



**A Call to Duty:  
Saratoga County Veterans in WW 2**

**Chris Carola at the Saratoga County History Center at  
Brookside Museum, May 24 7pm  
Register at [www.brooksidemuseum.org](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)**

Former Albany-based Associated Press reporter, Christopher Carola, tells stories of the many Saratoga County residents who served in the military during World War II. This talk is in-person and free, though donations are greatly appreciated! It will take place at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa on Wednesday May 24 at 7pm.

**Don't Forget! The opening of our brand new exhibit, "Saratoga County: Our Home!" will be on Saturday May 20 from 1pm-5pm. SCHC members have the opportunity to view the exhibit today, May 19, from 5pm-8pm.**

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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**

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

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**Fridays in the Herb Garden – Pungent Perfection: Garlic and Rosemary**

**May 19 – 2pm-3pm**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

Kathleen Royka and Marilyn Stephenson will talk about Pungent Perfection: Garlic and Rosemary. This program will take place outside, in the beautiful gardens of Brookside Museum, weather permitting. As ever, questions and discussions about any aspect of gardening, historic or otherwise, will be welcome. Programs are free, and open, though registration and donations are appreciated.

Register for Fridays in the Herb Garden Here

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## **Opening of New Exhibit – "Saratoga County: Our Home!"**

**May 19 – SCHC Members Only – 5pm-8pm**

**May 20 – Opening for General Public – 1pm-5pm**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

This brand new exhibit takes guests on an immersive, artifact-rich journey spanning four centuries of Saratoga life, business, and nature. The exhibit fills three large rooms in the historic Brookside Museum, itself a cherished relic of local history from the early years of Saratoga resort life. From the First Nations who lived here before European settlement to the new tech-centered economy, "Saratoga County: Our Home!" offers guests a rich time-travel experience that will instill awe and respect for the county's evolution.

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## **Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission Presents: Sue Thompson**

**May 21 – 1pm**

**Grooms Tavern, Corner of Grooms and Sugar Hill Roads Clifton Park, NY 12065**

Sue Thompson, an amateur archeologist, will be presenting on the history of her home on English Road near Round Lake. The home is on the Clifton Park Register of Historic Places. She will speak to the interesting artifacts she has discovered that connects the builder of her house to a Loyalist during the American Revolution. The presentation will be followed by tours of the Tavern and the opening of the Clifton Park Historic Homes Art Show. You might even get to meet and talk to James Groom himself! Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Historic Grooms Tavern.

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## **A Call to Duty: Saratoga County Veterans in WW2**

**May 24 – 7pm-8:30pm**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

Former Albany-based Associated Press reporter Christopher Carola tells the stories of the many Saratoga County residents who served in the military during the Second World War. Using local archives, wartime articles from The Saratogian and his own interviews with WWII veterans, Carola talks about the experiences of dozens of men and women who answered their nation's call to duty. This talk is in-person and is free, though donations are always appreciated.

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[Register for A Call to Duty Here](#)

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## **Program on Native Americans of the Saratoga Area**

**May 25**

**Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871**

The Old Saratoga Historical Association is hosting a program on Native Americans of this area on Thursday, May 25th, at the Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Springs St., Schuylerville. Nancy Purinton, treasurer and outreach program chair of the Historical Society of South Glens Falls and Moreau, is the program presenter. Nancy is a past president of the Historical Society, retired

South Glens Falls elementary teacher, former dairy farmer, and member of the committee for the Forgotten Crossroads video of Bacon Hill.

The Native American program is designed to help people understand the Indian/Native American/First Nation heritage of this area. The program was first written for early elementary children but research about the local tribes of the Hudson Valley has been added to the program. The term Indians, so named by Columbus who thought he had sailed to India, has been replaced by Native American and then First Nation.

The historical society owns and operates the Parks-Bentley Place on Ferry Blvd, South Glens Falls, a combination of early Federal and high Georgian architectural styles. The organization offers exhibits and programs to both children and adult groups.

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### **Miller's Backyard Barbecue at Brookside**

**June 2 – 3pm-6pm**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

The Saratoga County History Center is sponsoring a Miller's Backyard Barbecue dinner on Friday, June 2, 2023 from 3 PM to 6 PM. ***The dinner will be take out only.*** Choice of a half chicken OR half pound pulled pork dinner for \$15.00. We will also be serving a beef brisket dinner for \$20 ***available by pre-order only.*** All dinners include baked potato, coleslaw and corn bread. An 8 ounce serving of mac & cheese is also available for \$5. All proceeds will help fund public education and children's programs at the museum. To reserve a dinner, click below or visit the website at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue-brookside/>. Dinners can also be reserved by calling 518-885-4000.

Reserve BBQ Dinner Here

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### **Heritage Hunters: An Ancestor Mystery Solved Through DNA, Presented by Tobi Kirschmann**

**June 17 – 1pm**

**Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street Schuylerville, NY 12871**

An Ancestor Mystery Solved Through DNA will be the theme of Tobi Kirschmann's presentation for Heritage Hunters on June 17th, at 1 p.m. in the Saratoga Town Hall, at 12 Spring Street in Schuylerville. In August 2021, an adoptee reached out to DNA Investigations, Tobi's business, for help identifying his biological father. The adoptee was curious to know about his Jewish heritage and to learn if he had any cousins. Tobi and her team identified the adoptee's father and a fleet of half-siblings. She will take us on a detailed tour of this case to show how genetic genealogy was used to place the many family members. Tobi Kirschmann is a veteran DNA Analyst from the California Department of Justice DNA laboratory. She started DNA Investigations in Saratoga Springs in 2020 to bring genetic genealogy education and services to law enforcement and the community. As part of the fleet of personnel who worked on the Golden State Killer case, Tobi was moved by the success of the leads generated through genetic genealogy. She is adamant about the power of genetic genealogy and has aligned DNA

Investigations to help law enforcement solve cases. Her company website is: [DNAinvestigations.com](http://DNAinvestigations.com).

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Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [bsilvestri@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:bsilvestri@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. The SCHC Events and News are available on our [website](#).

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Thank you to the many people who came out to our Sheep to Shawl Community Day! Onlookers were taken through the processes of sheep shearing, wool dyeing, and spinning, some even getting to participate! Thank you to Fred, the shearer, and the spinners who assisted in the program. Also, a big thank you to Stewart's Holiday Match for sponsoring!

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**Saratoga County History Center**

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