



2023 Historians Tours



Ballston Spa Sensory Tour
Friday, September 1, 2023
10:00 -11:30 am

Anne Clothier,
Brookside Museum Education Dir.



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Historic Jonesville Tour
Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:00 -11:30 am

John Scherer
Clifton Park Town Historian.





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Saratoga County Historical Community
Upcoming Events







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/>

Spin 'Til You Dye Day

Sunday, August 27: 1pm – 4pm

21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Rock Day Spinners, a Saratoga County based fiber spinning group, will be holding their annual Spin 'Til You Dye Day at Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum on Sunday, August 27 from 1pm - 4pm. They will be dying wool using natural dyes and demonstrating fiber spinning. "Spin Till You Dye" is a family-friendly event.

Historian Walking Tour: Ballston Spa Sensory Tour

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All ages are welcome to join us as we explore the history of Ballston Spa's industries, hotels, schools, mineral springs, and more. The tour is approximately 1.25 miles. Please dress for the weather – sturdy shoes and a water bottle are recommended. We will meet and end at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave in Ballston Spa. In case of truly inclement weather, we will enjoy a virtual tour indoors at the museum. Recommended donation is \$10 per group (individual, couple or family), but please input the expected number of people in the group so that we can keep track of numbers. To register, click the link or visit our website at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/58828-historians-walking-tours-ballston-spa-sensory-tour-sept-1st-2023>.

[Click to register for Ballston Spa Sensory Tour](#)

Historian Walking Tour: Jonesville

Saturday, September 9: 10am – 11:30am

Jonesville United Methodist Church, 963 Main Street Clifton Park, NY 12065

Join Clifton Park Town Historian John Scherer for a brief walking tour of the historic hamlet of Jonesville, followed by a tour of the Jonesville Rural Cemetery. Featured on the tour will be the Jonesville Academy, the Jonesville store and the site of the Jonesville Tavern. We will also visit some interesting monuments and hear about several early settlers at the cemetery that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Meet in the parking lot of the Jonesville United Methodist Church on Main Street at 10 AM. Walking distance is less than two miles total.

Recommended donation is \$10 per group (individual, couple or family), but please input the expected number of people in the group so that we can keep track of numbers. To register, click the link or visit our website at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/58835-historians-walking-tours-jonesville-sept-9th-2023>.

[Click to register for Jonesville Walking Tour](#)

Presentation on the "Iron-Hearted Regiment"

Wednesday, September 13: 7pm – 8:30pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Saratoga County History Center will host David Brooks, Education Director at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in Fort Hunter, NY, on Wednesday, September 13th at 7pm in the Long Room at Brookside Museum.

During the Civil War, Colonel Simeon Sammons received authority to recruit a regiment in the counties of Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Saratoga, with headquarters at Fonda. On August 26, 1862, it mustered into the service of the United States for three years. Join local historian David Brooks in an exploration of the history of the "Iron-Hearted Regiment.", the 115th New York Infantry Regiment. Journey along with them from Upstate NY to the Deep South and back. Discover the battles they faced on the front line and those experienced from within.

David Brooks also sits on the board of the Fulton County Historical Society, based out of the Fulton County Museum in Gloversville, NY. As a native of that County, growing up he heard tales of local history and how his own ancestors fought to preserve the Union during the tumultuous Civil War. A donation of \$5 per registration is recommended, to support the programs of Saratoga County History Center. To register, click the link or visit our website at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/61071-iron-hearted-regiment>.

[Click to register for Iron-Hearted Regiment talk](#)

Miller's Backyard Barbecue Take-Out Dinner at Brookside Museum

Friday, September 15: 3pm – 6pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Saratoga County History Center will hold a drive-thru Miller's Backyard BBQ dinner on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 3 pm to 6 pm. There will be a 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 a 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. **The dinner is take-out only**. Meals can be picked up at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

Past barbecues have sold out quickly, so we strongly recommend that you visit our website at <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue-3/> or call 518-885-4000 to reserve dinners in advance. **Please note that the brisket dinners are available only by pre-order**. Hope we see you there!

Click to pre-order barbecue

A Self-Guided Walking Tour Honoring Local Families and Veterans

Saturday, September 16: 2pm – 4pm

Bacon Hill Reformed Church, 506 Route 32 N Schuylerville, NY 12871

Bacon Hill Cemetery Association proudly presents: A Self-Guided Walking Tour Honoring Local Families and Veterans. Join re-enactors and storytellers as they share the history of many Bacon Hill families and veterans starting from the 1700's through present day!

This event is free and takes place at the Bacon Hill Reformed Church at 506 Rte. 32 N, Schuylerville, NY on Saturday, September 16 from 2-4pm (rain date of Sunday, September 17). Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Please email baconhillcemeteryassoc@gmail.com with questions.

Homesteading on Half an Acre

Tuesday Evenings, September 19 through October 17: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Have you ever wondered about where your food comes from? Do you want to take a more active role in sustainably feeding yourself and your family? Join us for this collaborative program between the Milton Grange and Brookside Museum. Learn about preparing gardening spaces, growing crops, raising small animals, preserving the harvest and more.

A ticket for the series of five classes is \$75 and includes a membership to the Milton Grange. Two people from the same mailing address can be admitted with one ticket.

Registration is required and space is limited. Sign up today!

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/59973-homesteading-on-half-an-acre>

Click to register for Homesteading on Half an Acre

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 supported us for the Miller's take-out barbecue dinner on August 11. Special thanks to Miller's Backyard Barbecue, as well as our volunteers and trustees, for all of the hard work to make this happen! Our next barbecue will be September 13.



A crowd gathered on the lawn of Brookside Museum on August 13 to hear Dennis Searles and his Jazz Band perform. Clear skies and great music made for a wonderful afternoon!





A large group accompanied Round Lake Village Historian, Lance Spallholz, during the walking tour that took place in Round Lake on August 17. There are still several walking tours set to take place, so be sure to visit our website to register!

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