months throughout Saratoga County. The tours will be offered bi-weekly through the end of September on various days and times.

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# 2022 Historian's Walking Tours

## Saratoga County History Center



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| <b>1 Ballston Spa Walkabout</b>          | <b>July 18</b> |
| <b>2 Schulyer's Saratoga</b>             | <b>Aug 4</b>   |
| <b>3 Zim Smith Trail – Round Lake</b>    | <b>Aug 15</b>  |
| <b>4 Forest Park – Ballston Lake</b>     | <b>Aug 31</b>  |
| <b>5 Vischer Ferry Historic District</b> | <b>Sept 17</b> |
| <b>6 Old Champlain Canal</b>             | <b>Sept 29</b> |

For more information please contact Brookside Museum  
[info@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:info@brooksidemuseum.org) or call 518-885-4000



# 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.

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## Volunteer wanted!

We are looking to increase the number of volunteers.

Roles include:

- General Volunteers
- Museum Assistants
- Building and Grounds Assistants

You can also sign up to volunteer through our website.

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

**Volunteer At Brookside**

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## **The Saratoga County History Center is proud to be a Blue Star Museum**

The Blue Star Museums program is a collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America.

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# ZIM SMITH TRAIL IN ROUND LAKE

**HISTORIANS  
WALKING TOURS**

With  
Lauren Roberts  
Saratoga County Historian

**10 AM**

**August 15.  
2022**



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## Music Returns to the Battlefield

Saratoga National Historical Park is excited to announce the return of Music at the Battlefield this August! The Park will host two free concerts on the lawn next to the Visitor Center at 648 Route 32 in Stillwater, NY. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the exhilarating sounds along with the beautiful and historic views from the top of the hill. Both events are made possible by support from Friends of Saratoga Battlefield.

August 9, 12:00: The McKrells will bring their rousing brand of Bluegrass to the park. *Bluegrass Now* magazine described the band as follows: "Traditional suits-and-ties bluegrass The McKrells are not...Yes, it's Grass, mostly, but there's a lilt to the tunes, a bouncing drive to the melodies, and here and there a touch of melancholy that seems to go hand in hand with the Celtic folk persona."

August 23, 12:00 pm: Visitors can enjoy the Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga. Founded in 1926, the Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga have played each summer since 1973. They performed at the 1980 Winter Olympic

Games in Lake Placid and at the launch of the U.S.S. Ticonderoga in 1981. For this visit to Saratoga NHP, they will portray Continental Army artillery corps drummers and fifers.

Saratoga National Historical Park preserves, protects, and interprets the sites associated with the battles, siege, and the surrender of the British forces at Saratoga. The park encompasses five sites, including the Saratoga Battlefield, Philip Schuyler House, Victory Woods, the Saratoga Monument, and Sword Surrender site totaling 3,579 acres.

For more information about Saratoga National Historical Park, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 670-2985, visit [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara), or find the park on Facebook or Twitter @SaratogaNHP.

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**The Saratoga County History Center is partnering with the Saratoga County 250th Commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States.**

Saratoga County will commemorate the battles of Saratoga and other significant events of the Revolution era that took place in what is now Saratoga County. For more information and upcoming events, please visit [www.saratoga250.com](http://www.saratoga250.com).

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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*.

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](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

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# Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750 – 1950



This exhibit explores the diversity of the lives of African Americans in Saratoga County over 200 years of our history 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.

New additions to the exhibit include The prestigious Scriptor Award, awarded by the University of Southern California and other artifacts related to Solomon Northup,



The Brookside Museum is open Thursday to Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. You will find it at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Entry is free and donations are acceptable.

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](mailto: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, Cindy Corbett, Jim Richmond, Kathleen Rebmann Royka, Beth Silvestri, and David Waite.

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