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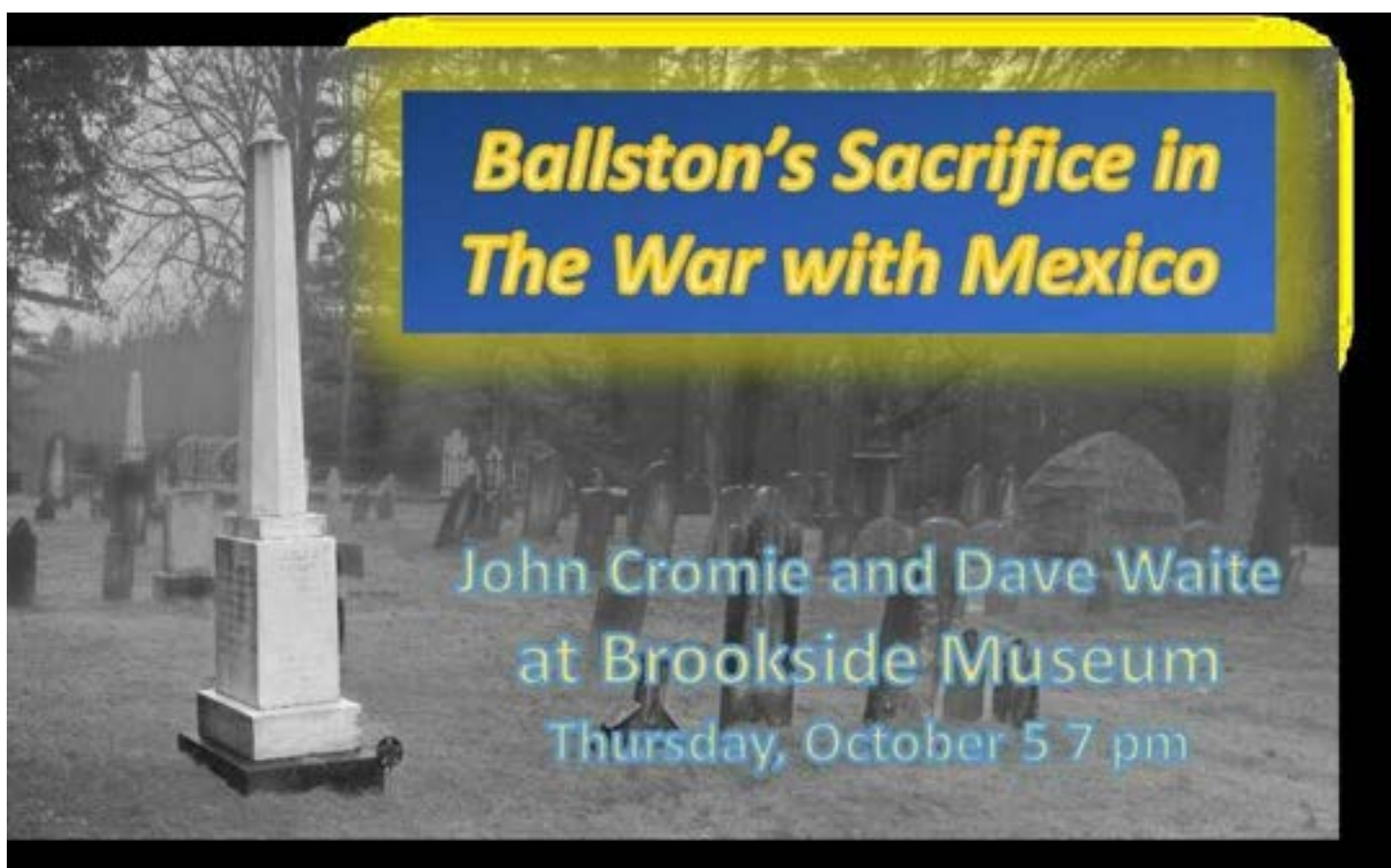


These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted.





Mark Hersh will host Trivia Night at Brookside Museum on Wednesday, September 27. It's \$25 to enter and there will be prizes awarded. Light refreshments will be served. Visit brooksidemuseum.org to register, or click on the link in the event listing below.



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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/>

Historian Walking Tour: Waterford 1810–1880

Tuesday, September 26: 1pm – 2:30pm

Harbor Visitors Center, 1 Tugboat Alley Waterford, NY 12188

Waterford Town Historian, Russ Vandervoort, will lead a walking tour of downtown Waterford, describing local landmarks and influential residents who lived there in the mid-19th century. We will hear Russ’ lively stories of local politician John Cramer, Lysander Button inventor of fire apparatus equipment and several other interesting residents of Waterford.

The walk will begin at the Harbor Visitors Center. There is some parking there, as well as Lock 2 Park, and the Battery. From there we will walk up 3rd St. to Broad St and then head to the Union Bridge area at the Hudson River and complete the walk on Maiden Lane and Pearl St. The participants who parked at the Visitors Center or the Battery will be less than two blocks from their cars. Lock 2 Park, a little further away. 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.

Please register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/58832-historians-walking-tours-waterford-sept-26th-2023>

[Click to register for Waterford Walking Tour](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/58832-historians-walking-tours-waterford-sept-26th-2023)

Trivia Night at Brookside Museum

Wednesday, September 27: 6pm – 9pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Saratoga County History Center invites you to join us for Trivia Night Wednesday, September 27. Doors open at 6pm, trivia starts at 7pm. Show your knowledge, have fun with friends, learn from other people, and maybe even win prizes. There will be a 50-50 raffle as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Mark Hersh is our experienced host and question master with an assortment of engaging topics. (Not everything will be local history, so don’t be put off). Come on your own, or come with a group. Hope to see you there!

Please register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/61021-trivia-night-at-brookside-museum>.

[Click to register for Trivia Night](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/61021-trivia-night-at-brookside-museum)

A Victorian Sci-Fi Special

Saturday, September 30: 9:30am – 4pm

Grant's Cottage, 1000 Mt McGregor Road Gansevoort, NY 12831

Join us at the captivating Mt. McGregor site on Saturday, September 30th (rain date: Sunday, October 1st)

from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm for a day filled with magic, history, and enchantment. Discover the grandeur of the Victorian era, infused with marvels, and experience the allure of Mt. McGregor, once the final home of Ulysses S. Grant, a 2-term President, and 6-Star General. Mark your calendars for September 30th and prepare for a day filled with wonder, history, and camaraderie among fellow enthusiasts. Together, let's make this a journey into the heart of the Victorian era like no other!

“Are We There Yet?”

Saturday, September 30: 10:30am – 11:30 am

Saratoga National Historic Park Visitor Center, 648 NY-32, Stillwater, NY 12170

Have you ever felt lost? Join Park Ranger Bill Valosin for an introduction to map and compass use. Discover the essential workings of a compass, what a map is, and how to use these tools together to find your way.

go.nps.gov/saraevents.

Ballston's Sacrifice in the War with Mexico

Thursday, October 5: 7pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Saratoga County History Center will present a program by John Cromie and Dave Waite on the Mexican War and the local men who sacrificed their lives in the struggle on Thursday **October 5th at 7pm** in the **Long Room at Brookside Museum**.

The War with Mexico was the inevitable result of the constant westward movement which came to be known as the United States' "Manifest Destiny" to expand our nation to the Pacific. In 1847 local men answered the call by joining volunteer and regular army regiments to support the war effort. Some did not return.

John Cromie is a local historian, and Saratoga County History Center Trustee. Dave Waite, is a well-known photographer, videographer and Brookside Museum volunteer. Both men are published authors who have made extensive contributions to Saratoga County history.

A donation of \$5 per registration is recommended to support the programs of the Saratoga County History Center. Please register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/62146-war-in-mexico>

Click to register for Ballston in the War with Mexico talk

Galway Preservation Society Meeting

Monday, October 2: 7pm

Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road Galway, NY 12074

Doors will open at 6:45pm, followed by a program at 7:00 pm on "Galway Fire Company" given by Kevin Barkley, former Galway Fire Chief. This year the Galway Volunteer Fire Company celebrates their 100th anniversary, having been incorporated in 1923. The first firehouse was housed in an 1850's building that was once a wagon hub factory, an undertaker's establishment, a general store and a Texaco gas station before becoming the first official Galway firehouse.

The second firehouse, built in the 1940's on the west side of South Street, was ravaged by fire in late 1959.

The third and larger firehouse was rebuilt in the same location in 1960, with an addition in 1980. To keep up with a growing community, a modern 12,000 square foot four bay firehouse was built on West Street in 2017.

Please join us to hear more of our local history and the story of our Galway Volunteer Fire Company. The

meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway. The meetings are always open to the public, free of charge.

Apple Pie Social

Sunday, October 8: 1pm – 4pm

Wilton Heritage Society, 5 Parkhurst Road Wilton, NY 12831

The Wilton Heritage Society will host an apple pie social on Sunday, October 8 from 1pm to 4pm. It will be \$7 for a slice of pie and the profits will benefit the Wilton Heritage Society. The event will take place at 5 Parkhurst Road in Wilton, NY.

Heritage Hunters Annual Conference (30th Anniversary!)

Saturday, October 21: 9am

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street Schuylerville, NY 12871

This year Heritage Hunters has invited several historians in Saratoga County to join in celebrating its 30th anniversary at an annual day-long conference. They will each share one of the most challenging genealogy or local history queries they've received over the years, and demonstrate how they solved the mystery. The conference will be held in person at the Saratoga Town Hall. Historians will be presenting from 9am until 11:45am (Presentations by John Scherer, Maryann Fitzgerald, Rick Reynolds, and Russ Vandervoort). From 11:45am to 12:45pm, Schuylerville Pizza and Pasta will be catering lunch. They will be serving a penne pasta in marinara sauce with meatballs, salad, and bread. There will also be cake for dessert. Sean Kelleher will present from 12:45pm until 1:15pm, after which a historians' panel will take place from 1:15pm until 2pm.

The conference, including lunch, is \$20 per person for members, \$25 for non-members. Non-members can choose to become members simultaneously, with an extra two months added to their subscription. Membership includes an informative bi-monthly newsletter, which contains local records not usually found online. Checks should be sent to Ginny Humphrey, 5166 Fairground Ave., Ballston Spa, N. Y. 12020, and should be mailed by October 16th in order to be received by the October 18th deadline. Her telephone number is 518-885-9309.

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 David Brooks for a wonderful presentation on New York's 115th, the "Iron Hearted Regiment". Also a big thank you to everyone who came out to support the talk!

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