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# 2023 BROOKSIDE CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, June 24  
10am - 3pm

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farm products.



21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Our annual county-wide craft fair returns on Saturday, June 24 from 10am to 3pm. Guests will be able to shop from over 35 vendors with a wide variety of locally handcrafted collectibles, gifts, antiques, farm products and much more! This is a terrific opportunity for New Yorkers to sample, appreciate, and support the best of upstate artisans, farmers, and culinarians.

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/>

### **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](http://parksbentleyplace.org) for more information.

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### **Fridays in the Garden – “Step Into a Colonial Dooryard Garden”**

**June 16: 2:30 – 3:30pm**

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

A return of our popular program from last year, Fridays in the Garden. Kathleen Royka will present "Step Into a Colonial Dooryard Garden.

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. The program is free and open to the public, but registration and donations are greatly appreciated!

<https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/friday-in-the-flowers-step-into-a-colonial-door-garden/>

Register for Herb Garden Presentation

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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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### **Strawberry Social Presented by the Wilton Heritage Society**

**June 18: 1pm-4pm (or until sold out)**

**5 Parkhurst Road, Wilton, NY 12831**

The Wilton Heritage Society invites you to join them for a Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 18 at 1pm at 5 Parkhurst Road in Wilton. Enjoy strawberry shortcakes, which include a biscuit, strawberries, and whipped cream, for \$7 each. Curbside pickup is available and multiple orders of 4 or more may be ordered in advance by calling (518) 583-3645. Limited indoor and outdoor seating will be available. This is a public event open to all!

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### **The History Behind Juneteenth**

**June 19: 1:00pm**

**Grant's Cottage, 1000 Mt McGregor Rd Gansevoort, NY 12831**

Join us as we celebrate Juneteenth with a program presented by author Robert C. (Bob) Conner based on his biography General Gordon Granger: The Savior of Chickamauga and the Man Behind "Juneteenth" and learn the compelling story of this Civil War general's career. Robert (Bob) Conner is a former journalist and the author of the biography James Montgomery: Abolitionist Warrior. His historical novel The Last Circle of Ulysses Grant was published in 2018. Conner has won two first-place writing awards from the New York Associated Press Association, and we are pleased to note he is a long-time Grant Cottage tour guide. His books will be available for purchase, and book signing opportunities will be provided prior to and at the conclusion of his program.

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### **2023 Brookside Craft Fair**

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Join us Saturday, June 24 from 10am – 3pm for the 2023 Brookside Craft Fair! This county-wide craft fair is a family-friendly free event that will be held at the beautiful Brookside Museum. Guests will be able to shop a wide variety of locally handcrafted collectibles, antiques, and farm products. No mass-produced or commercially-made items will be permitted. This is a terrific opportunity for New Yorker's to sample and appreciate the best of upstate artisans, farmers, and culinarians. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held rain or shine. <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/2023-brookside-craft-fair/>

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Thank you to Mina Dunnum for giving a wonderful presentation on bees and other garden pollinators! Our next Fridays in the Garden presentation will be June 16th, with more planned in the months to come!

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