September 8 Saratoga County History Center News and Events

Saratoga County History Center
Sharing History to Promote Community
September 8, 2022

It has been an exhilarating summer for the Saratoga County History Center. When you look at our numbers, we had over 475 visitors to Brookside Museums; over ten special events, four historian walking tours with over 100 participants: 3 garden tours with close to 70 participants, and one week in a historic marquee at the Saratoga County Fair. Who can forget the opening of the Saratoga Chips exhibit? It's been an amazing summer! All these things happen with members like you. The moment has come to renew your membership by visiting our membership page. On to fall!

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**MILLER’S BACKYARD BBQ CHICKEN AND PULLED PORK DINNER**

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

$15 for Chicken or Pulled Pork

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**THIS IS TAKE OUT ONLY**

Benefits Saratoga County History Center

RSVP & Details at https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/ or (518) 885-4000

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**Saratoga County History Center’s Events**

**September 10 – 10:30am From Slavery to Freedom: Blacks in Saratoga From the Colonial Period Through Gradual Manumission. Sold Out** Her presentation will be held at the Dyer-Phelps Memorial AME Zion Church, 122 Crescent St. in Saratoga Springs.

**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 consist of 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. Sold Out.** The tour will begin at the parking area at the end of Ferry Drive.

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-jX4BHt77XTiYWmHR3iZ3sr86Lm-OOOcDKJHBZrsKt5xtOleo](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/44049-experts-next-door-20-saratoga-las-vegas-connection?fbclid=IwAR3V7t-jX4BHt77XTiYWmHR3iZ3sr86Lm-OOOcDKJHBZrsKt5xtOleo)

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](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45747-historians-walking-tours-champlain-canal-sept-29th)

Register for Champlain Canal Walking Tour

September 29 – 7pm **Theas Few Lines" The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump.** David Handy, author of the recently released book *Theas Few Lines: The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump, 77th New York State Voluntary Infantry* will present the Civil War experiences of Alonzo Bump as expressed in his letters home to his wife Mary and other family members. David will touch on many aspects of Alonzo's life as a soldier, including camp life, poor rations, disease, marching, combat, desertion, commanding officers, the enemy, military pay, and other topics. Books will be available for signing. To register, [https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/47692-alonzo-bump](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/47692-alonzo-bump) This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

Sign Up for Private Alonzo D. Bump 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 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.

Become a member
Saratoga Bites! Visit the Brookside Museum

Visit the Saratoga County History Center at the Brookside Museum for a mouthful of history! George Crum serves up his famous Saratoga chips in SCHC's newest exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore." The chip exhibition comes in large part from the tasty collection of Alan Richer from Saratoga Lake, the greatest American collector of chips. Scoop up the history of Stewart's Shops Ice Cream and learn of its founders, the Dake family, in the exhibit, "A Century of Ice Cream, a Centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops." Enjoy the stories of Finger-Lickin'-Good Southern Charm through an oral history told by Anita Turner about the many black-owned restaurants in Saratoga Springs during the mid-1900s, including Hattie's Chicken Shack, in the exhibit, "Black Experiences in Saratoga County: 1750-1950." Finally, view a massive clambake held in Jonesville in 1922 through the presentation, "County Life in Photographs." Fill up Saratoga this autumn at the Saratoga County History Center, located at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY. Entry is complimentary.

The exhibits includes:

"In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore" (Open through December 23) – This is our newest exhibit, which explores the many stories that have claimed to explain the story behind the snack, from disgruntled customers to kitchen mishaps. The history of the legendary George Crum is examined, along with his experiences as a cook and outdoor guide of African and Native American ancestry. 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.

"A Century of Ice Cream, a Centennial of the Dake Family and Stewart's Shops" (Open through December 23) - This exhibit celebrates the centennial of the famous company born in Saratoga County. In 1787, the Dake family began clearing farms in the hills of what became Greenfield. Three generations later, in 1921, dairy farmers Percy and Charles Dake responded to a changing economy (and America's growing sweet tooth!) by shifting to ice cream production. True entrepreneurs, the Dakes sought other outlets for their talents, eventually becoming retailers. The chain they started in 1946 is now an anchor of northeastern New York
and adjacent Vermont communities. Today, Stewart's is perhaps Saratoga County's most familiar contribution to the regional economy. The exhibit is made possible through the generosity of Stewart's Shops/Dake Family.

**Black Experiences in Saratoga County: 1750-1950 (Open through November 13)** - This exhibit was developed to explore the diversity of the lives of Black Americans in Saratoga County over 200 years of our history from the colonial period to the mid-20th century. It is a chronological panorama of the struggles and hardships they faced, but also of their persistence and success. These episodes are examples from the annals of our history of the complexity of the lives lived by these Americans. It is not comprehensive, but rather snapshots of experiences shared by many people of color, designed to help us all better understand an important aspect of our complex American story. The exhibit includes artifacts, documents, and images on display to complement the story as it unfolds on the wall panels.

**County Life in Photographs (Open through November 13)** – This exhibit features 26 images from the museum’s collection as well as from town historians, that shed light on everyday social life in Saratoga County from the end of the Civil War until 1950. From clambakes to town guardsmen to sports teams, the images showcase a wide variety of topics and locations around the county. Images were selected by three Skidmore College students, who also researched each image and wrote descriptions to accompany them.

SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome. [www.brooksidemuseum.org](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)

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**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 10 - Starts 10am** "Family Day and Raptors." Saratoga National Historical Park's schedule includes 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm, a family-friendly crafts, historic toys and games, and tin smith demonstrations. At 1pm, Silent Wings raptor program presented by the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York. This program is made possible by support from the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield. The activities are at the Saratoga National Historical Park’s Visitor Center, 648 Route 32, Stillwater, NY 12170. For more information (518) 670-2985, [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara), or find the park on Facebook.

**September 12 - 7pm** “A Stop Along the Way—Blue Corners.” Join The Galway Preservation Society for our monthly program meeting when Dave Waite will present the history of the hamlet of Blue Corners in West Charlton from its beginning as a stop for teamsters until its demise as a community in the mid-1800s. Waite is a Galway Preservation Society Trustee. The meeting will be at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

**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 19 - 1pm** "One Continual Blaze": The Battle of Freeman’s Farm." Saratoga National Historical Park marks the 245th anniversary of the First Battle of Saratoga at 1:00pm with “One Continual Blaze”: The Battle of Freeman’s Farm, an illustrated program telling the story of the battle and its participants. Program is at the Saratoga National Historical Park's Visitor Center 648 Route 32, Stillwater, NY 12170. For more information (518) 670-2985, [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara), or find the park on Facebook.
**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.

**September 24** - 12pm "The Fife & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga." Saratoga National Historical Park welcomes the The Fife & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga for a performance. This program is made possible by support from the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield. Program is at the Saratoga National Historical Park's Visitor Center 648 Route 32, Stillwater, NY 12170. For more information (518) 670-2985, [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara), or find the park on Facebook.

**September 24** - 3pm "50 Years Ago: Filming in Ballston Spa of The Way We Were." In September 1972, Hollywood came to Ballston Spa when a production crew took over Front Street to film some scenes for the movie "The Way We Were," which was set in the 1930s. Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand—and some local residents ("extras")—were here in person for the moviemaking. Learn about this event and the excitement it generated. How did it impact the community, and why was Ballston Spa chosen as a filming location? David Fiske will talk about the time—50 years ago—that Hollywood came to town. After the talk, take a walk up to Front Street to see and hear about the two locations that appeared on screen. Held at The Real McCoy Beer Company, located at 28 Washington Street, Ballston Spa.

**September 27** - 7pm "Everyone Went to the Festa!: The Feast of St. Michael in Saratoga Springs." Saratoga Springs City Historian Mary Ann Fitzgerald presents the Feast of St. Michael was celebrated in late September in Saratoga Springs’ Dublin neighborhood, now known as the Beekman Street Arts District. As the statue of Saint Michael was paraded down Beekman Street, people pinned money to him, which benefited the Principessa Elena Society, a community resource for newly arrived Americans that still exists today. The “Festa” grew into a widely beloved celebration that embraced live music, plentiful cuisine, and even fireworks. Held at Saratoga Springs History Museum at Canfield Casino in Congress Park, 1 East Congress Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

**October 3** - 7pm “250th Anniversary of the Fulton County Court House”. Join Samantha Hill-Saladino, Fulton County Historian, to give a presentation on the history of the Fulton County Court House at the monthly meeting of the Galway Preservation Society. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

**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, Rootetech, 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... will be back next week!

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
You'll want to sign up early for the Historians Walking Tour Series because they sell out. Our first five walking tours are past capacity. As of our email, four tickets for guided tours of the Champlain Channel in Waterford on September 29.

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

1 Ballston Spa Walkabout July 18
2 Schuyler’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
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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
9/8/22, 7:25 AM

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[Image: ZIM SMITH TRAIL IN ROLL

SOLD OUT

Cindy Roberts
County Historian

10 AM
August 15.
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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/](https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/)

Volunteer At Brookside
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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.

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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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.

SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm and is located at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome. www.brooksidemuseum.org

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
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/brooksidemuseum/

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.
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