

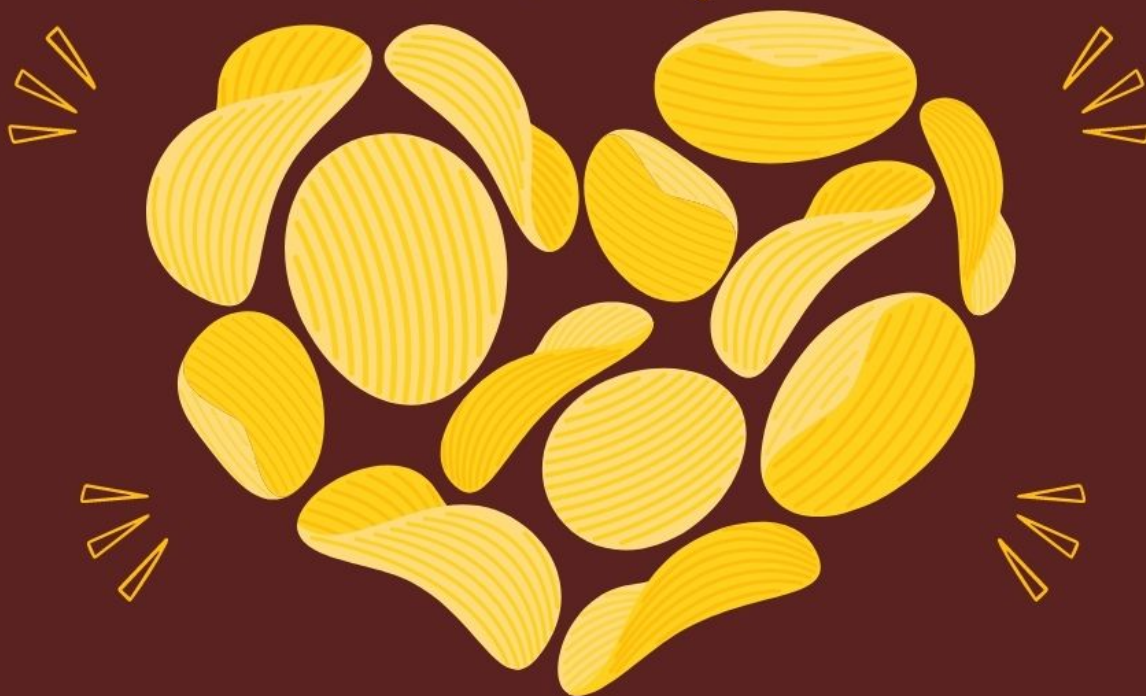
July 28 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



Saratoga County History Center
Sharing History to Promote Community
 July 2, 2022

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**IN THE SARATOGA STYLE:
 POTATO CHIPS AND THEIR REGIONAL
 FOLKLORE**



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Saratoga County History Center President Field Horne cordially invites you to join an exclusive pre-opening showing of the new “In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore” exhibit. The pre-opening exhibition will be held on Thursday, July 28th from 7pm to 9pm at the SCHC's Brookside Museum. This new exhibit explores the many stories that claimed to explain the story behind the snack, from disgruntled customers to kitchen incidents. Take a first look at the legendary George Crum's story, as well as his experiences as an African and Native American chef and outdoor guide. Learn more about this contender for the inventor of potato chips, along with other possible innovators who may have been responsible for the irresistible crispy potatoes. This event will be held at the SCHC's Brookside Museum, 6 Charlton St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. The event is free, though donations are always appreciated.



Saratoga County History Center's Events

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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 SCHC's Brookside Museum.

July 30 - 1pm Opening “In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore”

SCHC's Brookside Museum is again bringing local history to life, with our new exhibit, highlighting our local connection to an everyday delicacy enjoyed around the world. We are proud to present this exhibit, and invite you to join us for this interesting (and delicious!) trip into Saratoga County's past.

August 4 - 4pm Schuyler's Saratoga. *Sold Out*

August 7 -3pm Music at the Museum Concert. A saxophone quartet comprised of Tracy DeRagon, Ali DeRagon, Frank Conti and Dennis Searles, three veteran North Country professional musicians and a recent Ithaca College graduate. The quartet will be playing a variety of light classical and unique arrangements of familiar melodies. The musicians will perform on the front porch of SCHC's Brookside Museum, at the end of Front Street in Ballston Spa. Bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen, and enjoy the music – and please visit the museum while you are there. The event is sponsored by the Village of Ballston Spa Arts Council.

August 10 - 6pm *Off The Northway* Presentation and Book Signing at Northshire

Books. Longtime local journalist Stephen William will talk about some of the tales that make Saratoga Springs unique, how the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries chip plant came to Saratoga County, and how the construction of the Northway has changed the county. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written by Williams from 2005 through 2020 for the Daily Gazette in Schenectady, NY. The book will be available for purchase. The event is sponsored by and proceeds to benefit the Saratoga County History Center. The event will be held at the Northshire Books, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

August 12 - 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 “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 SCHC's Brookside Museum.

August 13 - 10am – 4pm Spin Till You Dye day. Representatives from the Saratoga County-based fiber spinning group The Rock Day Spinners will gather at SCHC's Brookside Museum to dye wool using natural dyes and demonstrate fiber spinning.

August 14 -3pm Music at the Museum Concert. A concert band under the direction of Dennis Searles, an area music teacher with over 50 years experience directing and performing in many

musicals, concert bands and the Glens Falls Symphony. The band is comprised of professional Musicians from the entire capital district and north country performing traditional concert band music, including Broadway Musicals, popular melodies, and many marches. The musicians will perform on the front porch of SCHC's Brookside Museum. Bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen, and enjoy the music – and please visit the museum while you are there.

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<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45742-historians-walking-tours-zim-smith-trail-in-round-lake-aug-15th>

Register for the Zim Smith Trail in Round Lake Walking Tour

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Register for the Forest Park Walking Tour

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

Summertime is Crispy Hot in the Saratoga County History Center





George Crum

The Summer of 2022 is becoming crispy hot at the Saratoga County History Center with a new exhibit, *in the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore* and a fresh series of events and offerings in August.

In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore

The Saratoga County History Center's Brookside Museum has recently opened a new exhibition "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore". This exhibition explores the many stories that claimed to explain the story behind the snack, from disgruntled customers to kitchen incidents. The story of the legendary George Crum is examined, along with his experiences as a chef and outdoor guide of African and First Nation descent. Learn more about this contender for the inventor of potato chips, along with other possible innovators who may have been responsible for the irresistibly crispy potatoes. The complimentary exhibit, a "Century of Ice Cream" celebrates the centennial of Stewart's Shops, the famous company born in Saratoga County. The exhibition is open to the public from Thursday to Sunday, from 1pm to 5pm, starting July 30.

Music at the Museum

The Saratoga County History Center (SCHC) and the Village of Ballston Spa Arts Council are pleased to announce that this summer we will again sponsor "Music at the Museum" concerts at SCHC's Brookside Museum, 3:00pm, on Sunday afternoon, August 7th and August 14th. On August 7th, the program will feature a saxophone quartet comprised of Tracy DeRagon, Ali DeRagon, Frank Conti, and Dennis Searles, three veteran North Country professional musicians and a recent Ithaca College graduate. The quartet will be playing a variety of light classical and unique arrangements of familiar melodies. The August 14th program will consist of a concert band under the direction of Dennis Searles, an area music teacher with over 50 years experience directing and performing in many musicals, concert bands, and the Glens Falls Symphony. The band is comprised of professional Musicians from the entire capital district and north country performing traditional concert band music, including Broadway Musicals, popular melodies, and many marches.

The musicians will perform on the front porch of SCHC's Brookside Museum, at the end of Front Street in Ballston Spa. Bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen, and enjoy the music – and please visit the museum while you are there. In case of rain on August 7th, the saxophone quartet will be moved inside the museum. If there is rain on August 14th, the band concert will be postponed until August 28th.

Friday in the Herb Garden

This summer, the Colonial Herb Garden of SCHC's Brookside Museum was very popular among visitors. On August 12, at 2pm our popular series "Fridays in the Herb Garden: there's more to an herb than its name" goes on. 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 "Plants to dye for – plants, both for dyeing and healing. Meet Woad, Queen Anne's Lace, and Feverfew. Children are welcome, and there will be toys and games of the eighteenth century and other activities to discover.

Spin 'Til You Dye Day

The Rock Day Spinners, a Saratoga County based fiber spinning group, will be holding their annual Spin 'Til You Dye Day at Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum on Sunday August 13th from 10am - 4pm. They will be dyeing wool using natural dyes and demonstrating fiber spinning. "Spin Till You Dye" is a family-friendly event.

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SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday to Sunday from 1 pm at 5 pm. The SCHC's Brookside Museum is located at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Museum entry is free and donations are accepted. The Saratoga County History Center is proud to be a Blue Star Museum.

ABOUT THE SCHC'S BROOKSIDE MUSEUM – Built in 1792 as a resort hotel, the Saratoga County History Center's Brookside Museum has a long history of serving people. Among the oldest hotel buildings still standing in the United States, its history is as diverse as the people who visited here. At one time a boys' school, the building has also been a private residence, a boarding house, a sanitarium, and apartments. In 1970, what became the Saratoga County History Center purchased the building and opened it as a museum. Ever since the Saratoga County History Center has preserved Saratoga County's unique history. The mission of the Saratoga County History Center is to serve 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. For more information, visit <https://brooksidemuseum.org/>.



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.

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

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

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.

Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750 – 1950

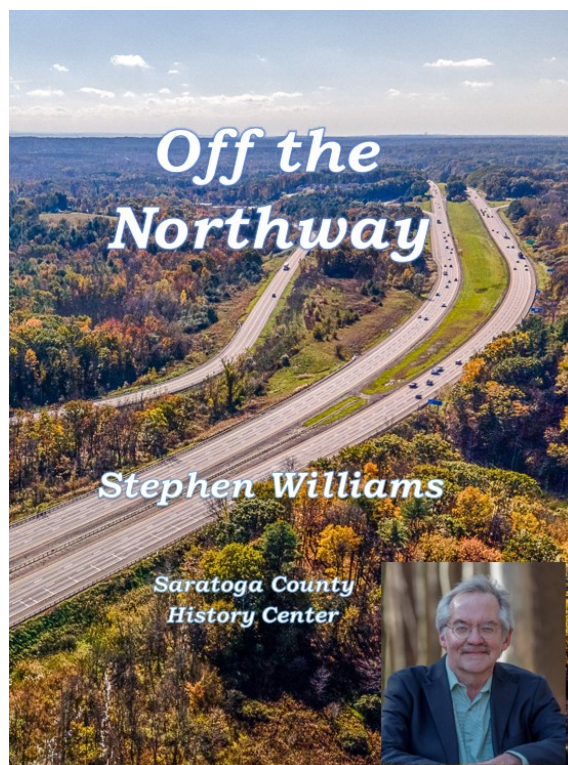


This exhibit explores the diversity of the lives of African Americans in Saratoga County over 200 years of our history from the colonial period to the mid-20th century. It is a panorama of the struggles and hardships they faced, but also of their persistence and success.

New additions to the exhibit include The prestigious Scripser 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.



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 SCHC's Brookside Museum shop or may be ordered online through <https://brooksidemuseum.org/off-the-northway/> The cost is \$20 including tax, plus \$5 shipping.

SCHC Wish List

The Saratoga County History Center relies on community support. Support doesn't necessarily need to be in the form of cash. Providing us with much needed equipment, supplies and services helps reduce our costs greatly. We are currently looking for the below items/services. If you are interested in donating the items/services, please contact SCHC at info@brooksidemuseum.org or 518 585-4000

Podium
USPS Forever Stamps

Professional Microphones
Topsoil

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King Henry? Saint John's-Wort? Each
has a story to tell."**

**July 29 - 2pm
at Brookside Museum
6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY
12020**



There's more to an herb than its name

The Saratoga County History Center invites you to "Fridays in the Herb Garden: there's more to an herb than its name." Join Kathleen Royka, Master Gardener, and Thymly Herb's lead gardener for the museum's Colonial Herb Garden at 2pm on Fridays, July 29 and August, 12. Each Friday 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.

The series continues on Friday, July 29th at 2 pm: Have you met an Egyptian Walking Onion? Or Good King Henry? Queen Anne's Lace? Each has a story to tell.



FRIDAYS IN THE HERB GARDEN

THERE'S MORE TO AN HERB THAN ITS NAME

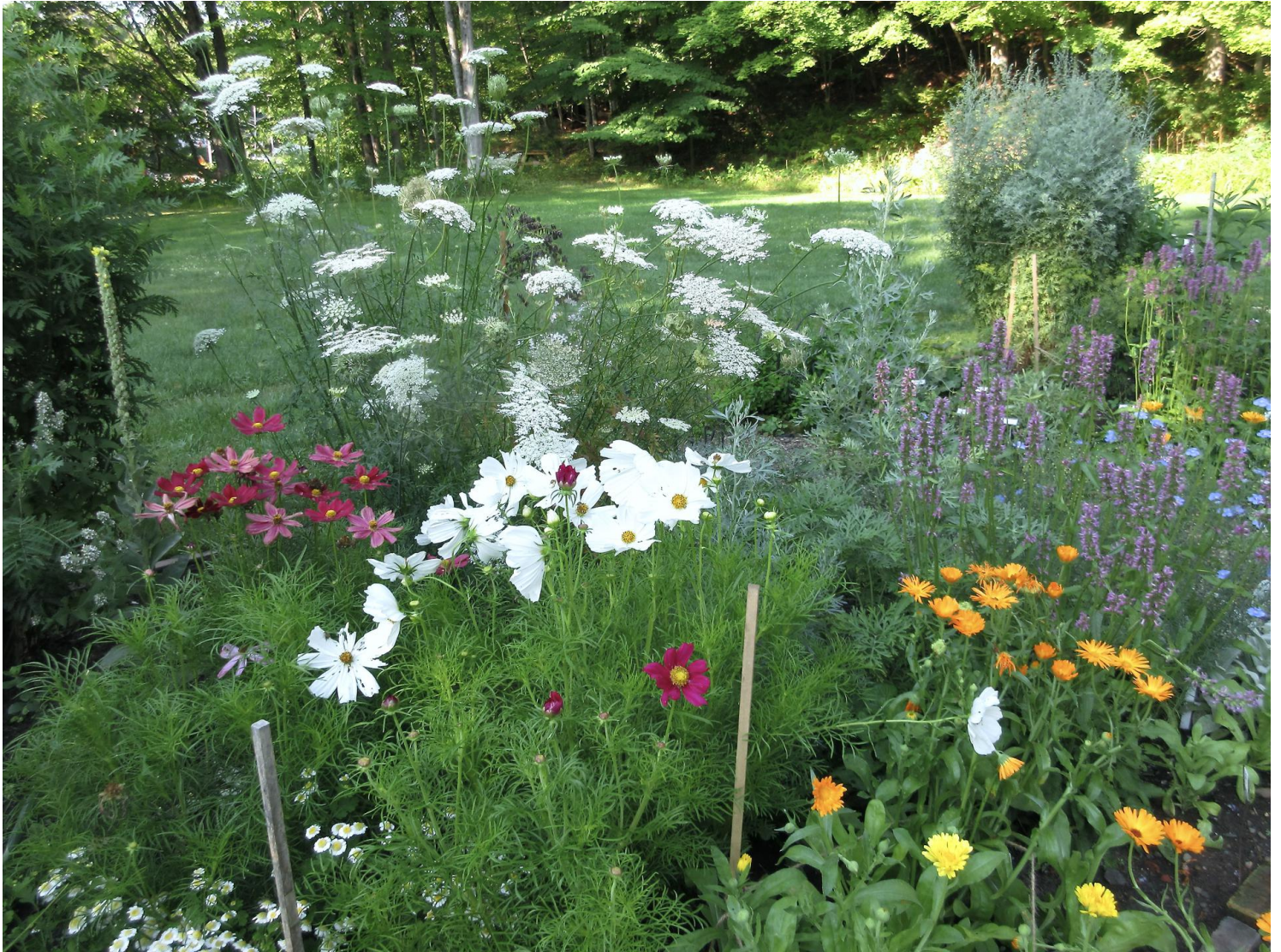
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News from the Brookside colonial herb garden...

An unplanned river of white runs through the dye garden. Towering Queen Anne's Lace flows into sparkling pure white cosmos and tiny buttons of sunshine light the white petals of feverfew. Welcome to an example of serendipitous gardening.



Come see the river of white soon. It won't be in the garden next year. Research revealed that white, pink, and maroon cosmos are not used to make dye. So as lovely as it looks, we will say goodbye. *Cosmos sulphureous* is the dye plant. According to [Wikipedia](#), "*Cosmos sulphureous* is a species of flowering plant in the sunflower family, also known as sulfur cosmos and yellow cosmos. It is native to Mexico, Central America, and northern South America..." This species of cosmos, in all probability, was not used here in colonial days.



Across the path in the fragrance bed, white nicotiana, also called night-scented and flowering tobacco is blooming. The blossoms are clusters of fragrant trumpet-shaped stars. Nicotiana offers more than fragrance and beauty to the garden; it attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and spectacular moths. We especially prize it for being resistant to two wildings who frequently visit the garden, deer and cotton-tail rabbits.

I sighted an unusual bumblebee on the betony this week. As you can see, it had a gold back and a gold belt around the lower part of its body. Its antennae were black. I haven't been able to identify it. All suggestions are appreciated?





WE NEED YOU!

On August 15th, the Saratoga County History Center is beginning its' membership drive for 2023.

Renew your membership or become a member today by visiting:

www.brooksidemuseum.org



Membership Announcement!

Support SCHC!

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Membership Update

The Saratoga County History Center prides itself on its' membership involvement and participation. **On August 15th**, many of you will receive your renewal letters in the mail for 2023. If you are not a member, please consider joining at www.BrooksideMuseum.org. This year, we made the exciting announcement that added benefits for each membership level. You can see our new membership levels and benefits below! Join us today and help the Saratoga County History Center grow!

[Click here to become a member today!](#)

Senior/Educator/Student: \$25

Receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events.

Individual: \$35

Receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events.

Couple: \$65

Receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events.

Brookside Contributor: \$100

All the above benefits plus: Welcome packet, membership card with NARM membership and a 10% discount at the museum shop. Please note that family memberships are determined by each participating institution. While NARM does not have a standard area of restriction, some institutions do restrict benefits. See the member map for details.

Brookside Supporter: \$250

All the above benefits above plus: A copy of "The First Respectable House: Brookside and the Growth of Ballston Spa."

Brookside Patron: \$500

All benefits above plus: Personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum by a staff member, and a reduced price for event space.

Brookside Benefactor: \$1,000

All the benefits above plus: Personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum by the President, first look at new exhibits with reception, one-time free use of the event space, and 25% discount at the museum shop.

Brookside Lifetime: \$5,000

All benefits above plus: Lifetime membership at the SCHC, receive a card indicating membership status, and two free uses of event space per year.

[Become a member](#)



ZIM SMITH TRAIL IN ROUND LAKE

**HISTORIANS
WALKING TOURS**

With
Lauren Roberts
Saratoga County Historian

**10 AM
August 15.
2022**

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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.

Coming up the third installment in our Historians' Walking Tour series! **August 15 -10am Zim Smith Trail in Round Lake.** Join Saratoga County Historian, Lauren Roberts for a mile-long out and back walk on the county's Zim Smith Trail. Learn how an old railroad bed evolved into the county's premier trail system and how it earned its moniker. Meet at the Round Lake Zim Smith parking lot at 3 Curry Road in Round Lake (adjacent to Leah's Cakery). The suggested donation is \$10 per registration. Please register for the tour - <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45742-historians-walking-tours-zim-smith-trail-in-round-lake-aug-15th>

Register for the Zim Smith Trail in Round Lake Walking Tour

2022 Historian's Walking Tours

Saratoga County History Center



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

For more information please contact Brookside Museum
info@brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000



FOREST PARK AMUSEMENT PARK

**HISTORIANS
WALKING TOURS**

With
Rick Reynolds
Ballston Town Historian

**10 AM
August 31.
2022**



Our fourth tour is scheduled for **August 31** at 10am **Historians' Walking Tour - Forest Park**. Rick Reynolds, Ballston Town Historian, will lead a tour of the site on Ballston Lake, which from 1901-1927 was home to the Forest Park Amusement Park. This was a "destination vacation" for people of the time as well as a popular place for locals. The tour will include viewing the layout of the park as well as experiencing some of the buildings and structures that still exist today. This is a walking tour of approximately 1 mile total on mostly level land and takes place in wooded areas some of the time. It is advisable to wear comfortable clothing, good walking shoes or sneakers, and protect against ticks. Tour begins at 62 West Side Drive in Ballston Lake, next to the closed Carney's Restaurant, with parking along the road. The suggested donation is \$10 per registration. Please register for the tour at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45743-historians-walking-tours-forest-park-amusement-park>

You will want to register early as this series of walking tours has been selling out.



Historians Walking Tours

Exploring the Hotels of Old
Ballston Spa
lead by Anne Clothier &
Dave Waite

**Monday, July 18, 2pm –
Ballston Spa**

Details and Registration at
brooksidemuseum.org/
Suggested Donation \$10



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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/
Suggested Donation \$10



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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.

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/>

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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.

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.

Thank you to the Commission for sharing America's Turning Point Marquee tent with the Saratoga County History Center at the Saratoga County Fair. This year's Saratoga County Fair was more than just fair food, rides, farming, and fun; it's a chance to showcase the rich history of Saratoga County.

Saratoga County will commemorate the battles of Saratoga and other important events of the Revolution era that occurred in what is now Saratoga County. More information and upcoming events are available at www.saratoga250.com.





America's Turning Point Marquee

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

The SCHC's 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 *In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore* (opens Saturday, July 30), *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.

Become a Member of the SCHC this Month!

Become a member of the History Center today at the Brookside Contributor with a \$100 donation. You will receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events. In addition, Contributors receive a welcome packet, membership card with NARM membership, and a 10% discount at the museum shop.

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

Become a member

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