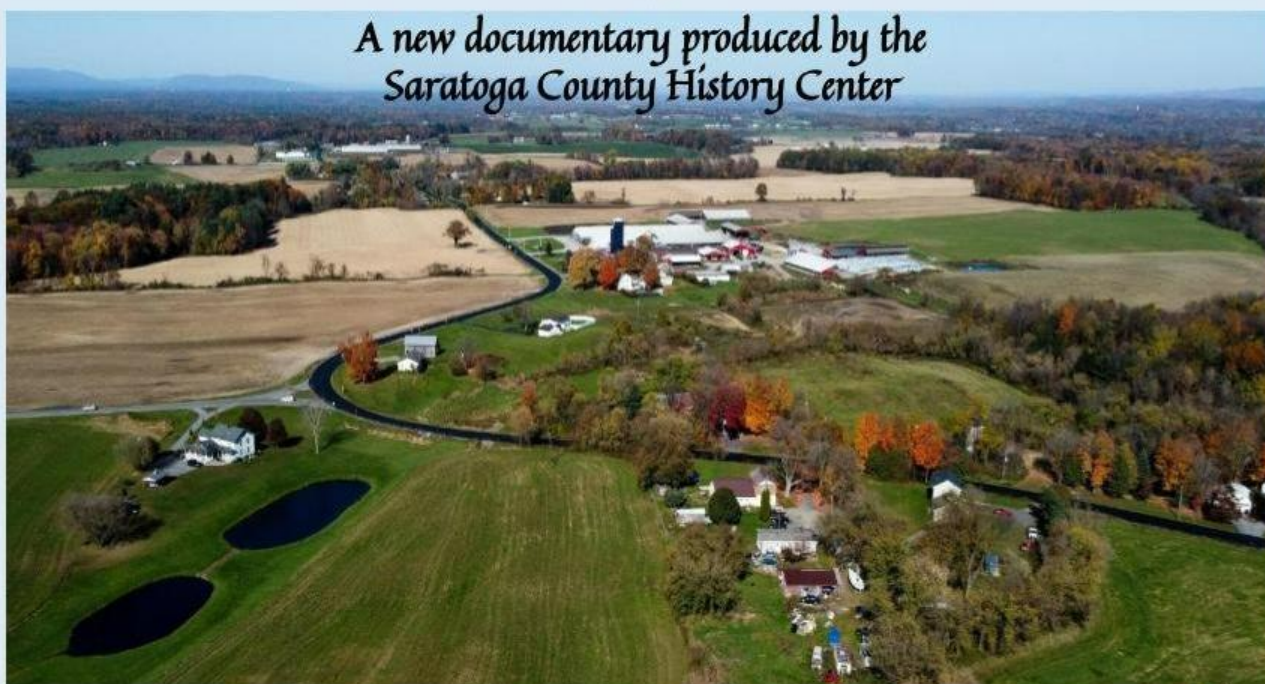


March 9 Saratoga County History Center Events and News



Bacon Hill - A Forgotten Crossroads

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SARATOGA COUNTY PUBLIC HISTORY AWARDS



Join us for a series of upcoming events that showcase the rich history of Saratoga County which includes our Historian Tea Talk - *The Mott's Apple Empire*, our SCHC members screening - *Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads*, and the Public History Awards. Joining as a member is the best way to ensure you have access to all the exclusive events, exhibits, and programs that the History Center offers. "*A greater Saratoga starts here*" when you become a part of the SCHC community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow history enthusiasts and support the preservation of Saratoga County's unique history.

Join Now



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

March 12 - 1 pm "Archeologist Dave Moyer on the Excavation on Fire Road." Dave Moyer from Birchwood Archaeological Services will present a PowerPoint presentation on the excavation he conducted several years ago on Fire Road (Old Route 146). Among the discoveries was the cellar of an early nineteenth-century home complete with a cooking fireplace and bake oven. Some of the more interesting artifacts from this dig are currently displayed in an exhibit at the Grooms Tavern entitled The Archaeology of Clifton Park. Following the presentation will be a discussion of a possible archaeological survey this summer at the Historic Grooms Tavern by a local archaeological group. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern. The presentation will be held at the Historic Grooms Tavern located at 290 Sugar Hill Road on the corner of Grooms Road in Rexford, NY 12148.

March 14 - 7pm " "Brave and Gallant" Black and African-American Military Men at the Battle of Saratoga" Military historian Eric Schnitzer will speak on the Redcoats, Hessians, and Americans fought in the Battles of Saratoga. Perhaps surprisingly, nearly 400 of those men and boys were black or African-American! In an age when the color of one's skin could legally allow discrimination or enslavement, hundreds of black men and boys volunteered - or were forced to fight - on either side at Saratoga. Come learn about some of their extraordinary stories! Admission: \$10. RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED - Seating is limited for this program. For those requiring a seat, it is suggested that you contact the museum at info@waterfordmuseum.com or at (518) 238-0809 to make a reservation. Walk-ins are welcome, however for those without a reservation, seating is first come, first serve and not guaranteed as lectures may become standing room only. Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center - 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY 12188

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

March 18 - 1 pm Preserving Family History. A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by Clifton Park Historian John Scherer. Using research he did on Albany County's Ten Eyck family, John will show us how he traced the ownership of 18th-century furniture and artifacts through various members to about 1960. It is a study of what generations value and preserve for their successors, and will surely invite discussion. 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.

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. Reservations are highly recommended as seating is limited and demand is expected to be high.

SCHC Event**Registration for the Historian Tea Talks**

March 30 – 7 pm *Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads - Members Screening.* The Saratoga County History Center is screening its latest documentary, *Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads*. This hour-long program showcases the rich history and plans of the Bacon Hill farming community in the eastern Saratoga County town of Northumberland through the eyes of three generations of residents. This is a History Center members and guest event at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. This event is filling up quickly. Reservations are required <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/53671-bh-member>. **SCHC Member Event**

Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads - Members Screening Tickets

April 13 – 7 pm 2nd Annual Public History Awards. Saratoga County History Center is thrilled to host the second annual Saratoga County Public History Award ceremony. The 2022 winners are Paul Perreault and Charlie Kuenzel. Selected by a committee of historians and educators, Perreault is a retired high school principal and current Malta Town Historian, while Kuenzel is a retired Earth science teacher and board member of the Saratoga Springs History Museum. The gala event will be held at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. **SCHC Event**

April 15 – 1 pm Akum Norder on Researching a Community Heritage Hunters and the Saratoga County History Center are presenting a talk by Akum Norder, the senior editor for opinion at the Albany Times Union. In this event, she will discuss her book *The History of Here: a House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, and the City of Albany*, which recounts the history of her 1912 house and the people who have lived in it. As an experienced writer and editorial board member, Akum Norder is well-versed in the history and development of the city of Albany. Her book provides insight into how every house changes over time, as well as the impact of the people and neighborhoods surrounding it. In recognition of her journalistic achievements, she was awarded second place in opinion writing by the Journalists' Association of New York in October. This in person event will be held 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., February'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. Reservations are highly recommended as seating is limited and demand is expected to be high.

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April 20 – 7 pm *Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads - Bacon Hill Premiere.* The Saratoga County History Center documentary showcases the rich history and promising future of the Bacon Hill farming community. This special showing is at the Bacon Hill Reformed Church. Reservations are required. <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/53672-bacon-hill-video-launch-at-bacon-hill> Bacon Hill Reformed Church 560 NY-32 N, Schuylerville, NY 12871. **SCHC Event**

Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads - Bacon Hill Premiere Tickets

April 29 – 2 pm *Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads - Brookside Premiere.* The Saratoga County History Center presents its latest documentary, *Bacon Hill: A Forgotten Crossroads*, which showcases the rich history and future plans of the Bacon Hill farming community through the eyes of three generations of residents. This engaging and informative documentary is a testament to the center's commitment to preserving and sharing the region's many stories. Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Reservations are required. <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/53674-bacon-hill-video-launch-at-brookside-museum>**SCHC Event**

Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads - Brookside Premiere Tickets

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Saratoga County History Center series continues focusing on Bacon Hill's history and residents, highlighting the essence of a farming community in Northumberland.

The Saratoga County History Center has announced the forthcoming release of their latest documentary, *Bacon Hill, a Forgotten Crossroads*. The program showcases the rich history and plans of the Bacon Hill farming community in eastern Saratoga County town of Northumberland through the eyes of three generations of residents.

The documentary will have its first screening at a special event for History Center members on March 30th at 7 pm, which will take place at the Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa. The premiere will be at the Bacon Hill Reformed Church on April 20th at 7 pm, followed by a second showing on April 29th at 2 pm at the Brookside Museum.

Those interested in attending these events can register through the History Center's website at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/>. This documentary promises to be an engaging and informative look at the history and future of this thriving farming community.

"This is an ambitious project for the History Center," said Field Horne, president of the History Center. "The documentary team has captured the essence of this historic crossroads and the people that continue to call this community their home."

Jim Richmond, volunteer documentary director, is pleased with the outcome. "It was obvious that the people we interviewed were proud of their community and were full of optimism about the future there. We hope we were able to capture their enthusiasm."

Jeff King, co-owner of Kings-Ransom Farm and King Brothers Dairy with his brother Jan, may have expressed this best. "I really valued growing up on a farm. I was really convinced that I had the best childhood ever." Jeff King shared his experience with his son Johnathan, who returned to work on the farm following graduation from Cornell University.

Forgotten Crossroads – Bacon Hill has been made possible in part through funding secured from the Clear Echo Farm, King Brothers Dairy, King Wealth Management Group, Thomas Poultry

The first episode, released in April 2022, delves into the history of Rock City Falls in the town of Milton, a small hamlet located alongside Kayaderosseras Creek. Viewers can watch the episode on the SCHC's YouTube channel.

The SCHC has announced its most significant commitment to showcasing the rich history of Saratoga County. This multi-year, multi-platform initiative will explore every aspect of the county's past, culminating in the opening of an immersive exhibit in the spring of 2023 at the Brookside Museum.

According to SCHC, understanding the history of Saratoga County is essential to appreciate the community's present and future. "A greater Saratoga starts here," the organization says, emphasizing the importance of this comprehensive focus.



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HISTORIAN TEA TALKS

at Brookside Museum

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The Mott's Apple Empire

Lynda Bryan

Halfmoon Town Historian

Come join us for tea, cookies, and history!

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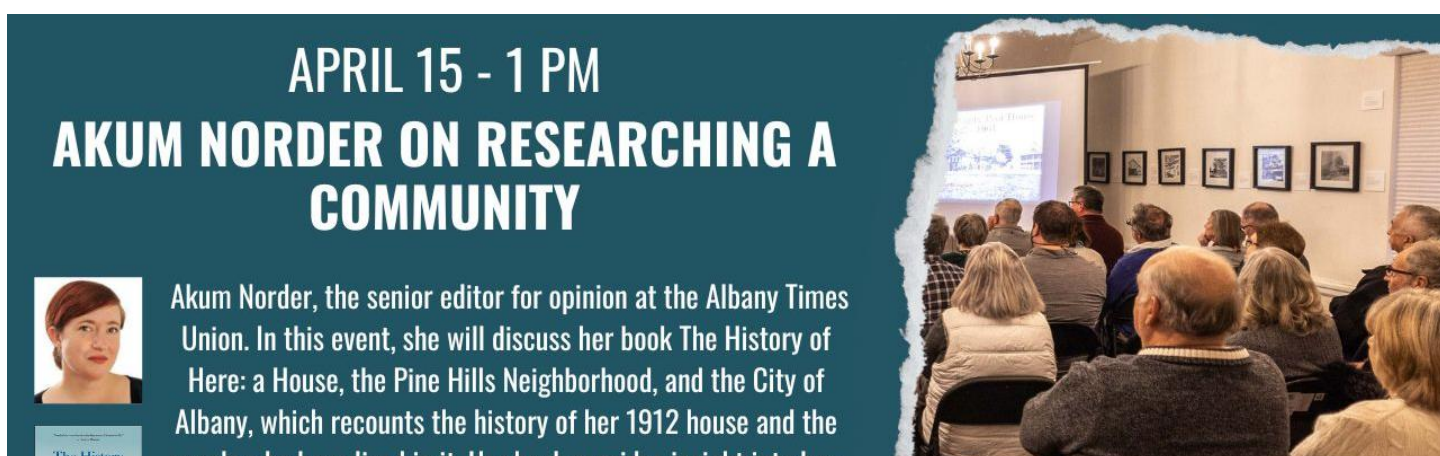
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committee of local historians and educators who met throughout the fall months. The committee included the inaugural winners, Carol Godette and Jim Richmond, as well as Dr. Julia Blackwelder (Texas A & M University), Ellie Dillon (National Bottle Museum), and Dr. Michael Landis (Saratoga County History Center).


Mr. Paul Perreault taught history at Shenendehowa High School, 1967-1975, and then served as Principal of Ballston Spa High School, 1978-1998. Now retired, he continues to pursue his passion for history by working as the Malta Town Historian, where he spends his time documenting that town's past. In addition, Mr. Perreault is the editor of (and frequent contributor to) *The Gristmill*, a local periodical of note, and often gives public talks on local and regional history. He is best known for his gracious personality and expertise on Luther Forest and the Malta GE test station.


Mr. Charlie Kuenzel is a retired Earth Science teacher who began his career at Saratoga High School. In early 2000, he began taking other teachers on after-school walking tours to educate them on geology and the origins of our famous spring water. After his retirement in 2010, Mr. Kuenzel embraced history full time and devoted himself to research and serving on the board of the Saratoga Springs History Museum, where he diversified programming and forged partnerships with other Saratoga non-profits. He has co-authored two books on local history, has written a popular historical column for the *Simply Saratoga* magazine for the past twelve years, and has interacted with thousands of tourists and locals through public lectures, living history events, and tours. "Charlie strives to find creative ways to make history accessible to all," observes Carol Godette. "His love of local history is deep and admirable."

Mr. Perreault and Mr. Kuenzel will be honored at the April 13 ceremony at Brookside Museum. The event, which was originally slated for December 2022, was pushed back to the spring because of all the exciting renovations occurring at the Brookside mansion. The terrific success of the "Preserve the Porch" and "Finish the Job" fundraising campaigns have allowed History Center trustees to move forward on critical infrastructure improvements and innovative new exhibits. The April gala will be both a celebration of the award winners and a preview of the May re-opening of the beloved museum.



APRIL 15 - 1 PM
AKUM NORDER ON RESEARCHING A COMMUNITY

 Akum Norder, the senior editor for opinion at the Albany Times Union. In this event, she will discuss her book *The History of Here: a House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, and the City of Albany*, which recounts the history of her 1912 house and the people who have lived in it. Her book provides insight into how





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The banner features a dark teal background with white text. On the left, there is a small image of a book cover titled 'of Here' by Alison Parker. The main text describes the book's focus on house changes and neighborhood impact, and provides the address of Brookside Museum. Below this, it identifies the program as a joint effort between Heritage Hunters and the Saratoga County History Center (SCHC). On the right side of the banner, there is a photograph showing the back of a person wearing a dark quilted jacket, sitting at a table in what appears to be a museum or library setting.

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