There are 7 days left to get your holiday shopping done. You'll find one-of-a-kind treasures for everyone on your gift giving list at the 22nd Annual Saratoga’s Artisans' Market. We have had hundreds of visitors who joined us for this special tradition for our community. Please
Until 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, 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.

These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted.

December 17 - 1-3pm "Town of Greenfield Historical Society's Holiday Annual Open House at the Museum." Please stop in to sample some Christmas Cookies and the traditional Hot Weasel. Bring some holiday cookies to share (and at the end of the time, all cookies left over become take home items – for a donation). The theme this year is “Holiday Greeting Cards”. Do you send greeting cards during the Christmas / Hanukkah / Kwanzaa Season? Please bring a favorite card or two along and during the program time, we will give each person attending time to describe their Holiday Greeting Cards and family traditions. The program is at the Chatfield Museum, 440 Middle Grove Rd. Middle Grove NY 12850.

January 15 – 6 pm – Saratoga History Happy Hour: Real Life Crime is the focus with Waterford Historian Russ VanDervoort and SCHC Director of Education Anne Clothier. These true crime stories prove that sometimes real life is a lot darker than fiction. This is an SCHC Member Event. The event will include questions and answers and an opportunity to participate in a trivia contest. Tickets are $15 and come with a craft beer or non-alcoholic beverage. Tickets are required https://brooksidemuseum.org/2022/12/saratoga-history-happy-hours/ The program is at The Real McCoy Beer Company which is located at 28 Washington Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

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.

February 9 – 6 pm – Saratoga History Happy Hour: The Hamiltons and the Schuylers are the focus with Saratoga National Historical Park's curator, Christine Valosin (she helps maintain the Schuyler House.) It is planned just before Hamilton, the hit musical returns to Proctor’s Theater. This is an SCHC Member Event. The event will include questions and answers and an opportunity to participate in a trivia contest. Tickets are $15 and come with a craft beer or non-alcoholic beverage. Tickets are required https://brooksidemuseum.org/2022/12/saratoga-history-happy-hours/ The program is at The Real McCoy Beer Company which is located at 28 Washington Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

March 16 – 6 pm – Saratoga History Happy Hour: Saratoga Style Baseball is the focus including the history of the Abner Doubleday House. Sean Kelleher, Saratoga town historian will tell the story of one of Saratoga's best baseball players, Lefty Mulligan. In March, as the hot stove league heats up, SCHC will look at the history of Saratoga Baseball. This is an SCHC Member Event. The event will include questions and answers and an opportunity to participate in a trivia contest. Tickets are $15 and come with a craft beer or non-alcoholic beverage. Tickets are required https://brooksidemuseum.org/2022/12/saratoga-history-happy-hours/ The program is at The Real McCoy Beer Company which is located at 28 Washington Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to sean@brooksidemuseum.org. SCHC Events and News 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.
Saratoga County History Center Launches "Saratoga History Happy Hours"
Three Happy Hours Featuring Local Historians from the Real McCoy Beer Company

Saratoga County History Center members are invited to our inaugural Saratoga History Happy Hour at the Real McCoy Beer Company in Ballston Spa. The Saratoga History Happy Hour is a series of three happy hour vibe programs at which local historians or experts weigh in on a variety of historical topics, share their insights, answer audience questions, participate in a trivia contest, and enjoy libations from a New York State craft brewery.

Sean Kelleher, SCHC vice president, explains, "Mike Schaffer of the Real McCoy Company approached us. With all the history at his site, the birthplace of the purported inventor of baseball, this will be a fun opportunity to learn about some of Saratoga's most intriguing historical accounts."

The program takes place at the Real McCoy Beer Company at the historic birthplace of Major-General Abner Doubleday in Ballston Spa. The taproom is a legacy of America's early aesthetic and historic charm so that you can enjoy historical stories and craft beers just like our ancestors. The Real McCoy Beer Company is located at 28 Washington Street in the village of Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

The agenda of the series is as follows:
January 26 – Real Life Crime is the focus with Waterford Historian Russ VanDervoort and SCHC Director of Education Anne Clothier.
February 9 The Hamiltons and the Schuylers are the focus with Saratoga National Historical Park's curator, Christine Valosin. March 16 – Saratoga Style Baseball includes the story of Abner Doubleday House and Lefty Mulligan with town of Saratoga Historian Sean Kelleher and others.

The programs start at 6 pm. Tickets to the Saratoga History Happy Hour are $15 each and come with a craft beer or non-alcoholic beverage. These events are limited to Saratoga County History Center members. Advance purchase of tickets is required by visiting https://brooksidemuseum.org/2022/12/saratoga-history-happy-hours/

Membership in the Saratoga County History Center starts at $25. You are invited 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/

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming Saratoga History Happy Hours, join our email list https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/51237-saratoga-history-happy-hour-mailing-list to stay current on all the latest Saratoga History Happy Hour news!
The end of the year is the time for giving. See how you can help SCHC "Finish the Job!"

This year, we were able to preserve the porch at Brookside Museum, for the last six weeks, workmen have been finishing the porch—all thanks to generous donors like you.

Next year, we’re looking to do even more. Can we count on you to provide the support we need?

The Saratoga County History Center at Ballston Spa's Brookside Museum has an Annual Appeal, "Finish the Job," with the objective of complete stabilization of the historic building in the coming year. The 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.

All gifts will be acknowledged with gratitude and donations will be counted as 2023 members. Contributions can be submitted through the www.brooksidemuseum.org link or by mail to SCHS, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.
The Saratoga County History Center’s new initiative, “Brookside Books,” a collection of ten books written and signed by members of the History Center that cover a wide range of historical topics. The books are sold as part of the 22nd annual Artisans’ Market.

The collection includes titles by seven different authors.

**Robert Conner**: James Montgomery: Abolitionist Warrior and The Last Circle of Ulysses Grant

**Matt Grumo**: Uriah Gregory: A New York Settler in Revolutionary Times

**Alan Maddaus**: The Prestons Of East Street – The Story Of A 19th Century American Family and Wright Peak Elegy - A Story Of Cold War, Nuclear Deterrence and Ultimate Sacrifice

**James Richmond**: War on the Middleline

**Timothy Starr**: Isaiah Blood: Scythe & Axe Make of Ballston Spa and The Ballston Terminal Railroad and its Successors

**John L. Scherer**: More Bits Of Clifton Park History

**Stephen Williams**: Off the Northway – A Collection of Newspaper Articles on Saratoga County
Shop a wide selection of hand-crafted products created by local artisans, including soaps, ornaments, jewelry, spices, & much more! At the Artisan’s Market at Brookside Museum until December 24. Thursdays 12pm – 5pm, Fridays 11am – 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 5pm.
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 Events and News. Submit events, stories, job changes, promotions or news about Saratoga County history to sean@brooksidemuseum.org. SCHC Events and News 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 coordinate the creation of the email with the help of many contributors, including Matt Bonk, Anne Clothier, Andrew Collier, Beth Silvestri, and David Waite.

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