Our exhibits are outstanding! Seeing a full museum with beautiful exhibits brings us great joy. This
is an excellent time to see *In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore: A Century of Ice Cream*, a centennial of the Dake family and *Stewart’s Shops: Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950*; and *County Life in Photographs*. SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5pm at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. (Please note we have a new postal address, but are at the exact same location.) All of these things happen with members like you. The time has come to renew your membership with a visit to our [membership page](https://brooksidemuseum.dm.networkforgood.com/). All of these things happen with members like you. The time has come to renew your membership with a visit to our [membership page](https://brooksidemuseum.dm.networkforgood.com/).
Saratoga County History Center

Miller's Backyard BBQ
Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner
Friday, September 16th,
3-6pm at Brookside Museum

Dinners for $15. Chicken dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and cornbread. Pulled Pork includes 1/2 lb. Pulled Pork with baked potato, cornbread and 4oz coleslaw. This is a take-out only.

Visit https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/ or (518) 885-4000 to reserve your meal.

21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa NY 12020
August 31 – 10am **Historians' Walking Tour - Forest Park. Sold Out**

September 10 – 10:30am **From Slavery to Freedom: Blacks in Saratoga From the Colonial Period Through Gradual Manumission.** Dr. Armstead has a deep understanding of African-American social and cultural life and is well known for her first book, *‘Lord, Please Don’t Take Me in August’* a comparative study of black life in the resort communities of Saratoga Springs, NY, and Newport, RI during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Her presentation will be held at the Dyer-Phelps Memorial AME Zion Church, 122 Crescent St. in Saratoga Springs. It is based on research supported by a collaboration between the Organization of American Historians and the National Parks Service. Please register for the talk at: https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/46718-dr-myra-armstead-from-slavery-to-freedom-blacks-in-saratoga-from-colonial-period-to-gradual-manumission

**Register for From Slavery to Freedom Talk**

September 16 3-6pm **Drive-thru Miller's Backyard BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner To Go.** A benefit for the Saratoga County History Center, dinners are $15. Each chicken dinner will include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and cornbread. Each Pulled Pork will include 1/2 lb. Pulled Pork with baked potato, cornbread, and 4oz coleslaw. In addition, Mac and Cheese sides are available for $5. This is a take-out only at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa. Please visit https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/ or call (518) 885-4000 to reserve your meal. There will be a limited number of extra dinners available on the day. Questions? Contact donna@brooksidemuseum.org or phone 518-885-4000

**Order Miller's Backyard BBQ**

September 17 – 10am **Historians' Walking Tour - Vischer Ferry.** John Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian, will lead a tour of Vischer Ferry, one of Saratoga County’s “Forgotten Crossroads.” The Tour will explore the Vischer Ferry Historic District, learning about its Greek Revival and Victorian homes, its heyday during the canal era, and it’s time as a summer resort at the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Stories of some of the hamlet’s more interesting residents will be discussed. This walking tour will be about 1.5 miles round trip on level paved roads. The tour will begin at the parking area at the end of Ferry Drive, and end at noon at the Vischer Ferry General Store for those interested in lunch. Our annual farm fest will also be happening that day as an added attraction. The suggested donation is $10 per registration. Please register for the tour at https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45745-historians-walking-tours-vischer-ferry-sept-17th

**Register for Vischer Ferry Walking Tour**
September 21 – 7pm Experts Next Door - The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection. Mob Museum Trustee and University of Nevada, Las Vegas Associate Professor of History Michael Green will go over some of the famous and not-so-famous links between the two resort towns, after which he will take questions and comments from the audience. A native of Las Vegas, Dr. Green is a nationally-recognized scholar of US history and an experienced, engaging public speaker who delights audiences with anecdotes and inside scoops. From movies to mobsters to migrants, Dr. Green will pull back the curtain (or should we say prison bars?) on the Saratoga-Las Vegas relationship. The event, to be held on Zoom, is open to the public. It is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. To register, please visit https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/44049-experts-next-door-20-saratoga-las-vegas-connection?fbclid=IwAR3V7t-jX4BHw7XTjYV-EWjmHR3jZr86Ln-OOQcDK1BHZrsKNp5xtQleio

Register for Experts Next Door
The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection

September 29 – 1pm Historians' Walking Tour - The Champlain Canal, Waterford. Russ VanDervoort, Waterford Town Historian, will lead a tour of the Champlain Canal in Waterford. This section of the canal opened in 1823, some parts remain unchanged. Along the tour route, we will pass a swing bridge, a basin, a change bridge, several waste weirs, and a power canal which played a major role in the Industrial Revolution This walk will begin at Lock 2 Park in Waterford. This tour is a 1 ½ mile round walk on a basic level path that is a part of the Empire State Trailway and the Champlain Canal Trailway, known as the Waterford to Whitehall Trail. Lock 2 Park is located off Broad St. which is on Rt. 32 and the main thoroughfare in downtown Waterford. The entryway is part of the old Canal towpath, and there is a large sign for Lock 2 at the entrance. Parking available at Lock 2 Park and other nearby streets. The suggested donation is $10 per registration. Please register for the Tour at: https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45747-historians-walking-tours-champlain-canal-sept-29th

Register for Champlain Canal 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 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020.
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!

We are in the middle of our annual membership campaign. This is when we ask for YOUR help to to support the history and culture in our community and beyond. We’ve been able to accomplish all that we do because of your continued support, and we are incredibly grateful. As we grow and change for the better, we will be implementing a new membership renewal process beginning September 1, 2022. As current members, each year, you received a membership renewal on a rolling basis depending on when you initially became a member. Starting September 1, all members will reset as we try to make the renewal process easier for you and SCHC. If you are a new or existing member who joined or renewed after March 1, 2022, your membership will roll over to 2023, and your membership will be valid until September 2023.

You will have received renewal letters if you have not renewed or joined since March 1, 2022. SCHC can do what we do because of your financial contributions - and we thank you. Additionally, you may have heard that we’ve revamped our membership to include perks for each membership level, which are listed on our website. These new membership levels and extras can be used throughout the year as you come and visit the museum. When you renew your membership, you will also be able to make a recurring gift throughout the year.
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Become a member

From Slavery to Freedom:
Blacks in Saratoga From the Colonial Period Through Gradual Manumission
Dr. Myra B. Armstead
Author of “Please Don’t Take Me In August”

Saturday, September 10, 10:30 am
Dyer-Phelps Memorial AME Zion Church
122 Crescent St. Saratoga Springs, NY

sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum

This talk is based on research supported by a collaboration between the Organization of American Historians and the National Park Service

Pre-register at https://brooksidemuseum.org/

Register for From Slavery to Freedom Talk

Drive-thru Miller's Backyard BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner To Go Benefit for the Saratoga County History Center

https://brooksidemuseum.dm.networkforgood.com/emails/first_name-schc-is-in-the-middle-of-our-annual-membership-campaign-b1fb8e76-92ac-92ac-461...
MILLER'S BACKYARD
BBQ CHICKEN AND
PULLED PORK DINNER

Friday, September 16th,
3-6pm at Brookside
Museum

$15
for Chicken or Pulled Pork

THIS IS TAKE OUT
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Benefits Saratoga County
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RSVP & Details at
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or (518) 885-4000

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“Fundraising is important to support our mission to preserve and share the diverse histories of Saratoga County,” explains Trustee Donna Dardaris. “We are excited to work for the first time with Saratoga County-based Miller's Backyard BBQ, who are an Eight Time Grand Champion on the pro circuit.”
Dinners are $15 each. Chicken dinner will include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and cornbread. Pulled Pork dinners will include 1/2 lb. Pulled Pork with baked potato, cornbread, and 4 oz coleslaw. In addition, cheesy and delicious Mac and Cheese sides are available for an additional $5. This is a take-out only. Please visit https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/ or call (518) 885-4000 to reserve your meal.

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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.

**September 8 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch Saratoga History Using Images from the Bolster Collection with Charlie Kuenzel."** The George S. Bolster photographic collection provides historians with 325,000 images that help tell the story of Saratoga Springs. Through a series of specially selected images, local favorite Charlie Kuenzel will tell many stories of Saratoga Springs with facts that are revealed in those images. 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/8597330](https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8597330)

**September 9 – 6:30pm "The Transcontinental Railroad."** The 1869 completion of what was then the largest infrastructure project in American history turned the United States into a true continental power and opened the development of our “Wild West.” Many of the personalities who were prime movers in the project had ties to the Capital District, and our local industrial base provided a number of the necessary parts that made. Join Historian Michael Barrett, for this presentation on the front lawn 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. Admission is $10 per person. For more information, contact info@waterfordmuseum.com
**September 17 - 1pm Genealogy Myths.** A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by Genealogist Lisa Dougherty. Dougherty talks about some of the common myths and how they can mislead genealogy research. The audience will be encouraged to share experiences they may have had, along with their efforts to prove or disprove what they’ve been told. Town of Saratoga’s Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

**September 22 - 7pm "General Schuyler's Enslaved"** Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association for a program meeting as Heidi Hill from Schuyler Mansion shares recent research on the people enslaved by General Schuyler. Town of Saratoga’s Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

**October 15 – 10am - 3:30pm "Heritage Hunters All-Day Genealogy Conference."** Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will offer a series of 4 genealogy talks in one day, featuring certified genealogist Nancy Loe, via Zoom. They are: Beyond Ancestry: Essential Portals for Genealogy, Successful Genealogy Sources and Citations, Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors, and Picture This: Cataloging Digital Photos. In addition to appearing on PBS’s American Experience, Loe has presented for all experience levels at National Genealogical Society, Rootstech, Legacy Family Tree and genealogy conferences in the U.S., Canada, and Australia. The cost of the conference is $20 for members, $35 for non-members, which includes new membership. A registration form should be completed and sent, along with a check, to Ginny Humphrey, 5166 Fairground Ave., Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020 by Oct. 11. Members can find the form in the October-November newsletter issue. Non-members can receive it by snail mail or email by calling Ginny Humphrey, 518-885-9309

**October 27 - 7pm "Campaign to Saratoga"** Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association for a program meeting as Eric Schnitzer, the historian at Saratoga NHP, discusses his recent book, Campaign to Saratoga, he co-authored with Don Troiani. Town of Saratoga’s Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

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**News from the herb garden…**

Spring’s exuberant growth is over, and summer’s array of colors is coming to an end. I ponder what I should write this week. The garden, as always, responds. My gaze settles on the withered yellow foliage of the two russet potato plants grown to complement the exhibit, In the Saratoga Style, Potato Chips and their Regional Folklore. Our potato chips in training have struggled. There hasn’t been enough rain, and the neighborhood deer nibbled the foliage and blossoms, No potatoes here, I say to myself, but I decide to check just to be sure. Lo and behold! What a surprise! One potato, two potatoes, three potatoes, four. Five potatoes, six potatoes, seven potatoes, more.
The ditty I jumped rope to as a child pops to mind. An internet site revealed its history and held a surprise (source below). One potato, two potatoes was a popular ditty in England and Ireland as early as the 17th century. Conjecture leads me to conclude that it arrived with the early colonists on our shores. Can’t you picture a young girl dressed in summer white jumping rope to the beat on Brookside’s porch during the 1800s while her brother rolls a hoop on the front lawn?

Source: One potato, two potatoes... link follows. The ditty’s history is in the sixth paragraph. If you want a trip back to the 1970s, click on the link to YouTube, the sixth line under the title, One potato, two potatoes...
https://vancouversignaturesounds.com/hits/one-potato-two-potato-three-potato-four-by-the-dovells/
P.S. If you haven’t seen the potato chip exhibit, stop by. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5pm

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**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 518 885-4000

Podium  
USPS Forever Stamps

Professional Microphones  
Topsoil
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

You'll want to sign in early for the Historians Walking Tour series because they sell 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
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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ZIM SMITH TRAIL IN BRIEF

Terry Roberts
County Historian

10 AM
August 15, 2022

SOLD OUT
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VISCHER FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

HISTORIANS WALKING TOURS

With

John Scherer
Clifton Park Town Historian

10 AM

September 17
2022
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Now it's time to register for our final two Historians Walking Tours. Details can be found on the top of the email.

Register for Vischer Ferry Walking Tour
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/](https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/)
Spa City meets Sin City in event on mob links to Saratoga, Vegas. The Albany Times Union previews our upcoming Experts Next Door with an article focused on the shared connections with the mob. In addition, Dr. Michael Green from the Mob Museum shares the history of The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection in Film.

Register for Experts Next Door
The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection

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.
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.

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Current Exhibits

In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore through December 23
Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950 through November 13

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

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A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart’s Shops through December 23
County Life in Photographs through November 13

SCHC's Brookside Museum lists all closings at https://www.facebook.com/brookidemuseum/

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.

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 Scripster 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.

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contributors, including Anne Clothier, Andrew Collier, Cindy Corbett, Jim Richmond, Kathleen Rebmann Royka, Beth Silvestri, and David Waite.

The SCHC News and Events are available on our [website](#).

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