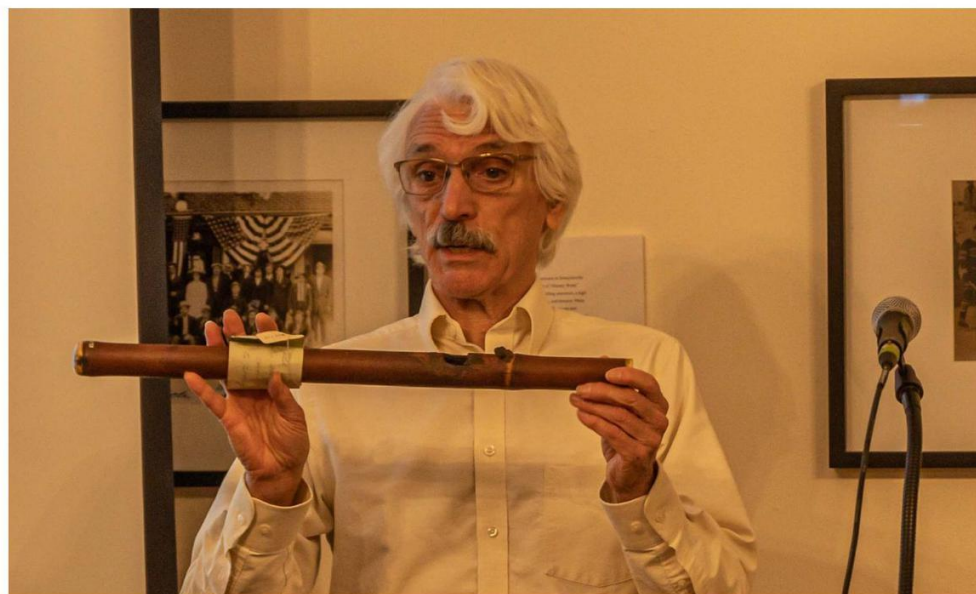




Saratoga County History Center

Sharing History to Promote Community

November 3, 2022



Last night, the Saratoga County History Center held its 60th annual meeting in a hybrid mode at Brookside Museum and received a turnout of nearly 30 people in person and 20 online. In addition to celebrating volunteers and 2022 accomplishments, the event featured the Trustee's highlighting their favorite items from the collection. During the evening's event, the History Center's **Vice President Isobel Cornell** stressed, "it may take a village to raise a child, but it takes loads of people to keep a history center going. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization like this. Volunteers sorting through boxes and boxes of photographs and papers, cleaning out sheds and dusty old attics, working on the building and in the grounds, researchers, and speakers. The list goes on." The evening also included a plea by **President Field Horne** and **Past President Jere Blackwelder** to "**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. There is more about this campaign in the email. Just keep in mind that all gifts will be acknowledged with gratitude and donors will be counted as 2023 members. Contributions can be submitted through the <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/projects/174177-finish-the-job> link or by mail to SCHS, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.

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Saratoga County History Center's Events

November 12 - 1-5pm Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival. DeCrescente Distributing Company is sponsoring the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival that 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.

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.



SARATOGA

Chips and Beer

FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 12
1-5 PM

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

Chips, Beer, and Specialty Drink Announced for Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival

Fun Festival planned at Brookside Museum on November 12 featuring Saratoga Chips and Druther's IPA

The Saratoga County History Center and DeCrescente Distributing Company are proud to announce that the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival that will take place on Saturday, November 12, from 1 to 5 pm at Brookside Museum will feature Saratoga Chips and Saratoga Spring's Durther's Brewing Company's All-in IPA and seasonal favorite Sam Adams' Oktoberfest.

This friendly, casual gathering celebrates two things that go well together, potato chips and beer. The famous Saratoga Chips feature the museum's current exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore."

Mechanicville-based DeCrescente Distributing Company sponsors the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival. 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 \$5 off. The first beer or non-alcoholic punch or drink is 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. The exhibition showcases the vast collection of famed potato chip authority **Alan Richer**, “**The Toga Chip Guy**.”

This evening will enable the History Center to continue our mission to help residents, and visitors, 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 Chips and Beer Festival Tickets



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 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 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>

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

FINISH THE JOB !

2022 Annual Campaign

- Replacing windows
- Refinishing floors
- Renovations
- Energy-Conservation

We welcome donations both online and in person. We know these are tough times all around, but we are positive that only good times lay ahead. Your generosity will be the key to Brookside's future and the continued success of the Saratoga County History Center.



<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/projects/174177-finish-the-job>



Donors like you are needed to help us raise \$45,000 to help to "Finish the Job!"

Thank you in advance for your generous donation to help "Finish the Job!" Help us bring our 18th century building firmly into the 21st century. Last year you...

"Finish The Job" Campaign For Brookside Museum Launched

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.

Last year's "Preserve the Porch" campaign exceeded its goal by more than \$10,000. The building's porch of six square columns in the Greek Revival style is believed to have been built in the late 1820s or early 1830s, replacing the 1792 original. The top-quality restoration work of the porch is now underway and will be finished by year's end.

"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.

Field Horne, president of the Saratoga County History Center, explains, "in late spring 2023, a permanent exhibition about the county's economic and social development since First Nations times will be installed, thanks to funding from the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. "Finish the Job" will create a welcoming setting for the new exhibit."

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SARATOGA CHIPS AND BEER FESTIVAL



NOVEMBER 12, 2022

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1-5 PM

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Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival Tickets

Membership Announcement!

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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 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



www.brooksidemuseum.org

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.



SARATOGA CHIP AND BEER FESTIVAL



Music by Trish Miller and John Kirk



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BENEFIT

FOR THE SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

November 12 1 - 5 pm
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Book Launch Event

Sunday, November 13 2-4pm

Brookside Museum

21 Fairground Ave.

Ballston Spa, NY

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Artisan's Market

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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.

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More Saratoga County Stories

Book Launch Event

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Grooms Tavern

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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

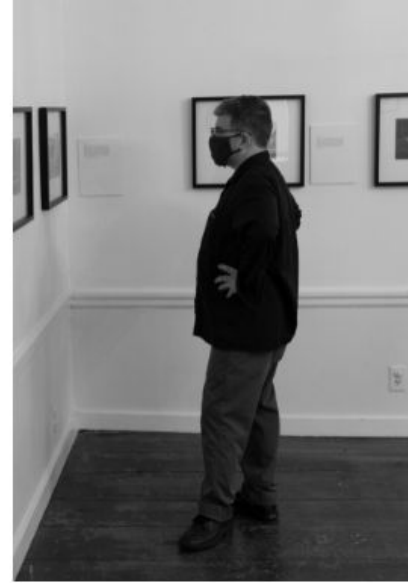
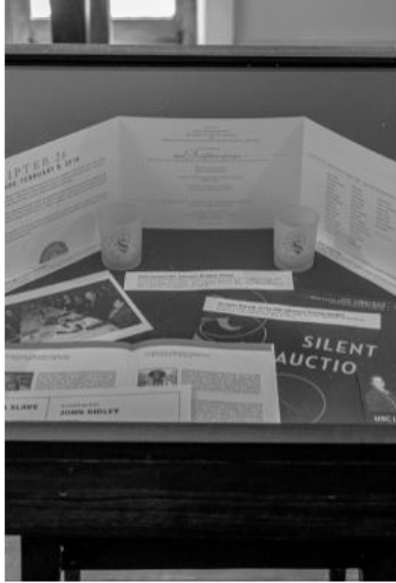
Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950 through November 6

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



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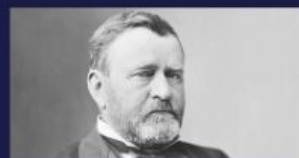
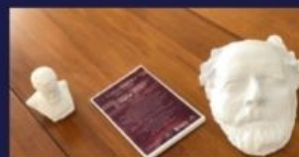
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EXHIBIT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT U.S. GRANT

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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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?"

"ALAN-AKA "TOGA CHIP GUY". VERY NICE & INFORMATIVE EXHIBIT OF 1/3 OF YOUR VAST SARATOGA CHIPS COLLECTION. GREAT PRESENTATION." - MICHAEL NOONAN

"Fun Exhibit. Now I know the answer to the burning question of the origin of the potato chip."
Diane Denny

"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.

Do not forget, our **Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival** on Saturday, November 12 from 1-5pm. DeCrescente Distributing Company is sponsoring Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival that 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.

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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

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