



Happy New Year

Editor's note: SCHC Events and News will be published every other week during the winter months. The next email will be in two weeks.

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

January 9 - 7 pm "The Saratoga County Poor House". Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts will present a program to the Galway Preservation Society on the history of the County Poor House, 1827-1961, which was located where the present-day Saratoga County Sheriff's office, Correctional Facility and Animal Shelter are located. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

January 10 - 7 pm "Troy's Draft Riot of 1863". While the city of Troy was a bustling industrial center during the civil war period, the lives of her workers reflected the same social, financial and emotional upheaval that had torn the nation apart. Local economic and political disparity had led to the early and successful organization of labor, and related political affiliations. These factors were compounded by the enactment of the first military conscription act in American history, which included provisions that many considered to be onerously weighted against the laboring class. This turmoil led to what has been called the second most destructive draft riot in the nation, necessitating some rather unusual governmental responses. This illustrated lecture is a true story about the people and events that don't always make it into the history books. Hosted by the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center located at 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY. RSVP suggested due to limited seating. Admission: \$10. For more information, contact info@waterfordmuseum.com.

January 21 - 1 pm 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.

January 26 – 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. (Members can bring non-member guests.) **SCHC Members Event**

Tickets for Saratoga History Happy Hour: Real Life Crime

January 31 – 7 pm Experts Next Door: "The Global War for American Independence" Dr. Gould will explain the global war for American independence and the role played by the battles of Saratoga in 1777. How did the world change and how did the new United States position itself on the world stage? The event, to be held on Zoom, is open to the public. It is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. To register, please visit <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/51224-end-21> **SCHC Event**

Tickets for Experts Next Door: "The Global War for American Independence"

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. (Members can bring non-member guests.) **SCHC Members Event**

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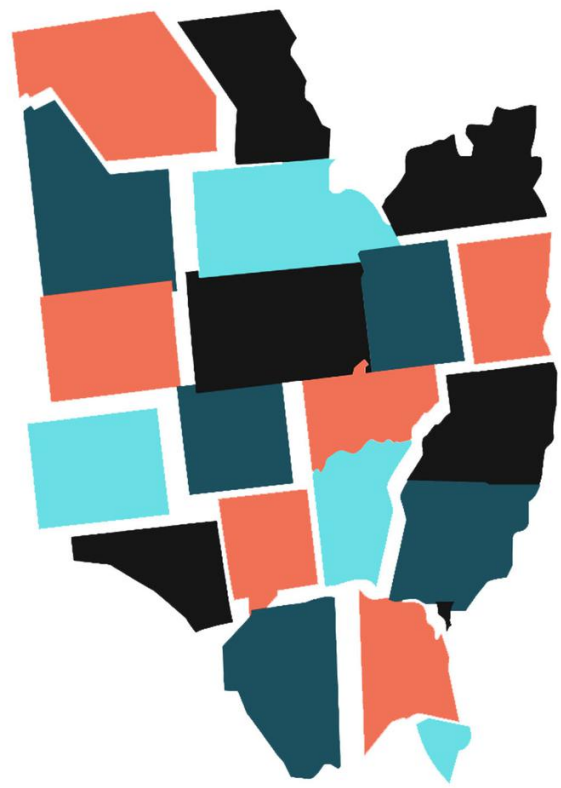
March 16 – 6 pm Saratoga History Happy Hour: Saratoga Style Baseball includes the story of Abner Doubleday House, old time baseball with town of Ballston Historian Rick Reynolds, and Lefty Mulligan with town of Saratoga Historian Sean Kelleher and others. This is an SCHC Member Event. The event will 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. (Members can bring non-member guests.) **SCHC Members Event**

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Brookside Museum Closed for the Winter Renovations and New Exhibition being Installed

The Saratoga County History Center (SCHC) today announced that Brookside Museum exhibits will close through the end of March. The museum will be doing renovations and installing an immersive exhibition on the history of Saratoga County to open in spring 2023.

Field Horne, president of the SCHC, said, "This new exhibition of this magnitude and quality should result in a steady audience and sustainable financial support for the History Center. The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors' fiscal support, along with funds from the Adirondack Trust Company, will allow for an engaging orientation for residents and visitors about the county's history and be the basis for developing new public and school programs. This development should lead to additional partnerships with cultural and educational institutions and increase public and donor awareness."

The History Center will carry on special events such as the presentation "**Experts Next Door**" on Zoom with Dr. Eliga Gould on the Global War for American Revolution on January 31 at 7 pm. In addition, the History Center has scheduled three "**Saratoga History Happy Hours**" as member-only events which feature local historians at the Real McCoy Beer Company in Ballston Spa.

The **Irena Wooton Research Room** holds thousands of documents about local history and genealogy, including the Heritage Hunters book collection. The Irena Wooton Research Room is open throughout the winter by appointment through research@brooksidemuseum.org.

Please visit the History Center website at www.brooksidemuseum.org for more information. The Saratoga County History Center is dedicated to preserving and sharing the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center offers a variety of innovative, exciting, and educational programs in person and online.



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Dear Friends of Brookside,

We are closing in on our Annual Appeal goal, which will make it possible to “Finish the Job”!

The major reconstruction of the front porch will be completed this week with the funds raised in 2021. Now we are in a position to replace every storm window, vastly reducing our heat loss; rebuild the rear end of the second floor for desperately-needed storage; and refinish the floors in two galleries in preparation for our grandest exhibit ever, “Saratoga: Our Home,” to open in May.

But we must still increase the capital funds available from our Annual Appeals in order to give the building a proper paint job this year or, at the latest, next.

Every dollar that comes in to the Annual Appeal goes to the restoration of “Brookside,” one of our county’s most important landmarks.

As you contemplate end-of-year giving, won’t you allocate something for this purpose, to help us educate both residents and visitors about Saratoga’s rich history.

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.

Sincerely,

Donate to Finish The Job!

SARATOGA HISTORY HAPPY HOUR

JANUARY 26 - 6 PM "REAL LIFE CRIME" IS THE FOCUS WITH WATERFORD HISTORIAN RUSS VANDERVOORT AND SCHC DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANNE CLOTHIER. THIS IS A SCHC MEMBER EVENT. TICKETS ARE \$15 AND COME WITH A CRAFT BEER OR NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE. THE PROGRAM IS AT THE REAL MCCOY BEER COMPANY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 28 WASHINGTON STREET BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020.



A SCHC MEMBER EVENT

**TAKING PLACE AT THE REAL MCCOY
BEER COMPANY IN BALLSTON SPA**

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Experts Next Door

Dr. Eliga Gould
University of New Hampshire

"The Global War for American Independence"



Tuesday, January 31 at 7 pm via Zoom.
Please register in advance at
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Tickets for Experts Next Door: "The Global War for American Independence"

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

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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