

January 27 Saratoga County History Center News and Events

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Sharing History to Promote Community

January 27, 2022



We are grateful to our volunteers! If you're looking for a way to help the Brookside Museum, share your passion and make a difference, consider volunteering with the Saratoga County History Center at the Brookside Museum. This past Friday night, five volunteers cleared all four galleries for visitors. If you are looking to help, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2us7xu8f/>



Saratoga County Historical Community Upcoming Events

January 27 - 7pm "Coping with Life's Necessaries" with Ian Mumpton of the Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, a virtual event, via Zoom, as part of the Expert Next Door series. The Schuyler family enjoyed many luxuries as part of their refined lifestyle, but what might their hygiene practices have looked like? Tickets are available at:

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/38237-expert-next-door-18> .

January 29 - 2pm "Wings of Victory: Aircraft Manufacturing in New York State During World War II" Historian Patrick Chaisson examines aircraft production in New York State during the Second World War, tracing the development of such legendary warbirds as the Grumman Hellcat and Republic Thunderbolt fighter planes and many of the lesser-known aviation companies who did their part to help win victory. FREE Attendance limited to 40. The Winter/Spring 2022 Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the New York State Military Museum with generous support from Stewarts Shops. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs.

February 6 – Ongoing “Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950.” An exhibit at the Brookside Museum Gallery that explores the diverse lives of African-Americans in Saratoga County from the colonial period to the mid-twentieth century. It is a panorama of the struggles and hardships, but also stories of their persistence and success. Displays will feature little-known events, as well as objects and memorabilia that bring to life the men and women who were often the heart and soul of Saratoga society. Saturdays and Sundays Noon – 4 pm

February 8 - 7pm "Troy in the Civil War" lecture presented by Michael Barrett at the Van Schaick Island Country Club (201 Continental Ave, Cohoes) Admission: \$6 non members \$5 members This is part of the Winter Lecture Series at the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center. For more information, contact: info@waterfordmuseum.com. (Dinner is available for separate purchase during the program [not included in the price of admission] by Max 410 at the Van Schaick Island Country Club.)

February 19 - 2pm “The Lattimore Circle” by Julie O’Connor and Lorie Wies, both retired librarians with a deep interest in local Black History. This Saratoga County History Roundtable presentation on the saga of the Lattimore family over several generations in which they were key figures in the establishment of a viable and thriving Black community in Albany and became important links with the anti-slavery and abolition movements. They continued their influence after moving to the Town of Moreau and Saratoga Springs during the mid-19th century. The presentation will be held in the Long Room at the Brookside Museum to coincide with the “Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950” exhibition. Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/38740-the-lattimore-circle>

February 19 - 2pm "Valor: The Medal of Honor" presented by Edward Lengel, chief historian of Medal of Honor Museum. FREE Attendance limited to 40. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs.

February 26 - 2pm "No Greater Calamity for the Country" on the early days of the Civil War and mobilization of the N.Y. State Militia to halt rebellion. Attendance limited to 40. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs.



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EXPERTS NEXT DOOR

**Ian Mumpton : Historic Site Assistant at
Schuyler Mansion state Historic Site**

COPING WITH LIFE'S NECESSARIES

**The Schuyler Family may have been rich, but how was their
hygiene in 18th century Albany?**

THURS, JANUARY 27TH, 7PM Via Zoom.

Please register in advance
at www.brooksidemuseum.org

History Center Welcomes Four New Trustees

The Saratoga County History welcomes four new trustees to its board, starting in February 2022. The additions are part of the History Center's exciting growth, and will bring skills and talents key to reaching new audiences and fundraising.

William Allerdice has worked on and off for his family's business, Allerdice Building Supply, Inc., and is currently at his father's side. A graduate of Saratoga Springs High School, he has sat on the boards of both Friends of Lake George Opera and Universal Preservation Hall. He has a passion for history, the arts, and the Saratoga community.

Andrew Collier is a native of Lancaster, PA, and a graduate of Saint Francis University with a degree in U.S. History. Andrew has worked for a variety of organizations and campaigns in the advertising and consulting industry. He is currently employed remotely by the National Public Pension Coalition, located in Washington, DC. An avid runner, biker, and gardener, he settled in Ballston Spa with his wife Molly. They enjoy exploring Ballston Spa's restaurants, parks, and everything their town has to offer.

James Richmond worked in Power Systems at General Electric for forty years, after which he concentrated on his lifelong passion for history. He has published two books: *War on The Middleline* and *Milton, New York, A New Town in a New Nation* (with Kim McCartney). In 2018, Jim was a founding member of the Saratoga County History Roundtable, whose mission is to expand interest in our local history through presentations, research, articles and tours. In 2021, Jim

led the effort to publish *Saratoga County Stories*, a compilation of weekly articles on Saratoga County History.

Frederick E. Sober, Jr. is lifelong resident of Saratoga County. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Siena College, and a Juris Doctor from University at Buffalo. He is an avid history enthusiast, and has practiced law for twenty-five years.

The board of trustees remains committed to growth and public service. The perspectives and professional experiences of Allerdice, Collier, Richmond, and Sober will allow the History Center to pursue new avenues of historic preservation and community outreach.

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Interested in becoming a member of the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside? Click [here](#) to find out about all of our membership opportunities. SCHC is a great place to learn, take part in community events, and meet some of your neighbors through our county's deep history. [Become a member today!](#)"



Saratoga County
Compass

Last month, SCHC announced the launch of its new online publication, The Saratoga County Compass: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/the-compass/>

The Compass features the latest findings from public history practitioners, professional scholars, and experts from a wide variety of fields. Whether it's cutting-edge historical research, musings from a classroom teacher, photo essays, student contributions, or observations by professional pundits, we are pleased to showcase and celebrate scholarly endeavors.

The editor of The Compass is Dr. Michael Landis, trustee and Public Programs Manager at the Saratoga County History Center. In addition to being a published author and college professor, Dr. Landis currently serves on the editorial board of The Gristmill, and has previously edited the HAS Blog for Historians Against Slavery (an international coalition of scholars dedicated to combatting unfree labor and human trafficking). Submissions should be sent to Dr. Landis at mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org.



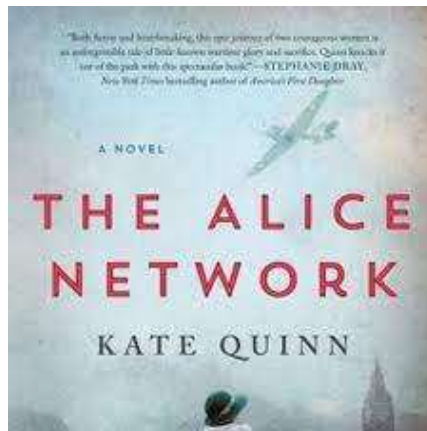
Seeking technical assistance with our virtual programming.

SCHC is looking for enthusiastic, energetic and professional people to join our team in a variety of volunteer roles. The backbone of our hybrid programs lies in our technical team. We need volunteers to organize the content and production and shooting of our broadcasts. Training will be available to anyone who feels this may be of interest to them. To help send an email to info@brooksidemuseum.org

What book is on the nightstand?



We asked various local historians and history enthusiasts what history book has been their bedside table recently. As the pandemic continues, we hope you will want to find out what others are reading in these uncertain times and why. SCHC Board Secretary Donna Dardaris responded with.



I'm currently reading *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. It is a historical novel set immediately after WWII (1947) and the main story is ostensibly about a young American woman traveling to France to try to find her cousin who she has not heard from since the end of the war. But interwoven with that story is the story of another older English woman who accompanies her on her search for reasons of her own, which aren't immediately apparent. It soon becomes clear that the older woman was a spy for the English in France during WWI and has many demons of her own that she has been fighting for years. The book chapters alternate between one set in 1915 and one set in 1947 and gives a very realistic picture of what life was like for both women during the two world wars, painting a portrait of what each had to deal with and endure.

I chose this book to read based solely on the author – I recently read another book by Quinn, *The Rose Code*, as a member of the Saratoga League of Women Voters book club. That book was focused on the code breakers in England during WWII who deciphered the Enigma machine and the characters in the book are fictionalized versions of men and women who actually existed and were part of this endeavor. Again, Quinn is able to convey a real sense of what these individuals experienced and make the history of that era come alive for me.

Donna Dardaris is one of SCHC's most active supporters. She is included in all phases of the organization, including running many of fundraisers including our successful Holiday Artisan Market. If you see her at the museum make sure to say Hi and ask her about what she is reading.

History Center Current Exhibits



The current exhibits are "A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops" and the "Country Stores in Saratoga County."

The Brookside Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm. SCHC Brookside Museum lists all closings at <https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/>

The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome.

Contribute to Saratoga County History Center News and Events. Submit events, stories, job changes, promotions or news about Saratoga County history to sean@brooksidemuseum.org. SCHC News and Events 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 Anne Clothier, Andrew Collier, Isobel Connell, Michael Landis, Jim Richmond, and Beth Silvestri.

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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