We had a big weekend at the Saratoga County History Center. We thank all the various people who supported our two events. The Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival was a very important fundraiser and it was successful. We had over 130 patrons and great support from DeCrescente Distributing Company. The next day we had a book launch with the authors from our newest publication *More Saratoga County Stories*, for our publication kickoff at Brookside Museum. This event had over 55 participants. If you would like to purchase your own copy of *More Saratoga County Stories*, please visit the [Artisan’s Market at Brookside Museum](#) from November 26-December 24 (see details below) or attend the “*More Saratoga County Stories*” book signing and talk at Groom’s Tavern on December 3 from 2–4pm.
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 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.

Brookside Museum’s "Finish the Job" Campaign on Giving Tuesday

Saratoga County History Center Announces Special Thank You Gifts for Giving Tuesday’s Global Day of Giving

The Saratoga County History Center at Ballston Spa’s Brookside Museum will be providing special thank-you gifts on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022, as part for its annual appeal, "Finish the Job." Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement driven by individuals, organizations, communities, and charities in countries all around the world.
The “Finish the Job” annual appeal has 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.

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Sean Kelleher, Vice President of the Saratoga County History Center said. “Last year’s campaign had over 15% of the donations during “Giving Thursday.” We have some nice historical thank you gifts including some memorabilia from the old Battlefield gift store that we know people will appreciate.”

The impact of GivingTuesday goes well beyond charitable donations. It inspires giving in all its forms from encouraging kindness to raising money for local non-profits and celebrating generosity. The movement is an opportunity for global unity through the power of generosity.

In collaboration with GivingTuesday, the “Finish the Job” annual appeal will provide special thank you gifts to contributions above $25. SCHC will be providing specifics and updates on all SCHC social media platforms.

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Saratoga Battlefield Leather Bookmarkers are thank-you gifts for the first three donors at the $65 level.
Saratoga Battlefield Snap Shot Leather Books are the thank-you gifts for the first two donors at the $35 level.
These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted. These are not hosted or sponsored by SCHC.

**November 17 - 7pm "The River Before Henry: First Nations, Last Elephants"**
with Tom Lake, 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](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.

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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.

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
Project Leader wanted!
We are looking for a project leaders!!! We are in urgent need of an individual to help guide storage movement of old articles in an old apartment that is renovated. If you want to help, please contact Matt at (518) 885-4000. Jon will call you back.

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Donate to Finish The Job!
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/](https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/)

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Meet the Authors!

More Saratoga County Stories

Book Launch Event

Saturday, December 3  2-4pm

Grooms Tavern
290 Sugar Hill Rd, Rexford, NY 12148
518-885-4000

Current Exhibits

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Siena College students work our SCHC educator Anne Clothier on understanding a Historical Ledger
“More Saratoga County Stories” book release
IN MEMORIAM: Carol Luther MacKay

Carol Luther Mackay, 95, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. She was born on January 24, 1927, and grew up in Saratoga Springs, New York. She was the daughter of Thomas F. and Jean S. Luther, and the granddaughter of Thomas C. Luther, owner of the White Sulphur Springs Hotel on Saratoga Lake, and founder of the Luther Forest. She graduated from Cornell University in 1948, and then attended grad school at NYS College of Forestry at Syracuse University. It was here that she met her late husband Bill Mackay. They lived in several different states as Bill pursued a career in forestry, returning to the area in 1964 to start a business on the Luther Forest. She was interested in history and was active at Brookside Museum.

FYI - EXCEPTIONAL ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION Friday NOV. 25TH @ 4P.M. PRE. 3P.M. HELD @ 275 SOUTH MAIN ST. GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. 12078 SPECIAL FEATURE: LOCALLY KNOWN AUTHOR, FORMER FULTON COUNTY HISTORIAN DON WILLIAMS GRANDFATHER'S TOOL CHEST, INSIDE THE ADIRONDACK BLUE LINE & MANY OTHER TITLES ON THE ADIRONDACK'S & LOCAL HISTORY, [link]

SCHC's Brookside Museum lists all closings at [link]

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