



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

January 26 – 6 pm Saratoga History Happy Hour: Real Life Crime *Sold Out* The program is at The Real McCoy Beer Company which is located at 28 Washington Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020. **SCHC Members Event**

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 6th - 7 pm "Ice Harvesting in Saratoga County". Join the Galway Preservation Society at their monthly meeting. Paul Perreault, Malta Town Historian will give a presentation of the booming business of ice harvesting in the lakes and rivers of Saratoga County during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Saratoga County, surrounded by the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers and having an abundance of lakes and ponds, was perfectly situated to supply ice to the growing cities along the east coast. The ice harvesting industry also provide high-paying employment to farmers and lumbermen of Saratoga County. Please bring any family pictures related to the topic to share at the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

February 9 – 6 pm Saratoga History Happy Hour: The Hamiltons and the Schuylers *Sold Out* The program is at The Real McCoy Beer Company which is located at 28 Washington Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020. **SCHC Members Event**

February 18 - 1 pm World War II Home Front Years. A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by Saratoga Springs Historian Mary Ann Fitzgerald will document for us what happened during those World War II Home Front years, including some unexpected tragedies. More than a thousand volunteers, from all over Saratoga County, gave vast hours of

service to support the war effort between 1939 and 1951. 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 21 – 3 pm Historian Tea Talk: Crime and Misadventures in Corinth. The Saratoga County History Center is hosting a monthly series of informal Historian Tea Talks, presented by historians from around the county. February's program is Corinth Town Historian Rachel Clothier on Crime and Misadventures in Corinth. Tea and cookies will be served, and the talks will take place in the Long Room at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.[SCHC Event](#)

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March 16 – 6 pm Saratoga History Happy Hour: Saratoga Style Baseball *Sold Out* The program is at The Real McCoy Beer Company which is located at 28 Washington Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.[SCHC Members Event](#) [SCHC Members Event](#)

March 21 – 3 pm Historian Tea Talk: The Mott's Apple Empire. The Saratoga County History Center is hosting a monthly series of informal Historian Tea Talks, presented by historians from around the county. March's program is Halfmoon Town Historian Lynda Bryan on **The Mott's Apple Empire**. Tea and cookies will be served, and the talks will take place in the Long Room at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.[SCHC Event](#)

April 18 – 3 pm Historian Tea Talk: Hall's Brookside Dairy, Greenfield Center. The Saratoga County History Center is hosting a monthly series of informal Historian Tea Talks, presented by historians from around the county. April's program is independent historian John Greenwood on Hall's Brookside Dairy of Greenfield Center where "nothing remains but an empty field and fond memories." Tea and cookies will be served, and the talks will take place in the Long Room at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.[SCHC Event](#)

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Bacon Hill Hamlet Is The Focus History Center Video Forgotten Crossroad Video Release In March

The Saratoga County History Center today announced that the **Bacon Hill** community is the subject of an upcoming local history documentary, which will premiere in special screenings in March. The documentary is part of the *Forgotten Crossroads* series of videos which tells the history and stories of people living in still-existing communities that started in the early days of Saratoga County.

“Our county is brimming with these long overlooked hamlets; each has a unique story to tell, and the History Center should be applauded for bringing these to light,” said **Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian**. “Many county residents will be surprised that these ‘crossroads’ are still vibrant communities.”

This episode of *Forgotten Crossroads* highlights Bacon Hill, a small crossroads 2 miles northwest of Schuylerville along New York State Route 32 in the town of Northumberland. The hamlet center is the Reformed Church which celebrated its 200th anniversary three years ago and is home to several large farms owned and operated by families who can trace their ownership back many generations.

“Bacon Hill is a special place with special people,” explains SCHC’s **Jim Richmond**, volunteer director of the film. Richmond has enjoyed working closely with a group of local residents since the summer of 2022. “From our first meeting, they embraced the challenge of telling the story of the community they love. They brought binders of pictures and scrapbooks at each meeting that helped tell their stories.”

“We really didn’t know what the project was going to be,” said **Marian Crandell**, one of three Peck siblings interviewed. “Bacon Hill is like normal to us. We didn’t really know how much it meant to the people who live there and how much they care about each other.”

Richmond, along with History Center volunteer videographer **Dave Waite** recorded 25 interviews. They are now in the process of editing the film. “Selecting the clips to use is hard,” said Richmond, “there are so many great stories to tell.”

The video will premiere at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa in late March and the Bacon Hill Church in mid-April. *Forgotten Crossroads – Bacon Hill* has been made possible in part through funding secured from **Welcome Stock Farm, King Brothers Dairy, Clear Echo Farm, Thomas Poultry, and Stonebridge Iron and Steel, Inc.**

Each episode of *Forgotten Crossroads* builds on the history of bypassed Saratoga County communities of the 19th and 20th centuries and the stories of the people still living in the community. The first episode in the series focused on Rock City Falls in the town of Milton. Rock City Falls started as a mill town along Kayaderosseras Creek. The first episode was released in April 2022 and is available on Saratoga County History Center’s YouTube channel.

This programming is part of a multiyear, multiplatform initiative from the Saratoga County History Center that explores every aspect of Saratoga County History. The comprehensive focus represents SCHC’s biggest-ever commitment to explain that a greater Saratoga starts with understanding its history. SCHC is installing an immersive exhibition on the history of Saratoga County to open in spring 2023. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center provides various innovative, exciting, and educational programs online and in-person across the county.

Photos: Top left - Dave Waite, Videographer at Stone Bridge Iron and Steel, Top right Jim Richmond, director discussing the video with Farmer Jeff King Bottom left Jean Peck at Clear Echo Farm. The bottom right is the Bacon Hill video team.





Saratoga County History Center

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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HISTORIAN TEA TALKS ***at Brookside Museum***

February 21 - 3 PM

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Come join us for tea, cookies, and history!
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Historian Tea Talks at Brookside Museum

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“Any excuse to get together with like-minded people over tea and cookies is a good one,” said Isobel Connell, Second Vice President of the History Center. “And hearing fresh stories from knowledgeable people from around Saratoga County is an exceptionally good excuse.”

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Visitors will also have the opportunity to glimpse at improvements being made behind the scenes of the 230-year-old building as the History Center prepares the exciting new immersive exhibit on Saratoga County, opening in Spring 2023.

Registration is not necessary but is appreciated. A donation of \$5 per registration is recommended to support the programs of Saratoga County History Center. Please visit www.brooksidemuseum.org for more information.

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

A greater Saratoga starts at the Saratoga County History Center. 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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