

October 6 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



Saratoga County History Center

Sharing History to Promote Community

October 6, 2022



Last Thursday, the SCHC did its last walking tour along the Champlain Canal in Waterford. This

entire series was sold out, so thank you to all the historians and our volunteers, Jim Richmond and David Waite, for their support. Author David Handy presented "*Theas Few Lines*" *The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump*. The discussion was interesting and is available on our Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/fYyi3Q8uwb/>. The week ended with our staff setting up a special temporary exhibit on Grant's Life Exhibit from Mississippi State University. The museum is gorgeous with five exhibits that are all about to close. It will be a great weekend to visit the Brookside Museum. You may want to make it a day out of seeing the museum and the annual "The Way We Were" car show on Sundays.



Saratoga County History Center's Events

October 7 – 10:30am *Off The Northway Presentation and Book Signing at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.* Local journalist Stephen Williams will talk about the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written from 2005 through 2020 for the *Daily Gazette* in Schenectady, NY. The book will be available for purchase for \$20 and is published by the Saratoga County History Center. The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is located at 475 Moe Road in Clifton Park NY 12065.

October 17 – 9:30am *Surrender Day Commemoration in Recognition of the 245th Anniversary of the American Victory at the Battles of Saratoga, America's Turning Point.* Join the community and school children for the 244th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga surrender with cannons, patriotic speeches, wreath laying, reenactments and the traditional a13 toasts. State Historian Devin Lander will be the keynote speaker. Fort Hardy Beach Park along the Hudson River, Ferry Street - Route 29, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

October 22 - 11am *Off The Northway Presentation and Book Signing at the Galway Public Library.* Local journalist Stephen Williams will talk about the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written from 2005 through 2020 for the *Daily Gazette* in Schenectady, NY. The book will be available for purchase for \$20 and is published by the Saratoga County History Center. The Galway Public Library is 2112 East Street, Galway, NY 12074.

November 2 - 7pm *Saratoga County History Center Annual Meeting including "History Favorites - Trustees' Choice."* The trustees' offers 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.

November 12 - 1-5pm Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival. DeCrescente Distributing Company is sponsoring 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." 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, who are beloved for bringing fiery fiddle tunes, folk songs, and whimsical kicks to audiences worldwide, will provide live music,. To round off the festival, there will be a bonfire, a S'mores station, a silent auction, and a game of potato chip trivia. Tickets can be purchased from <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/saratoga-chips-and-beer-festival-2/> For more information, visit BrooksideMuseum.org or call 518-885-4000. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa. 12020.

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.

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.



SARATOGA CHIP AND BEER FESTIVAL



Music by Trish Miller and John Kirk

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FOR THE SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

November 12 1 - 5 pm
SCHC's Brookside Museum
21 Fairground Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY 12020



Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival at Brookside Museum

The Saratoga County History Center is pleased to announce that DeCrescente Distributing Company is sponsoring the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival that will take place on Saturday, November 12, from 1 to 5 pm at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

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, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore." 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, who are beloved for bringing fiery fiddle tunes, folk songs, and whimsical kicks to audiences worldwide, will provide live music. To round off the festival, there will be a campfire, a S'mores station, a silent auction, and a game of potato chip trivia.

"We are thrilled to start the Saratoga Chip and Beer Festival," said Field Horne, the Saratoga County History Center president. "We have a 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 potato chip authority 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 original name for all potato chips was Saratoga Chips," said Richer.

This evening will enable the History Center to continue our mission to help residents, visitors, and students learn about our region's rich history and also to preserve and protect our vast collection of fascinating historical artifacts. Tickets can be purchased from <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/saratoga-chips-and-beer-festival-2/> For more information, visit BrooksideMuseum.org or call 518-885-4000.



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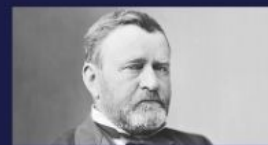
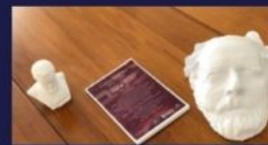
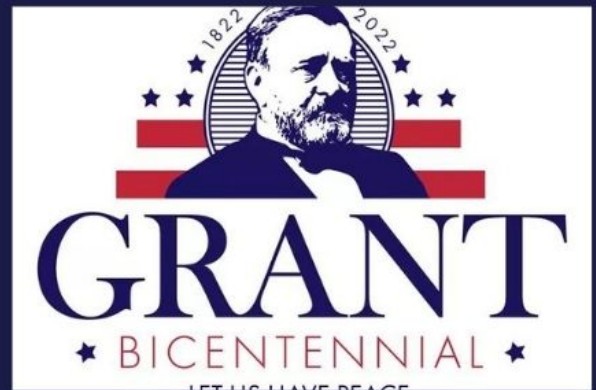
Thank you for continuing to support the Saratoga County History Center. As our last letter noted, it's time to renew your membership. If you prefer to renew your membership online, you can visit www.brooksidemuseum.org and follow the "Become a Member" prompt in the top left corner. Thank you again for your continued support, and we hope you will join us for another exciting year at the Saratoga County History Center.

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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, BALLSTON SPA, NY 1202
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www.brooksidemuseum.org



Grant's Life Exhibit at Brookside Museum

Mississippi State University exhibit from October 6 to November 11 in Ballston Spa

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. Banners outline his life from its humble beginnings to his rise to the United States Presidency. This exhibit will be at the Saratoga County History Center's Brookside Museum through a special arrangement made by Friends of Grant Cottage. The exhibit runs from October 6 – November 11 during regular hours of operation (Thursday to Sunday from 1 – 5 pm.)

As part of the celebration of the 18th president's bicentennial year, the exhibit of eight panels three feet wide and eight feet tall was designed. The presentation outlines Grant's humble Ohio beginnings to his ascent to the presidency. His biography is told through text and historic images, and the exhibit will be accompanied by replicas of objects from the Grant Library. The project is financially assisted by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Mississippi Humanities Council.

“This exhibit is part of our year-long celebrations of US Grant's bicentennial year at Grant's Cottage Historic Site, we are pleased with being able to expand the reach of our efforts to the Saratoga County History Center,” explains Colette Broestler, Marketing & Development Coordinator for the Friends of Grant's Cottage. “The highlight of the year is our upcoming Bicentennial of Grant's birth Gala Fundraiser to support The Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage and the building of an Education Pavilion on Mt. McGregor, part of the ambitious strategic development plan for the site.” Information is available at <https://www.grantcottage.org/2022gala>

“It was in Saratoga County that President Grant and his family spent six weeks before he died of throat cancer on July 23, 1885,” said Anne Clothier, Education Director of the Saratoga County History Center. “With this exhibition, the History Center continues its strong commitment to sharing of the diverse histories of Saratoga County. We are also very proud of our long-term partnership with the Friends of Grant's Cottage.”



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 8 & 9 10am - 4pm "Path Through History Siege of Saratoga historical encampment event at the Schuyler House Estate." In coordination with the Saratoga County 250th Commission and the National Park Service, the public is invited to take a stroll back in time with the Noble 24th, a British unit stationed here. This encampment is a representation of the British Encampment during the retreat and Siege of Saratoga (October 8-17, 1777). Artillery demonstrations by the recreated 2nd Regiment of Continental Artillery. Schuyler House Open House from 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm. 18th Century military medicine presentations on Saturday only. Chat with an Army Follower from 10am to 12pm. Visit the Saratoga County 250th Commission Tent for information on Saratoga National Historical Park, the Battles of Saratoga, the County 250th Commission, upcoming 250th commemorations and a special exhibit honoring men who fell during the Siege of Saratoga. Schuyler House Estate, US 4 south of Schuylerville, NY 12871.

October 10 - 12pm "So great a carnage" Park Ranger Eric Schnitzer will provide an overview of the Second Battle of Saratoga. The 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 , or find the park on Facebook.

October 11 - 3pm "In Conversation: Indigenous Peoples Day." Join us in honor of Indigenous People's Day to discuss *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown. Copies of the book may be requested through our online catalog - please contact a librarian should you need assistance. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are requested <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/9399080>

October 12 6 - 9pm "Candlelight Tours of the Schuyler House." Experience the ambiance of an 18th Century house in the evening with a special candlelight tour through the Schuyler House! This event is presented in coordination with the Old Saratoga Historical Association. Reservations are required and can be obtained through the link at <https://go.nps.gov/candlelighttours>. Schuyler House Estate, US 4 south of Schuylerville, NY 12871.

October 13 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch: "How It All Began: The Origins of Saratoga Racing" with Brien Bouyea." Hall of Fame and Communications Director for the National Museum of Racing, Brien Bouyea presents the formative years of Saratoga racing and the characters who influenced the track's early days and established its signature race, the Travers Stakes. This program is offered as a partnership between the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area VisitorCenter and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are requested <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8597385>

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 16 - 1pm "Special Ranger Program on the Convention of Saratoga and Surrender at the Sword Surrender Site." A Park Ranger will discuss the surrender ceremony and the Convention of Saratoga at the Sword Surrender Site. Visitors should be aware that parking at the Sword Surrender site is very limited, and carpooling is highly encouraged. Sword Surrender Site, US 4 south of Schuylerville, NY 12871.

October 16 - 2pm "100 YEARS OF GRACE: A Musical Celebration of our Parish's Centennial." Parishioners from Our Lady of Grace, St. Joseph's Church, Scotia; Immaculate Conception, Glenville; and St. Augustine's Church, Lansingburgh, directed by Patty Neumann, Director of Musical Ministries at Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's Church with 37 voices and 15 instrumentalists presenting an inspiring collection of music and readings to celebrate the seasons of the church year. Free will donation. In addition, there is a "gourmet" Dessert Bar! Delectable gourmet desserts, worthy of the best restaurants, will be offered for \$5 a slice. Finger desserts will also be offered. This is a fundraiser to support our Centennial activities and the archiving of our historical photos and documents. Our Lady of Grace, a Catholic Community, 73 Midline Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019.

October 16 – 5pm Ulysses S. Grant's Bicentennial Birthday Gala. The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant's Cottage is hosting an evening fundraiser to support the development of an educational pavilion and their strategic plan. The dinner includes a presentation by actor Treat Williams and a virtual presentation by Retired General David Petraeus and *Grant* biographer Ron Chernow. The tickets are \$125 and it will take place at the Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa 24 Gideon Putnam Road Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Details at <https://www.grantcottage.org/2022gala>

October 25 – 6pm Mott Family Empire This fascinating presentation details the 5 Generations of the Mott family starting with 1st generation, deed holder Zebulon in 1795 on Farm to Market Road through the 5th generation Charles, one of America's 1st self-made billionaire. You won't want to miss hearing about this amazing family! This is a program of the Halfmoon Historical Society taking place at the Halfmoon Town Hall in the James A. Bold Meeting Room 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Clifton Park, NY 12065.

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.

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

News from the Herb Garden...

October is bittersweet. The beauty of red, orange, gold, and yellow leaves against a bright blue sky is juxtaposed with the end of the gardening season. The lush growth of spring and the colorful array of summer blossoms have passed. Plants are shaggy. Jack Frost is knocking at the door. It's time to put the herb garden to bed for the winter.



The sky was pure blue this morning but it was so nippy I worked with my jacket on. We finished transplanting the golden Marguerites and planted snow-white tulips to welcome us back to the garden next spring. Spent annuals have been pulled and added to the compost—nicotiana, stock, heliotrope in the fragrance bed, and basil in the culinary garden. After a hard frost, we will cut back the bee balm as it's prone to mildew, the peonies to prevent fungal disease, and the Florentine iris to guard against borers. After the ground freezes new transplants will be mulched. But now before a freeze is the time to turn off the outside faucet and bring tender perennials inside for the winter. Our priority is two thriving rosemary.

I found these tips for wintering rosemary indoors online at Sage Garden Greenhouses:

- The ideal location is a cool sunroom or a large window.
- Full spectrum grow lights are an alternative if there are no excellent windows.
- Provide humidity... But not too much. So what to do? Keep the plant away from heat vents. Place little bowls of water near the plant to create humidity. Give the plant an occasional shower to freshen the foliage and create short-term humidity.
- Water deeply, but avoid soggy roots.
- Fertilize lightly once per month.
- Prune foliage tips regularly.



When the foliage starts changing I think of Indian Summer which I thought was any warm spell after a killing frost. But according to almanac.com, the criteria for a true Indian summer are more specific:

- The days are warm, the atmosphere is hazy or smoky, there is no wind, and the nights are clear and chilly.
- The warm days must follow a spell of cold weather or a hard frost, but also be before the first snowfall.
- The conditions described also must occur between St. Martin's Day (November 11) and November 20.



The herb garden officially closes on Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day which this year is October 10th. The Beverly and Harold Ricks Memorial Garden sign will be taken down and the plant labels will be removed. The garden will reopen in the middle of April but the “show” starts in May and continues to October!

April 23, 2021, Marilyn planting hyssop in the fragrance bed.



Our master gardener, Kathleen Rebmann Royka, has penned a piece for our blog, The Saratoga County Compass: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/royka-cultivating-history-in-brooksides-sideyard/>
Please give it a read and share.



CLIFTON PARK
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Off The Northway

By Stephen Williams

Presentation and Book Signing Event

Friday October 7 10:30 am

475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY



SURRENDER DAY CEREMONY



245th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga, America's Turning Point



Date

October 17, 2022

Time 9:30 am

Place

Fort Hardy Beach along the Hudson River Route 29 Schuylerville, NY

Bring your own chair



Presented by the town of Saratoga, the village of Schuylerville, Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission, and Saratoga County History Center

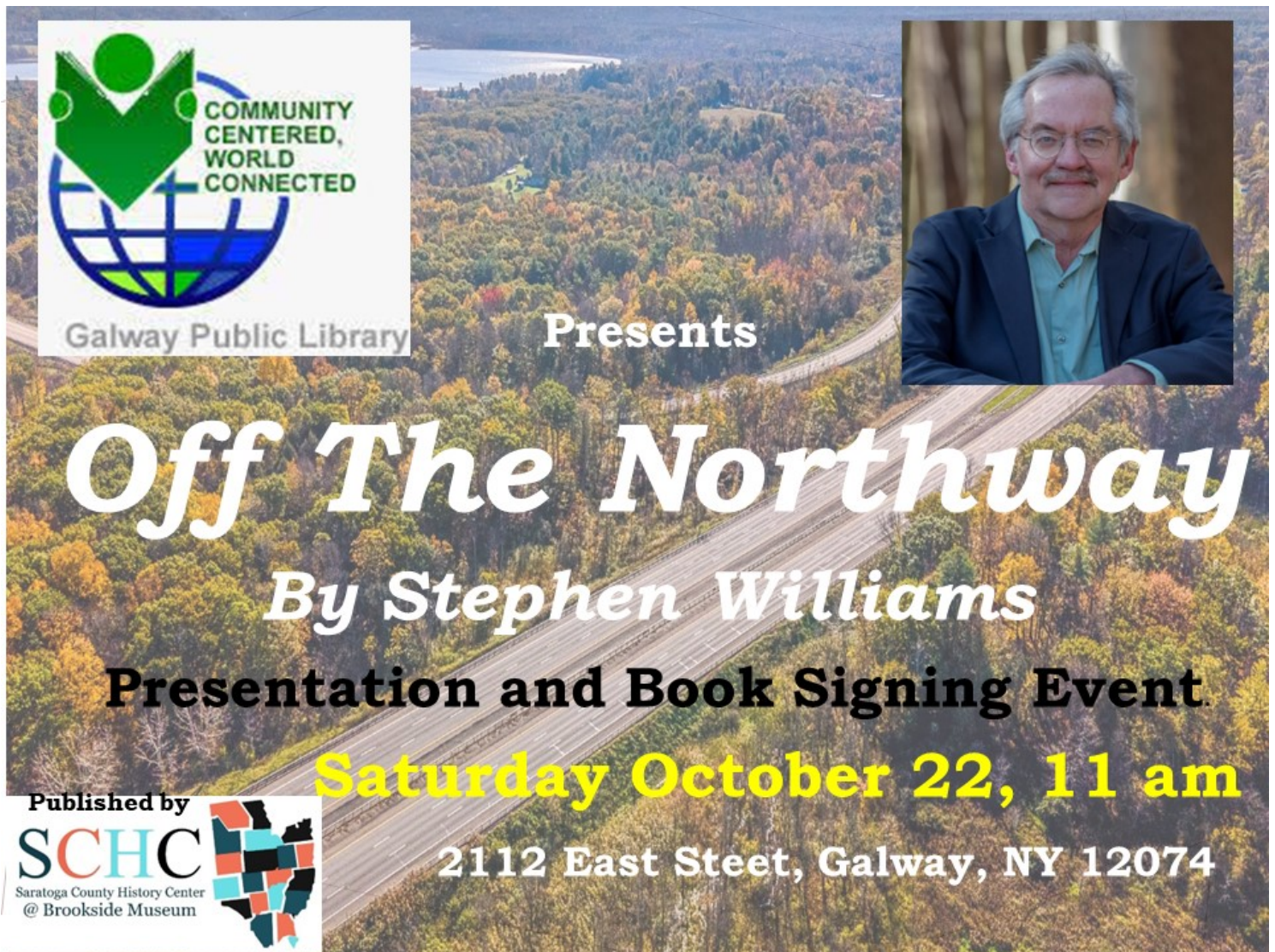
Become a Lifetime Member of the SCHC this Month!


Become a member of the History Center today at the Brookside Lifetime Member with a \$5000 donation. You will receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, a window sticker, and reduced prices for events. In addition, Contributors receive a welcome packet, a membership card with NARM membership, and a 10% discount at the museum shop. In addition, a copy of The First Respectable House: Brookside and the Growth of Ballston Spa, a personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum by the President, the first look at new exhibits with reception, two free use of the event space per year, and 15% 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.


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

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Off The Northway


By Stephen Williams

Presentation and Book Signing Event

Saturday October 22, 11 am

2112 East Steet, Galway, NY 12074

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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.

2022 Saratoga
County History
Center



Annual Meeting

including "History Favorites -
Trustee's Choice"
presentation

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November 27 pm

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SCHC's Brookside Museum
21 Fairground Avenue,
Ballston Spa, 12020.

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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

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

The Life of President U.S. Grant through November 11

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

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

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Last Chance

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6



Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950



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Exhibit on the Life of President U. S. Grant



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FROM 1PM TO 5PM
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21 FAIRGROUND AVENUE,
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County Life in Photographs

 **LAST CHANCE**

COUNTY LIFE IN
PHOTOGRAPHS
THROUGH NOVEMBER 13



SCHC's Brookside Museum
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In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore



Thursday -
Sunday
1 PM - 5PM

AT BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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Historical Reenactment Encampments and Anniversary Events return to Saratoga National Historical Park

Stillwater, NY –Saratoga National Historical Park is excited to announce a series 245th Anniversary Commemoration Events scheduled for October 2022.

- October 8 - 9: Path Through History Siege of Saratoga historical encampment event at the Schuyler House Estate. The Encampment will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00

p.m. each day.

- October 10: “So great a carnage”: The Battle of Bemus Heights at the Visitor Center
- October 12: Candlelight Tours at the Schuyler House from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Reservations required through the link at <https://go.nps.gov/candlelighttours>.
- October 16: Special Ranger Program on the Convention of Saratoga and Surrender at the Sword Surrender Site.

“We are eager to welcome everyone to Saratoga National Historical Park for these fun and educational events in October, the first encampment and Candlelight Tours in the park since 2019,” said Superintendent Leslie Morlock. “They are a wonderful opportunity to learn about what life was like for the people who participated in the world changing events that happened right here in Saratoga County in October 1777!”

In coordination with the Saratoga County 250th Commission and the National Park Service, the public is invited to take a stroll back in time with the Noble 24th, a British unit stationed here. This encampment is a representation of the British Encampment during the retreat and Siege of Saratoga (October 8-17, 1777).

- Encampment will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Artillery demonstrations by the recreated 2nd Regiment of Continental Artillery
- Schuyler House Open House, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 18th Century military medicine presentations, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday only
- Chat with an Army Follower, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Visit the Saratoga County 250th Commission Tent for information on Saratoga National Historical Park, the Battles of Saratoga, the County 250th Commission, upcoming 250th commemorations and a special exhibit honoring men who fell during the Siege of Saratoga. The Saratoga County 250th Commission was created by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors to help plan ceremonies, events, activities, and celebrations that recognize the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Saratoga County.

"The Saratoga County 250th Commission is excited to partner with the Saratoga National Historical Park and the Noble 24th for this great fall event," said Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts, chair of the 250th Commission. "This event exemplifies one of the commission's top priorities, which is promoting education through living history, and to bring the public to the actual ground where history happened, makes this event even more engaging for all."

Experience the ambiance of an 18th Century house in the evening with a special candlelight tour through the Schuyler House! This event is presented in coordination with the Old Saratoga Historical Association. Tour will be held Wednesday, October 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Visitors should be aware that the candlelight tours are low light and may make walking through the house challenging. Capacity limits will be in effect for safety and protection of visitors and the historic resource. Groups will be lead through the house and hear stories of the house and its inhabitants along the way. **Reservations are required and can be obtained through the link at <https://go.nps.gov/candlelighttours>.** You should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your

reservation time. The Schuyler House was part of a working estate that was owned by the Schuyler family from 1702-1837. The current house was built in 1777 by General Philip Schuyler (1733-1804), a significant figure in the American War for Independence and early U.S. politics, in late 1777 after his previous home was burned by retreating British soldiers. It was not only home to generations of the Schuyler Family, but to those enslaved by the family and whose forced labor provided the basis for much of the family's wealth.

Two special Ranger Programs will mark important dates this month. Park Ranger Eric Schnitzer will provide an overview of the Second Battle of Saratoga on Monday, October 10 at 1:00 pm in the Visitor Center in Stillwater. On Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m., a Park Ranger will discuss the surrender ceremony and the Convention of Saratoga at the Sword Surrender Site, on mile south of Schuylerville on Route 4. Visitors should be aware that parking at the Sword Surrender site is very limited, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Saratoga National Historical Park preserves, protects, and interprets the sites associated with the battles, siege, and surrender of the British forces at Saratoga. The park encompasses five sites including the Saratoga Battlefield, General Philip Schuyler's House, Victory Woods, the Saratoga Monument, and Sword Surrender Site totaling 3,579 acres.

For more information about Saratoga National Historical Park, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 670-2985, visit www.nps.gov/sara, or find the park on Facebook or Twitter @SaratogaNHP.

The Saratoga County History Center is proud to work with the Saratoga National Historical Park as part of the Saratoga County 250th Commission. Learn more about the Commission at <https://saratoga250.com/>.



2022 Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners Announced

Winning images to be featured in 2023 calendar

Note that there are 3 winners from Saratoga County



2nd Place, Buoy Tender (Schuylerville) by Susan Meyer, Schuylerville, NY



3rd Place, Winter Walk (Vischer Ferry) by Tina Baxter, Clifton Park, NY



They're Off (Schuylerville) by Mike Bielkiewicz, Mechanicville, NY (We are especially proud and thankful to Mike, he volunteered and designed our beautiful logo.)

WATERFORD, NY – Twelve stunning images rose above a competitive field of 230 entries to win the 17th Annual Erie Canalway Photo Contest. Judges selected winning photos in four contest categories, along with 12 honorable mentions. Winners hail from across the Canalway Corridor and remind us that the NYS Canal System is a state and national treasure worthy of preservation and celebration.

“These remarkable images showcase the beauty, history, and diversity of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. We appreciate everyone who entered and shared the places, scenes, and activities they love along the New York’s extraordinary canals.” said Bob Radliff, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Winning images can be [viewed online](#) and will be featured in the 2023 Erie Canalway calendar. The popular calendar will be available for free at libraries, visitor centers, and by request beginning in December.

New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton said, “I send my heartfelt congratulations to the winners of this year’s annual photo contest, and my thanks to all of the exceptional photographers, amateur and professional alike, who participated. This year’s photos help us showcase the remarkable sights and recreational resources along the canal system. As we approach the bicentennial of the Erie Canal’s completion, they are a wonderful reminder of the Erie Canal’s legacy, impact, and presence in New York, both today and through generations of our history.”

Winning photos may be viewed at www.eriecanalway.org/gallery/photo-contests.

2022 Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners

Classic Canal

1st Place, Passage to the East (Lockport) by Lee Williams, Lockport, NY

2nd Place, Tug on the Move (Amsterdam) by Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY

3rd Place, Hard at Work (Medina) by Peggy Barringer, Albion, NY

Canal Communities

1st Place, Starry Morning (Lockport) by Jeff Tracy, Lockport, NY

2nd Place, Lift Bridge Sunset (Fairport) by Nikki Bittner, Fairport, NY

3rd Place, Nightfall Magic (Camillus) by Jen Bernhardt, Camillus, NY

Along the Trail

1st Place, Sunrise Stroll on the Erie Canal (Pittsford) by Alan Schwartz, Rochester, NY

2nd Place, Autumn Paddle (Macedon) by Neil Sjoblom, Geneva, NY

3rd Place, Winter Walk (Vischer Ferry) by Tina Baxter, Clifton Park, NY

On the Water

1st Place, Unguarded (Waterford) by Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY

2nd Place, Buoy Tender (Schuylerville) by Susan Meyer, Schuylerville, NY

3rd Place, Yankee Hill Lock (Amsterdam) by Tim Stephen, Rotterdam Junction, NY

Honorable Mention Recipients (listed west to east)

Amtrak Crossing (Tonawanda) by Stephen Abbey, Williamsville, NY

Summer Evening (Spencerport) by Claire Talbot, Hilton, NY

Genesee Valley Park (Rochester) by Brandon Sprung, Victor, NY

Nighttime Lock 33 (Henrietta) by Mike Haugh, Pittsford, NY

Cycling on the Erie Canal (Pittsford) by Alan Schwartz, Rochester, NY

Tied Up (Pittsford) by Gary Eisenhart, Pittsford, NY

Wrights Landing Oswego Harbor Lighthouse (Oswego) by Joe Carey, Syracuse, NY

Cross Country Skier Along the Old Erie Canal Trail (Camillus) by Joe Carey, Syracuse, NY

Rounding the Bend to Little Falls (Little Falls) by Frank Forte, Little Falls, NY

Fishing the Canal (Rotterdam Junction) by Robert Thorpe, Galway, NY

Ice Breaker *Margot* (Vischer Ferry) by Frank Forte, Little Falls, NY

They're Off (Schuylerville) by Mike Bielkiewicz, Mechanicville, NY

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