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# 2023 BROOKSIDE CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, June 24  
10am - 3pm

Shop a wide variety of  
locally handcrafted  
collectibles, antiques, and  
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.



**Fridays in the Garden**  
**THIS MONTH AT BROOKSIDE MUSEUM**

June 9 – 2:30-3:30pm  
 "Hear the Buzz" – Launching a Pollinator Garden

June 16 – 2:30-3:30pm  
 "Step Into a Colonial Dooryard Garden"

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Fridays in the Garden is returning to Brookside Museum! Two discussions will be held this month, with more planned for July and August. At each talk, questions and discussions are encouraged on any gardening issue. Children are welcome, and there will be toys and games of the 18th century to discover.

**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.**

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**Upcoming  
 Events**

www.brooksidemuseum.org

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

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## **"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/>

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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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## **Fridays in the Garden: "Hear the Buzz – Launching a Pollinator Garden"**

**June 9: 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. Mina Dunnam will present "Hear the Buzz: Launching a Pollinator 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-hear-the-buzz-launching-a-pollinator-garden/>

[Register for Herb Garden Presentation](#)

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## **Unexpected Bravery: Women and Children of the Civil War**

**June 10: 4:30pm**

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

The American Civil War divided the United States from 1861 to 1865. During those years, over two million soldiers served in both the Union and Confederate Armies. What is little known is that not only numerous children, some as young as 12, enlisted on both sides, but also women who disguised themselves as men in an attempt to make a difference in the epic struggle to determine the future of the United States of America.

Presenter A.J. Schenkman is a New York-based writer. Since his start writing for local newspapers, he has branched out into writing for magazines, blogs, and academic journals, in both history and other subjects. Schenkman is also the town of Gardiner Historian. His book *Unexpected Bravery: Women and Children of the Civil War* will be available for purchase, and a book signing will be held at the conclusion of the program.

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## **All About Round Lake**

**June 14: 7pm**

**Round Lake Auditorium, 2 Wesley Ave Round Lake, NY 12151**

The RLA will start off its 2023 season with a new lecture series. The first lecture will focus on lost and found buildings of the past, Camp Meetings, education, and everyday life during the summer camp period. Lydia Hoffman, Lance Spallholtz and Scott Rigney will be the presenters. Lydia was instrumental in obtaining National Landmark Status for the "Davis-Ferris Tracker Organ". Lance has been a resident of this unique community since 1973 and is the current Round Lake Historian. Scott Rigney, is a life-long resident who is enthusiastic about all things Round Lake. The three will take to the stage and share their knowledge in an informative and lively conversation. A requested donation of \$5 is encouraged.

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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/>

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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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## **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**

**June 24: 10am – 3pm**

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

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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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 volunteers from the Ballston Spa National Bank for their hard work on the many projects around the grounds of Brookside on May 23!

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