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August 4 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



#### Saratoga County History Center

**Sharing History to Promote Community** August 4, 2022



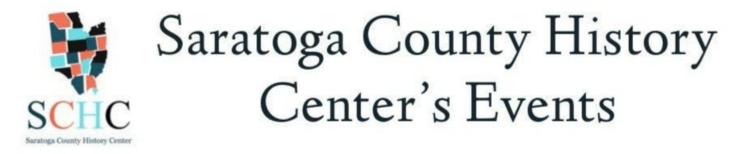
Our Summer 2022 exhibit, *In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore*, opened. Alan Richer, known as "Toga Chip Guy" (togachipguy.com), generously collaborated with the museum to

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make a portion of his collection accessible to the public. Thank you to our curators, Anne Clothier and Fred Sober. Thank you to the over 50 people who joined us for the opening.

Now it's your turn to see the new exhibition at the Saratoga County History Center, *In the Saratoga Style: Chips and Their Regional Folklore*. The exhibit explores the many stories that claimed to explain the story behind the snack, from dissatisfied customers to kitchen incidents. The exhibition is open to the public from Thursday to Sunday, from 1pm to 5pm. The complimentary exhibit, a "Century of Ice Cream," celebrates the centennial of Stewart's Shops, the famous company born in Saratoga County. In addition, our exhibitions on Black experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950, and County Life in Photos are open. The exhibits are free, although donations are still appreciated.





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

**August 7** -3pm **Free 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, Queen Anne's Lace, and sage. 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 **Free 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.

August 15 -10am Zim Smith Trail in Round Lake. Sold out

August 31 – 10am Historians' Walking Tour - Forest Park. Rick Reynolds, Ballston Town Historian,

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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

#### **Register for the Forest Park Walking Tour**

**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** 

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.

#### **From Slavery to Freedom**



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



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

The Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum is pleased to sponsor a presentation by Professor Myra B. Armstead of Bard College entitled "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 on Saturday, September 10 at 10:30 am and is based on research supported by a collaboration between the Organization of American Historians and the National Parks Service. "Dr. Armstead's research is part of an effort to focus on the diversity of the actors in the drama of our nation's founding as we prepare for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution," said Sean Kelleher, Vice President of the History Center and Saratoga Town Historian.

Prior to 1791, Saratoga County was a part of Albany County, and African captives were brought into the area to work as enslaved laborers on lands and in businesses owned by the Anglo-Dutch settler population. "This talk will focus on slavery and slaveholding, mainly from 1702 to 1805, on the Saratoga Patent lands owned by the Schuyler family in Old Saratoga," said Dr. Armstead. It will also cover the period between 1799 and 1827 when statewide gradual manumission occurred and the impact of this emancipation scheme in the county.

The Saratoga History Center recently opened an exhibit entitled "Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750-1950," which can be viewed at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa from Thursday to Sunday 1 -

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5pm through November. "We are excited to welcome Myra Armstead back to Saratoga Springs. Since her original research trips when she interviewed many members of our community for her book, she has continued to participate in local events over the years," said Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Saratoga Springs City Historian.

Dr. Myra Young Armstead is a tenured senior faculty member in the History Department at Bard College, where she has taught for 36-plus years, and she holds an endowed chair. She received her doctorate in History from the University of Chicago, where she interned under the late Dr. John Hope Franklin and concentrated in three fields—U.S. urban history, U.S. diplomatic history, and African colonial history. She holds a Masters in International Relations with a concentration in African Affairs from the University of Chicago and a Bachelors from Cornell University, where she majored in Government.

The Dyer-Phelps Memorial AME Zion congregation, organized in 1862, is the oldest African-American church in Saratoga Springs. The church, which was located for many years on Maple Avenue before relocating to its new edifice on Crescent Street in 1975, is led by Rev. Michael Bell.

Seating is limited. Please pre-register for this event at https://brooksidemuseum.org/

#### **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 Scripter 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. SCHC



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. <a href="https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8965174">https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8965174</a>

**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

#### August 21 - 2-4pm "The Legacy of 'Urban Renewal' in Saratoga Springs Community

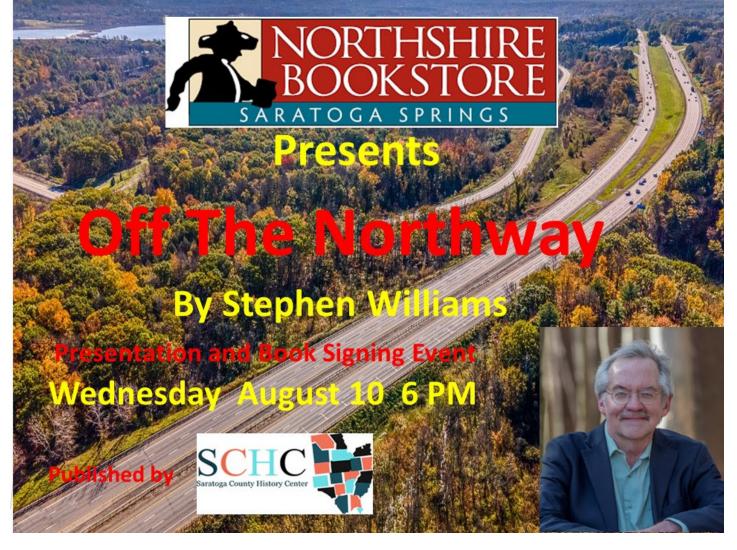
**Conversations at The Frederick Allen Elks Lodge."** Erasing Spaces and Faces: The Legacy of Urban Renewal in Saratoga Springs is a series of community conversations and art-making events, open to all members of our community to share stories, poems, songs, artwork and document oral histories that reflect their experience of displacement and removal during "urban renewal" projects in the city of Saratoga Springs. For more information and resources contact julie@createcommunitystudios. org

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August 21 - 4-6pm "Organ Recital with Craig Williams' with the National Historic Landmark the Davis-Ferris Tracker Organ at the Round Lake Auditorium." At 3pm, on Sunday, August 21 ticket holders will be given a guided tour of the Round Lake Auditorium along with the history of the Organ. Craig Williams, the West Point Organist and Choirmaster, will play a little Bach, Brahms, and Mendelssohn in a recital at 4pm. Also following the recital there will be a Sweet Tea Meet and Greet with Craig Williams. The ticket price is \$10 to help preserve this wonderful treasure. Tickets and details available https://www.roundlakeauditorium.org/events/craig-williams or at the door. The Round Lake Auditorium is located at 2 Wesley Ave, Round Lake, NY 12151

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SCHC is very excited to have our newest book, *Off The Northway* be part of a presentation and Book Signing at Northshire Books on August 10 at 6pm. *Off The Northway* presentation and book signing at **Northshire Books.** Northshire Bookstore is our county's *independent bookstore*, which is a family-owned, independent. Make it a point to come to the book signing and see why so many people rave about this full-service, old world but up-to-date store in the heart of Saratoga Springs.

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## 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!





Dear Friend,

The last two years at the Saratoga County History Center have been exciting. We have increased membership, grown our collections, added new exhibits, and are in the process of completing major projects to rehabilitate our building at Brookside. We've been able to accomplish all of this 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.

Starting August 15, if you have not renewed or joined since March 1, 2022, you will start receiving

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renewal letters in the mail. The SCHC is able to 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 below. These new membership levels and perks can be used throughout the year as you come and visit the museum. When renewing your membership, you will also have the option to set up a recurring donation throughout the year.

If you are receiving this email and you are not a member yet, please click <u>here</u> to learn more about the incredible opportunities you have to become a member.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we hope to see you at our next event!

Sincerely,

Field Horne President, SCHC

Become a member



#### **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

#### Fridays in the Herb Garden:

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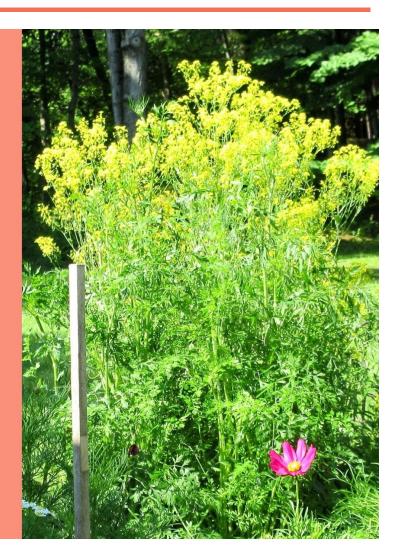
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August 12-2pm at Brookside Museum 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY





#### 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.

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The series continues on Friday, August 12th at 2 pm: Plants to dye for – plants, both for dyeing and healing. Meet woad, Queen Anne's Lace, and sage. Their stories are history.



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#### News from the herb garden...

This morning there were non-human footprints in the culinary bed! Our "resident" deer dined last night. Sorrel nibbled to the ground for an appetizer, the biggest hollyhock leaves and potato blossoms for the main course, and violets for dessert. We've opted for a compromise. After all, deer were here long before the colonists. So they are welcome to munch on the violets we've left growing along the edges of

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the gravel paths. The garden snails and Japanese beetles are a different story; they are voracious invaders. With apologies, they are removed from the garden.



The garden's most unusual plant—the perennial Egyptian walking onion—is in the culinary bed, and it is taking its annual stroll! When bulblets form on the top of a tall, hollow stem many times larger than a chive, their weight bends them to the ground, and voila, the bulblets take root. Egyptian walking onions are a heritage onion, a cross between the common onion and Welsh onion, and were introduced from Europe around 1800.



Last fall, the horseradish, a magnet for garden snails, was excavated at great effort from the center of the culinary bed. We had removed every little bit of pungent root, we thought. No sprouts appeared this spring and three bronze fennel were planted in its place. The darker color is an attractive contrast to the predominant green of surrounding plants. Well, the horseradish was just gathering its resolve. It wasn't long before horseradish leaves began to intermingle with the fennel. How could we resolve the problem without disturbing the fennel? The solution: cut horseradish leaves as they surface in hopes of starving the roots. Only time will tell who will win the battle.

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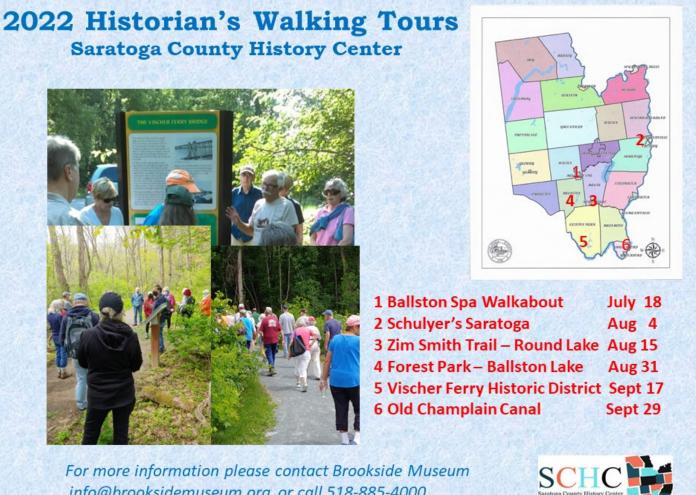
### **DOUG GOUDIE**



VISIT "IN THE SARATOGA STYLE: POTATO CHIPS AND THEIR REGIONAL FOLKLORE"

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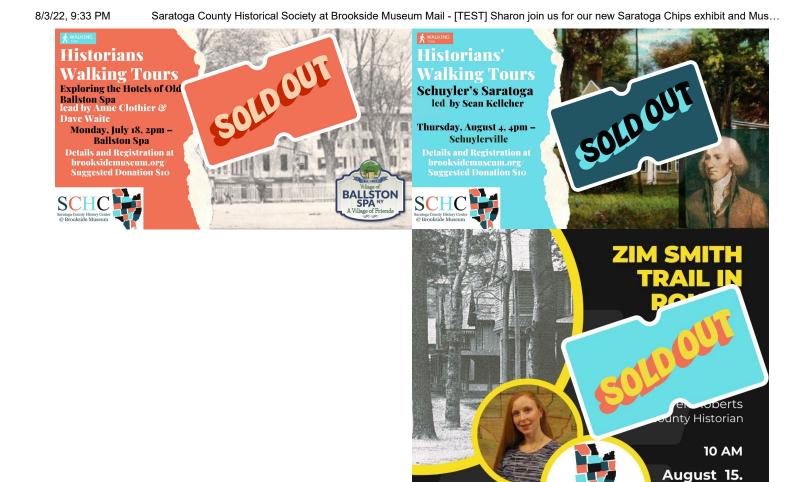
#### With Rick Reynolds Ballston Town Historian

10 AM August 31. 2022

Our fourth tour is scheduled for **August 31** at10am **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

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You will want to register early for the Historians Walking Tour series because they sell out.



2022

### 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/

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.

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, 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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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/

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