Every winter, the Brookside Museum gets shaken up in a magical snow globe and transformed into the Artisan Market, a fantastic holiday wonderland of good gifts and art. The Artisan Market is a holiday market showcasing many small businesses in Saratoga County, including local craftsmen, artisans, and entrepreneurs selling unique gifts and wares. Join us to begin on Saturday, November 26th. Opening times are Thursdays from 12am to 5pm, Fridays from 11am to 6pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 5pm.
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.

"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 will 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.

In collaboration with Giving Tuesday, 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.

Togetherness we give.

Saratoga Battlefield vintage license plate toppers are thank-you gifts for the first six donors at the $125 level.
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.

November 29, 2022

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.

December 5 - 7pm “The Johnston/Ashley House, Bliss Road, Galway”. The Historic Survey Committee of the Galway Preservation Society will present a program on the style, structure, oral history known of the builders and documentation relating to the owners over time of the Johnston/Ashley House. The house, considered a local gem, retains much of its original character and architectural features. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.
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

December 13 - 7pm "Tiffany Treasures of the Albany Rural Cemetery." The famed Tiffany Studios not only produced exquisite stained glass windows for churches and civic buildings, but had a department specializing in monument design from the 1890s until the company's closure. Since 2018, Albany Rural Cemetery has identified scores of examples of Tiffany Studios memorials ranging from an early significant Celtic Revival cross to stained glass windows in family vaults. The talk is 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.

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.
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.

Volunteer At Brookside
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All gifts will be acknowledged with gratitude and donations 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!
Meet the Authors!

More Saratoga County Stories

We’re Back!

More Saratoga County Stories is a compilation of 63 new 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.

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518-885-4000

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
SCHC's Brookside Museum lists all closings at https://www.facebook.com/brookidemuseum/

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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