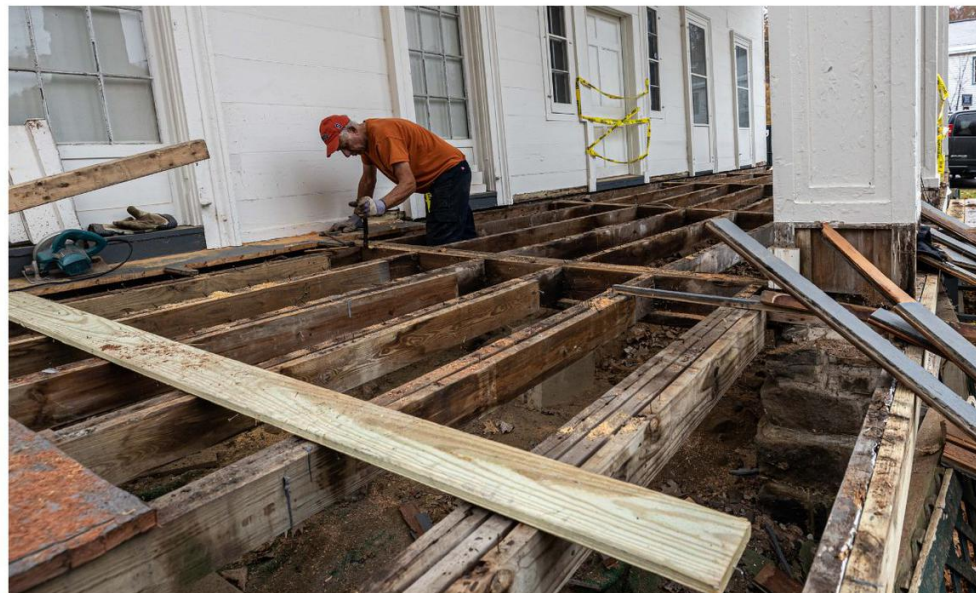




Saratoga County History Center

Sharing History to Promote Community
October 20, 2022



Great news! We have begun the final stage of our **Preserve The Porch** effort. Last year, SCHC found that, unfortunately, the iconic porch – the face of Brookside – desperately needs repairs. Specifically, all the front steps and floorboards, which were ruined by rot and mold, need to be replaced, as well as the deck frame supporting the floor. Moreover, the entire portico needs to be rebuilt for proper drainage, and the earth beneath should be covered with plastic and pea stone to reduce future moisture. The crisis is one of safety and appearance. We asked our community to support us. You heeded the call of Preserve the Porch. After almost a year of planning and behind-the-scenes work, we've started to preserve the porch publicly. Your contribution makes a difference. Thank You!



Saratoga County History Center's Events

November 2 - 7pm Saratoga County History Center Annual Meeting including "History Favorites - Trustees' Choice." The trustees offer a 'show & tell' featuring a few of their favorite items from the SCHC's collection, a preview of upcoming exhibitions, alongside their vision for the future. The annual budget will be presented and there will be voting for new trustees. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

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Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival Tickets

November 13 – 2–4pm “More Saratoga County Stories” book release. Meet the contributing authors and the editorial team of *More Saratoga County Stories*, a collection of essays and articles written by 33 local historians. This is the second volume of *Saratoga County Stories* published by the Saratoga County History Center. Aimed at the general public, it will delight readers with snapshots of the past and true tales of crime, heroism, and colorful personalities. Purchase the book for \$20 and have your copies signed by the authors. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa 12020.

November 26-December 24 – Artisan’s Market at Brookside Museum. Shop a wide selection of hand-crafted products created by local artisans, including soaps & lotions, ornaments, jewelry, spices & syrups, cutting boards, home décor, and much more! Thursdays 12pm – 5pm, Fridays 11am – 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 5pm. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa 12020.

December 3 – 2–4pm Groom's Tavern hosts “More Saratoga County Stories” book signing and talk. A second *More Saratoga County Stories* book release event will be held at the historic Grooms' Tavern with the local authors will be present to sign copies and talk with guests about their interests in Saratoga County history. The restored historic tavern and a variety of exhibits will be open for tours. Grooms Tavern is at 290 Sugar Hill Road on the corner of Grooms Road in Rexford, NY12148.

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.



Kirk and Miller to perform at Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival Fun Festival planned at Brookside Museum on the Afternoon of November 12

Old-time **musicians John Kirk** and **Trish Miller** will bring their traditional “fiery fiddle tunes” and other folk gems rooted in American traditions to the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival that will take place on Saturday, November 12, from 1 to 5 P.M. at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

Kirk and Miller are a married couple from Saratoga County’s Greenfield Center in the Adirondack foothills, aiming “to change the world one tune at a time,” according to a folk music society press release. They have performed together since 1988 and have toured widely, from the Grand Canyon to Barbados, from New York’s Carnegie Hall to the Academy of Culture in St. Petersburg, Russia. They play music and sing at concerts, festivals, and in schools.

The Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival celebrates two things that go well together, potato chips and beer. The famous Saratoga chips are the feature of the museum's current exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore." Festival goers will be able to enjoy the original Saratoga Chips, the first kettle chip in America, represented by DeCrescente Distributing Company.

The festival, a benefit for the Saratoga County History Center, is \$20 in advance, and \$25 on the day of the event, while designated drivers will be \$10. The first beer or non-alcoholic punch or drink is included in the ticket price.

The festival will include a bonfire, a s'mores station, a silent auction, and a game of potato chip trivia.

We are thrilled to have Kirk and Miller at the Saratoga Chip and Beer Festival," said **Field Horne, the Saratoga County History Center president.** "This Saratoga County duo complement our beautiful exhibit that tells the many stories behind the chip, and it's natural to partner with DeCrescente, which not only distributes local craft beer and Saratoga Chips but is a historic fourth-generation Saratoga County business."

The exhibition showcases the vast collection of famed **Alan Richer, "The Toga Chip Guy."** There can be no doubt that potato chips were popularized in Saratoga Springs as evidenced by the fact that the first generic name for all potato chips was Saratoga Chips," said Richer.

Everything is set for an afternoon of good music, history, and fun. Saratoga Chips and Beer are a perfect combination. Tickets can be purchased at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/saratoga-chips-and-beer-festival-2/>. For more information, call 518-885-4000.



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.

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.

November 7- 7pm "Voices from the Haunted Past: Ghost Stories and Folklore from the Stockade." Join the Galway Preservation Society at their monthly meeting., as Michael Diana, Schenectady County Historical Society's Education and Program Manager, gives a presentation on spirit sightings, strange occurrences and folklore from the historic Stockade. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

November 8 - 7pm "Oh Those Nolan Girls, Pretty & Poisonous!" presented by Waterford Historian, Russ VanDervoort as part of the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center's annual Winter Lecture Series at the Van Schaick Island Country Club (201 Continental Ave, Cohoes.) Admission: \$10. For more information, contact info@waterfordmuseum.com (Dinner is available for separate purchase during the program [not included in the price of admission] by Max 410 at the Van Schaick Island Country Club.)

November 10 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch: The Spa City Goes to War: Saratogians in WWII" with freelance writer and former reporter with *The Associated Press* in Albany, Chris Carola. Carola will tell the stories of some of the many residents of Saratoga Springs and nearby communities who served in the military during World War II. 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/8597413>

November 17 - 7pm "The River Before Henry: First Nations, Last Elephants" with Tom Lake is a naturalist and educator for NYSDEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. The indigenous peoples of the Hudson Valley lost their sense of innocence 413 years ago when Europeans "discovered" the Hudson Valley. The Munsee, Mohicans, Lenape, Haudenosaunee, and others did not realize they were missing. Europeans had little regard for the tribal people they met, after all they lacked a written language, a recognizable religion, and they allowed females too much autonomy. Yet, these tribal people could trace their ancestry back 415 generations. Since 1609, the Hudson Valley has seen less than seventeen. This is the story of their ancestors across millennia, during which time they created homelands, developed new technologies, connected with neighbors near and far, and expanded trade routes, while cultivating a rich cultural heritage and an oral tradition back to the time of the First Nations and Last Elephants. Co-sponsored by the Adirondack Mountain Club Glens Falls - Saratoga Chapter. No registration required, but seating is limited. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271.

December 8 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch: The Tuskegee Airmen and Lt. Col. Clarence Dart" Warren Dart presents a brief history of the Tuskegee Airman and family member Lt. Col. Clarence Dart, who, during World War II, served as a Tuskegee Airman. The Tuskegee Airmen were a special group of airmen who trained at the airfield near the famed Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and became the first African American aviators in the U.S. Military. This program is offered as a partnership between the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center

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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.

Project Leaders wanted!

We are looking for two project leaders!!! One for a fall cleaning, One for the storage movement of old articles in an old apartment that is renovated. . If you want to help, please contact Matt at (518) 885-4000. John will call you back.

Volunteer At Brookside



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Trustee's Choice"
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November 2 7 pm

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History Favorites – Trustees' Choice Presentation

Saratoga County History Center Annual Meeting celebrates its 60th birthday on November 2 at the Brookside Museum.

The Saratoga County History Center (SCHC) is pleased to announce its 60th annual meeting at the Brookside Museum on November 2 in Ballston Spa, NY at 7pm. The trustees offer a "show and tell" featuring some of their favorite items from the SCHS collection, an overview of upcoming exhibits, and their vision for the future. The annual budget will be presented, and there will be voting for new trustees. The event is open to the public.

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NOVEMBER 12, 2022

POTATO CHIPS - MUSIC - BEER

1-5 PM

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The Saratoga County History Center is hosting the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival on Saturday, November 12, from 1 to 5 pm at Brookside Museum. We are proud to have DeCrescente Distributing Company sponsoring the event. This friendly, casual gathering celebrates two things that go well together, potato chips and beer. The famous Saratoga Chips are the feature of the museum's current exhibit. Festival goers can enjoy Saratoga Chips, represented by Mechanicville's DeCrescente Distributing Company. The festival, a benefit for the Saratoga County History Center, is \$20 in advance, and \$25 on the day of the event, while designated drivers will be \$10. SCHC members receive a \$5 discount. Snacks and the first beverage are included in the ticket price. John Kirk and Trish Miller of Greenfield Center, will provide live music. There will be a campfire, a S'mores station, a silent auction, and a game of potato chip trivia. Please join us.

Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival Tickets

Membership Announcement!



We invite you to become a part of Saratoga County's history and join our fantastic community of partners and supporters as a History Center Member! Visit the link to explore our different membership levels: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/>

Become a member

SARATOGA COUNTY PUBLIC HISTORY AWARDS



An annual award to recognize and celebrate the oft-unnoticed, yet deeply important, work done by public historians, writers, teachers, and museum practitioners



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The History Center is pleased to announce that the second award process is well underway. We welcome nominations and input from the public. If there is any individual, organization, or business that you believe warrants consideration, please contact Dr. Michael Landis, History Center Trustee, at mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org. You may also visit Brookside Museum and speak with the staff, who are always eager to discuss community happenings. Please be sure to include the person or organization's full name, a detailed description of what they have done in public history, and why you believe they deserve recognition. Winner(s) will be selected in November, and a public awards ceremony will be held at Brookside Museum in January.



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Chips and Beer

FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 12
1-5 PM

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Meet the Authors!

***More
Saratoga
County Stories***

More Saratoga County Stories is a compilation of 63 essays written by 33 local authors.

This second volume of weekly articles, first distributed by the Saratoga County History Roundtable, offers a wide variety of topics, events and personal stories in the long history of the county.

Book Launch Event

Sunday, November 13 2-4pm

Brookside Museum

21 Fairground Ave.

Ballston Spa, NY

518-885-4000



Artisan's Market

Saratoga County History Center
Brookside Museum

Shop a wide selection of hand-crafted products created by local artisans, including soaps, ornaments, jewelry, spices, cutting boards, & much more! At the Artisan's Market at Brookside Museum from November 26-December 24 Thursdays 12pm – 5pm, Fridays 11am – 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 5pm.

Exhibits are closing soon, last chance to see them

SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1pm to 5pm 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

Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950 through November 6

Grant's Life exhibit through November 11

County Life in Photographs through November 13

A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops through December 23

In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore through December 23

Brookside Museum

EXHIBITIONS



21 FAIRGROUND AVENUE, BALLSTON SPA

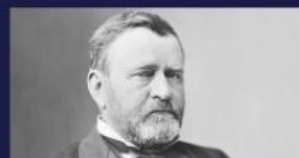
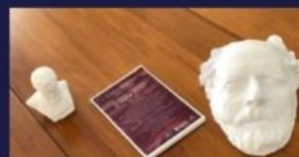
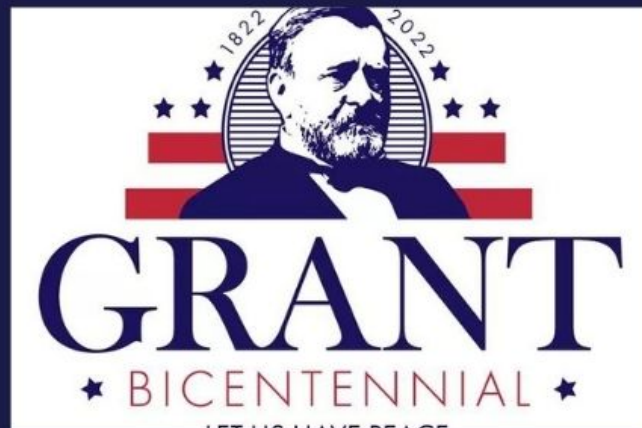
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EXHIBIT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT U.S. GRANT

To celebrate the Bicentennial of U.S. Grant's Birthday, the Presidential Library at Mississippi State University has created a traveling exhibit about Grant's life.

- October 6 – November 11
- Thursday through Sunday
from 1pm to 5pm
- Brookside Museum
- 21 FAIRGROUND AVENUE,
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In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore

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AT BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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What are visitors saying about SCHC's newest exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore?"

"Wonderful to visit such a delicious historical collection. Your exhibit has unusual, interesting stories that explain the history well, with all its possibilities. Thanks for the interactive kids tips combined with artifacts and stories."

"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. This exhibit comes largely from the collection of Alan Richer, America's premier collector on the subject.

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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.

Contribute to Saratoga County History Center News and Events. Submit events, stories, job changes, promotions or news about Saratoga County history to sean@brooksidemuseum.org. SCHC News and Events is a collaborative effort. We count on the contributions of the historic community of Saratoga County and others for the entire content of this page. Producer Sean Kelleher and Editor Donna Dardaris coordinate the creation of the email with the help of many contributors, including Anne Clothier, Andrew Collier, Cindy Corbett, Jim Richmond, Kathleen Rebmann Royka, Beth Silvestri, and David Waite.

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