December 22 Saratoga County History Center Events and News

There are 2 days left to get your holiday shopping done. Our stands are full! 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 join us in the 3 days left in the market.

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 11am – 5pm. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa 12020.
SCHC's recently retired staff member, Gloria Griffin shared with us this beautiful graphic that captures the joy of Brookside and the holiday spirit. Thank you, Gloria. May everyone enjoy the season, from the SCHC staff, volunteers, and trustees.

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

**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/](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.)

**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://brookside museum.networkforgood.com/events/51224-end-21

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://brookside museum.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.)

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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://brookside museum.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.)

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The Saratoga County History Center (SCHC) announces a virtual presentation by Dr. Eliga Gould on the Global War for American Revolution. Dr. Gould will participate in the History Center's popular virtual speaker series "Experts Next Door." At 7 pm on January 31st, Dr. Gould will explain the global war for American independence and the role played by the battles of Saratoga in 1777. This is a virtual program presented on Zoom.

Dr. Eliga Gould is a Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of New Hampshire. Gould's scholarship focuses on the American Revolution, emphasizing the revolution's "outer" history in the Americas, Africa, Europe, and the wider world. His current book project, *Crucible of Peace: The Turbulent History of America's Founding Treaty*, examines the least studied United States' founding documents: the Treaty of 1783 that ended the American Revolutionary War. He is the author of *Among the Powers of the Earth: The American Revolution and the Making of a New World Empire* and co-editor of *Empire and Nation: The American Revolution and the Atlantic World*.

Sean Kelleher, Vice President of the Saratoga County History Center, says, "We are very fortunate to have Dr. Gould present our virtual "Experts Next Door" program. The American victory at Saratoga in 1777 could not have been achieved without foreign aid. After Saratoga, most people don't realize that the fighting of the American Revolution includes Asia, Africa, and Europe." The History Center is proud to support the Saratoga County 250th American
Revolution Commission, created by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors to recognize the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Saratoga County.

The event, set to take place on Zoom, is open to the public. It's free, but donations are highly valued. To register, please visit https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/5124-end-21

The "Experts Next Door" virtual speaker series was launched in the summer of 2020 and has featured specialists from various fields, from archaeology to gardening to mixology to history to teach. Please visit the History Center website at www.brooksidemuseum.org for more information.

**Tickets for Experts Next Door: "The Global War for American Independence"**
As 2022 comes to an end, we want to take a moment to thank you for all your kindness and support. Your frequent donations helped us give Saratoga County History Center a new start. To this day, we have 354 new members which is a substantial growth over last year. Hence, as we approach the joyous celebration of the end of the year, we urge you to come forward and support our "Finish the Job!" campaign.

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](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org) link or by mail to SCHS, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020.

One final thought, several credit card issuers make it easy to donate rewards to charity such as the Saratoga County History Center, including Bank of America and Discover. In the meantime, AmEx’s partnership with JustGiving makes it possible to donate American Express Membership Rewards points to various charitable causes, and Citi lets you donate ThankYou points to charities like the American Red Cross and SmileTrain starting at 2,500 points. Chase offers another generous option. The [Chase Pay Yourself Back program](https://www.chase.com/credit-cards/chase-pay-yourself-back-program), which arose during the pandemic, was extended to let eligible cardholders redeem points for statement credits toward past donations to select charities through December 31, 2022. This benefit is available if you have one of their Sapphire, Ink and Freedom cards. Depending on the card, if you redeem within the program’s timeline, it can boost the value of your points by 25 to 50 percent when you use them to pay yourself back for charitable donations.

**Donate to Finish The Job!**
“Brookside Books” - Ten Local Books Highlighted during Artisan Market

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*
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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
Tickets for Saratoga History Happy Hour: Real Life Crime

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.

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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