



2023 Historian's Walking Tours

Saratoga County History Center



1. Hillside Cemetery Burnt Hills July 19 10am
Rick Reynolds

2. Round Lake Village Aug 17 1pm
Lance Spallholz & Scott Rigney

3. Ballston Spa Sensory Tour Sept 1 10am
Anne Clothier

4. Historic Jonesville Sept 9 10am
John Scherer

5. Walking in Waterford Sept 26 1pm
Russ Vandervoort



To pre-register please visit Brookside Museum
<https://brooksidemuseum.org>
 email info@brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000



After a successful launch of Saratoga County Historian's tours in 2022, the History Center at Brookside Museum has released its tour schedule for 2023. Each of the tour leaders are experienced historians with a depth of knowledge about their communities and the people who lived there. Tours are scheduled for 90 minutes and distances vary up to 1.5 miles. See the event listing below for more information!

REVOLUTION ON THE HUDSON

Evening Events for the Whole Family



Enjoy Beautiful Parks along the Hudson River
Learn about our Revolutionary Past
See Demonstrations from 18th Century Living Historians
Experience 18th Century Toys, Games & Replica Clothing
Bring your own Picnic Dinner

Revolution on the Hudson is a summer speaker series aimed at inviting the public to enjoy our beautiful public parks located along the Hudson River while learning about our revolutionary past. See the event listing below for more information!

CAPTURING FLOWERS

A CLASS WITH PHOTOGRAPHER,
DAVID WAITE

The gardens of Brookside Museum

21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Fri July 14th at 4:00pm

OR

Sat July 15th at 10:00am



The same information will be presented at each class





The History Center will be offering a choice of classes on "Capturing Flowers" on Friday, July 14th at 4:00pm and Saturday, July 15th at 10:00am, with photographer David Waite. See the event listing for more information!

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.

"Saratoga County: Our Home!" Exhibit Now Open

Tuesday through Sunday: 1pm – 5pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Saratoga County: Our Home!", 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.

<https://brooksidemuseum.org/exhibits/saratoga-county-our-home/>

"A Saratoga Family Tale" Exhibit Opening

Friday, June 30: 1pm – 5pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

"A Saratoga Family Tale" explores the heritage and legacies of the Medbery, Betts, and Clark families as they established themselves in and around Saratoga County during the 18th and 19th centuries. There are numerous photographs, artifacts, family trees, and personal accounts, which offer a window into the lives of each family. The Civil War uniform of Col. James C. Clark and selections from the diaries of his wife, Sarah *Betts* Clark, will be on display. The exhibit is in the "long room" of Brookside Museum and is open during the museum's normal hours, Tuesday through Sunday from 1pm to 5pm.

Exhibition of Military Uniforms and Memorabilia

Saturdays: 12pm – 4pm

Parks Bentley Place, 35 Ferry Boulevard South Glens Falls, NY 12803

The historic Parks-Bentley Place in South Glens Falls celebrates local veterans with an exhibition of military uniforms and gear from the Civil War through the Afghan war. Many of the uniforms on display were worn by military personnel from the South Glens Falls area. The exhibition, which is free to the public, can be seen during open hours each Saturday from noon-4 pm.

The exhibit includes listing of men from South Glens Falls who served during the Civil War and includes members of the Parks family. There are uniforms from area women serving in various branches of the military, ration books, helmets, rifles, an army cot, newspaper clippings, and even an autographed instruction manual from WWII helping to round out the exhibit. Visit parksbentleyplace.org for more information.

July 4th Celebration at Grant's Cottage

Tuesday, July 4: 9:30am (Gates Open)

Grant's Cottage, 1000 Mt. McGregor Road Wilton, NY 12831

Gates open at 9:30 am, welcoming guests to explore the stunning surroundings of Mount McGregor. Visitors are encouraged to bring their best 4-legged friends, as the outdoor areas are pet-friendly. Activities from the 1800s will engage and delight attendees of all ages. (*Please note: dogs must be leashed while on Grant Cottage grounds*)

Special events begin at 10:30 am, with a reading of the Declaration of Independence in front of the Cottage by the Executive and Artistic Director of Home Made Theater, Eric Rudy, reaffirming the principles upon which our great nation was founded.

At 11:30 am, the First Annual Patriotic Kazoo Band will take center stage, featuring participants from the audience. Grab a flag and kazoo while supplies last to warm up your kazoo skills for the Pups and Patriots Parade.

Join the Pups and Patriots Parade at noon, where your four-legged companions are encouraged to participate. The Pups and Patriots Parade will wind its way around the Memorial Garden in front of Grant Cottage, showcasing patriotic attire and spreading joy throughout the festivities.

America's Turning Point Presents: Revolution on the Hudson – Halfmoon Lighthouse Park

Tuesday, July 11: 6pm

Halfmoon Lighthouse Park, 597 Hudson River Road Halfmoon, NY 12188

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Living Historians: 24th Regiment of Foot

Speakers: Sean Kelleher, "Incident at Jones Mill"

Don Carola, "Sanbun Ford: Forgotten Patriot Rediscovered"

Rick Reynolds, "Joe Bettys: Patriot and Traitor"

Capturing Flowers: A Class with Photographer David Waite

Friday, July 14: 4pm

Saturday, July 15: 10am

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<https://brooksidemuseum.org/2023/06/flower-photography-classes-at-history-center/>

Historian Walking Tour: Rick Reynolds speaks on Hillside Cemetery in Burnt Hills

Wednesday, July 19: 10am

193 Kingsley Road Burnt Hills, NY 12027 (Please park in lot adjacent to church)

Join Rick Reynolds in a tour of Hillside Cemetery in Burnt Hills, NY to learn the role of cemeteries in Preserving our History. What goes into the preservation of our past in a cemetery? What stories lurk within cemeteries? Rick will explain how the town of Ballston is preserving its past in Hillside Cemetery and tell the stories of those buried there. After the program, visit the sanctuary of the 1820 Burnt Hills Baptist Church which owned the cemetery

for over 75 years. Please park in the lot adjacent to the Burnt Hills Baptist Church on Kingsley Road and walk to the cemetery on the other side of the church. Wear good walking shoes! Suggested donation is \$10.

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to 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](#).



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent garden workshop. As part of the Fridays in the Garden series, it focused on the history of personal vegetable gardens through American history and included a tour of Brookside's Herb Garden.





Thank you to all of the vendors and shoppers who attended the 2023 Brookside Craft Fair! We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

