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SARATOGA CHIPS AND BEER FESTIVAL



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We have a big weekend scheduled for the Saratoga County Historical Center. It is a great way to commemorate SCHC's 60th birthday. Join us this Saturday, November 12, from 1-5p, for the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival at Brookside! Learn more and get your tickets at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/saratoga-chips-and-beer-festival-2/>. Then on Sunday, November 13, from 2-4 pm meet the author's from our newest publication *More Saratoga County Stories*, for our publication kickoff at Brookside Museum. Learn more <https://bit.ly/3W0VDpA>

Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival Tickets



Saratoga County History Center's Events

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<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/48964-more-saratoga-county-stories-book-launch>

⇒ **Click here to receive a book release reminder.**

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.



Milton Deputy Supervisor Barbara Kerr, Milton Town Supervisor Scott Ostrander, and SCHC President Field Horne present a ceremonial check from Saratoga County.

Saratoga County Funds a Community History Exhibit at the History Center

Covid Money Funds an Exhibition on the History of Saratoga County

The Saratoga County History Center in Ballston Spa announced a **\$25,000 grant** from the Saratoga Non-Profit Relief Grant Fund. These funds will support an immersive exhibition designed and built by professionals on the history of Saratoga County to open in spring 2023.

"The History Center was challenged by COVID, and the community has supported us by increased memberships; however, the organization needed help regaining fiscal momentum with exhibitions, the lifeblood of a museum," explains **Field Horne, president of the SCHC**. "The support of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors makes possible our strategic plan developed by SCORE volunteers, a partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration at the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce."

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr., said, "The Saratoga County History Center provides an immeasurable service in their dedication to the preservation of our county's rich history and is a deserving recipient of a Saratoga County Non-Profit COVID Relief fund grant. This \$25,000 grant will help the Center continue to provide our residents and visitors with an inviting space to learn about important events and people in Saratoga County history."

Sean Kelleher, SCHC 1st vice president, said, "This grant represents the faith of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in the value of SCHC as a benchmark cultural institution in our region, and cultural institutions have long been a critical sector in our economy. As we continue rebuilding a stronger Saratoga County, we must do all we can to help this industry thrive. SCHC will be able to continue educating people as we approach the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and help spur revitalization in our community."

"We are delighted and honored. The funding will help SCHC deliver on its mission to bring a deeper understanding, for residents and visitors alike, of how the past informs and impacts our present and future in Saratoga County," added **Isobel Cornell, 2nd vice president of SCHC**. "Thank you to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors."

With this grant, the organization will create an exhibit with a lifespan of about a decade. An exhibit of this magnitude and quality should result in a steady audience and sustainable fiscal support. It will provide an engaging orientation for residents and visitors about the county's history and be a backdrop for developing new public and school programs. This development should lead to additional partnerships with cultural and educational institutions and increase outreach to audiences and donors.



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.

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.

November 19 - 1pm "Manzer's Bibliography," Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County host a talk by Ballston Spa Library Director Andrea Simmons who will explain Manzer's Bibliography. The bibliography is two inches thick with references to Saratoga county that could be found in works all over the world. Dr. Bruce M. Manzer, a former Ballstonian who was then an associate professor of library science at Illinois State University, spent 17 years on the project. , and we will be able to view the non-book items in the library as well as the books in the collection and see how references in the Bibliography might be of use in future research. The Ballston Spa Public Library is located at 21 Milton Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

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 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/8597440>

January 21 - 1pm The Saratoga Room. A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by recently appointed Saratoga Room archivist, Michelle Isopo. Isopo talks about how Saratoga Room houses the Local History Collection of the Saratoga Springs Public Library. Besides the usual items genealogists would anticipate finding there, such as shelves of city directories and microfilmed issues of 19th century Saratoga newspapers, the collection offers unexpected resources. Isopo will discuss these lesser known items, such as the assortment of scrapbooks on the old Hawley Home for Children. The meeting is at the 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.



Shop Small Business Saturday

*Artisan's
Market*
Saratoga County History Center
@ Brookside Museum

Artisans' Market Opening Soon Brookside Museum Holiday Market Opening for the Season

Celebrate the holiday season at the Brookside Museum at the 22nd annual Artisans' Market which opens on Small Business Saturday, November 26, and will run through Saturday, December 24, 2022.

The annual market features only handmade/handcrafted products created by local artisans. Items include soaps, lotions, ornaments, jewelry, syrups, scarves, ceramics, hats, and much more! Shoppers can stroll through the market and visit the museum's exhibits about the history of the Saratoga Chip and Dake Family/Stewart's Shops.

Beth Silvestri, the Brookside Museum retail manager said, "Every year the Artisans' Market gets better! This one-of-a-kind shopping experience offers a variety of unique items, making

holiday shopping simple. And each item sold supports both Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum and local artisans!"

The Artisans' Market is held at SCHC at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave., Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

The 2022 market hours are:

Thursdays, 12pm – 5pm

Fridays, 11am – 6pm

Saturdays, 11am – 5pm

Sundays, 11am – 5pm

The 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 provides various innovative, exciting, and educational programs online and in-person across the county. This is the last chance to see the museum's popular *A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops* and *In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore* exhibits.

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

It is Time

Finish the Job!

The time has come to stabilize the historic Brookside museum and make it economical to operate.

Donate Now



The Saratoga County History Center at Ballston Spa's Brookside Museum has launched its Annual Appeal, "Finish the Job," with the objective of complete stabilization of the historic building in the coming year. Its goal of the current phase, \$45,000, will fund energy efficiency and long-postponed repair of space required for museum operations and care of its important collections. Two friends of the museum have pledged \$15,000 to match an equal sum from the community.

"Finish the Job" will make the museum's most economical operation possible. Its storm windows are 70 years old and do little to keep out the weather. Replacement with modern, efficient storms is planned before midwinter. New interior and exterior lighting, for the comfort of museum visitors and to reduce energy consumption, will use LED technology. An area of the building damaged many years ago by a leaking roof was to be gutted and converted to badly-needed storage. Finally, since most of the museum's galleries have been renovated, only two floors must be repaired and refurbished.

All gifts will be acknowledged with gratitude and donors will be counted as 2023 members. Contributions can be submitted through the www.brookside.org link or by mail to SCHS, 21

Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.

Donate to Finish The Job !



The poster features a close-up background image of a glass of beer with a thick head of foam and a handful of potato chips. The text is overlaid on this image. In the top left corner is the DeCrescente logo, and in the top right is the Saratoga County History Center logo. The main title 'SARATOGA Chips and Beer FESTIVAL' is centered, with 'Chips and Beer' in a large, stylized font. Below the title is a yellow banner with the date and time. At the bottom, a list of activities is provided.

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NOVEMBER 12
1-5 PM

**BEER • POTATO CHIPS • EXHIBITS • MUSIC •
BONFIRE • S'MORES • SILENT AUCTION • TRIVIA**

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, Saratoga Springs' Druthers Brewing Company's All-in IPA, and seasonal favorite Sam Adams' Oktoberfest. Festival drinks will include cider, foreign beer, an assortment of strong seltzers, and sodas from Saranac and Saratoga Water. The festival will also debut our own "Brookside Brew," a non-alcoholic autumn juice punch. Festival goers can enjoy the original Saratoga Chips, the first 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. 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



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. 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.



Membership Announcement!

Support SCHC!

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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 CHIP AND BEER FESTIVAL



Music by Trish Miller and John Kirk

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FOR THE SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER



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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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Book Launch Event

Sunday, November 13 2-4pm

Brookside Museum

21 Fairground Ave.

Ballston Spa, NY

518-885-4000



⇒ [Click here to receive a book release reminder.](#)



NYSICA Funds Expansion of Educational Programming at the History Center

The Saratoga County History Center in Ballston Spa announced a **\$10,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts** Regrowth and Capacity Grants. The grant will increase staffing hours for the History Center education staff. The History Center offers a variety of educational programs, serving children and adults.

The responsive funding of NYSICA is providing nearly 1000 organizations with over \$13 million in recovery support in FY23, as part of their historic FY93 \$90 million in grant making and \$150 million in multi-year capital support.

“This unprecedented funding continues our investment into the vital role that the arts contribute to the health of our economy, our communities and our citizens,” said **Governor Kathy Hochul**. “As

we continue our comeback, we applaud the strength and innovation of arts organizations across the state and are all the better for their hard work and dedication.”

The History Center offers in-person and distance learning opportunities to help local schools, teachers, students, and families continue their educational journey. The History Center works with elementary, middle, high school, and college students to provide Social Studies, history, and some STEM content.

Field Horne, president of the SCHC, said, "This grant helps the history center expand opportunities from providing professional development for teachers, such as a partnership with the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, to working with elementary school students in Ballston Spa."

"We are delighted and honored. This funding will help SCHC fulfill its mission and expand the reach of our talented educators," said **Isobel Cornell, 2nd Vice-President of SCHC**. "Thank you to the New York State Council. We are immensely grateful for the support of the Governor and the Legislature."

“NYSCA applauds Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature for their historic investment of \$240 million for the nonprofit arts and culture sector,” said **Mara Manus, Executive Director of NYSCA**. “As we continue rebuilding the arts across our New York, the Saratoga County History Center will play a vital role in the renewal of our state’s economy and creative ecosystem. Congratulations on your award from the entire NYSCA team.”

“The Council congratulates the Saratoga County History Center on their grant award! These grants are from the people of New York State, for the future of New York State,” said **Katherine Nicholls, Chair, NYSCA**. “Arts and culture are crucial to the health of our citizens and the economic vitality of our communities, and we recognize the contributions of NYSCA grantees to the lives of all New Yorkers.”

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Exhibits are closing soon, last chance to see them

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Current Exhibits

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



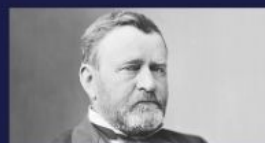
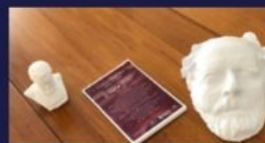
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EXHIBIT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT U.S. GRANT

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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**LAST!
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County Life in Photographs through November 13

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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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“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.

Alan Richer was interviewed by Look TV's **Jessie Jackson**.



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This fall the Saratoga County History Center is hosting a class for the Academy of Lifelong Learning entitled "Very Gave Indeed" about 19th Century mourning, death, and burial practices. This week the class toured Malta Ridge Cemetery to view the gravestones of early local residents and learn gravestone-cleaning techniques.



Heritage Hunters

Dedicated to the study and preservation of genealogical and historical materials in and around Saratoga County, New York

[News from Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County](#), a society dedicated to the study and preservation of genealogical and historic materials in and around Saratoga County, New York.

Heritage Hunters Meeting, November 19, 2022

Forty-five years ago, the Ballston Spa Public Library became the recipient of a special collection of roughly 1000 books and other items representing the history of Saratoga County, and along with it, a *Bibliography* two inches thick with references to the county that could be found in works all over the world. Dr. Bruce M. Manzer, a former Ballstonian who was then an associate professor of library science at the Illinois State University, had spent 17 years on the project.

The Heritage Hunters meeting on November 19 will take place at 1pm at the Ballston Spa Public Library, where Library Director Andrea Simmons will explain Manzer's *Bibliography*, and we will be able to view the non-book items as well as the books in the collection and see how references in the *Bibliography* might be of use in future research. As per agreement with the donor, the Manzer collection is kept separate from the library's local history collection, in two special cabinets. Andrea enlisted the help of a graduate student intern this past year to help make the non-book materials more accessible for viewing.

Dr. Manzer had a long career in several different scientific research institutions, and most notably, worked for over 30 years in Bahrain. Now retired, he has made good on his promise to continue adding to his work and has since produced the 4th edition of Manzer's *Bibliography of Saratoga County*. Different editions of the work are viewable in many of the county's public libraries.

Andrea Simmons has been the director of the Ballston Spa Public Library for 19 years.

Heritage Hunters Meeting, January 21, 2022

Recently appointed Saratoga Room archivist, Michelle Isopo will visit Heritage Hunters for the January 21 meeting at the Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street Schuylerville, NY. Meetings are open to the public and take place at 1pm on the 3rd Saturday of most months.

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

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