



2023 Historians Tours



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

John Scherer
Clifton Park Town Historian.



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. See the event listing below for more information and to register!





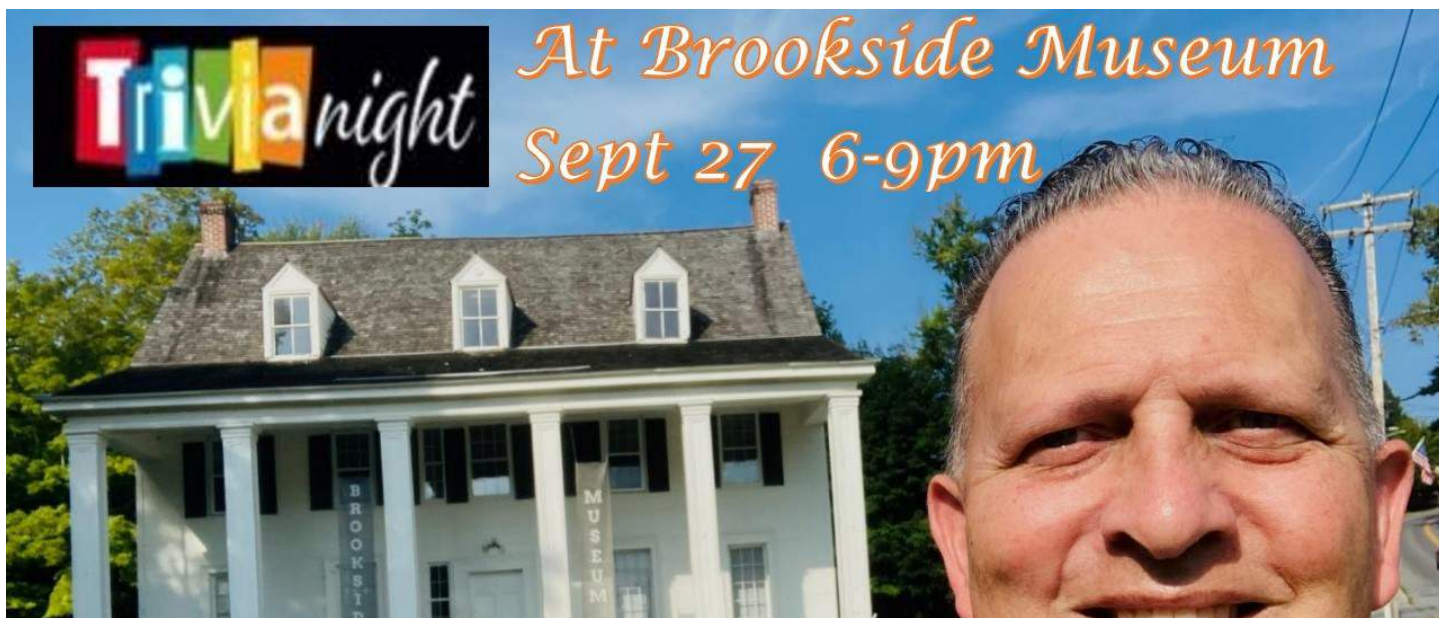
**Saratoga County History
Center**

IRON-HEARTED
The 115th NYS Vol.
Regiment in the Civil War

**A presentation by
David Brooks**

At Brookside Museum
Wed. September 13th at
7pm

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 from 7pm to 8:30pm. The presentation will be held in the Long Room at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave Ballston Spa, NY. Mr. Brooks will be discussing the “Iron Hearted Regiment”, the 115th New York Infantry. See the event listing below for more information and to register!



Trivia night

*At Brookside Museum
Sept 27 6-9pm*



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

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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.

Become a Member

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/>

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](#)

Book Launch and Signing for Letters from a Civil War Soldier

Saturday, September 9: 12pm – 4pm

Parks-Bentley Place, 53 Ferry Boulevard South Glens Falls, NY 12803

The Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls will launch a book of letters from a Civil War soldier to John Bentley, who grew up in the Glens Falls area. Titled “*Dear Friend! – Letters from Union Soldier Gustavus Wintermeyer to John A. Bentley*”, the book includes thirty letters depicting what military life was like in the 1860s.

The book launch and signing will be held September 9 at Parks-Bentley Place (noon to 4 pm). Purchase price is \$19.99. The organization also plans to update its website to offer online sales but orders via mail can be placed using the form on the organization’s website at www.parksbentleyplace.org.

The Historical Society maintains its Parks-Bentley Place headquarters at 53 Ferry Boulevard in South Glens Falls. This historic home is one of the three oldest buildings in South Glens Falls, but is the only one open to the public.

Galway Preservation Society Meeting

Monday, September 11: 7pm

Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road Galway, NY 12074

Doors open at 6:45, a brief business meeting will begin at 7:00, followed by a program on “The Trevett & Sons Chair Factory” given by Bob Wemple, Providence Town Historian. Mr. Wemple will present the history of the Trevett & Sons Chair Factory which was located in the town of Providence. The factory was in operation from the mid 1800s until early 1923, making thousands of chairs. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway. Please join us. The meetings are always open to the public, free of charge.

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](#)

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

(Lecture #1) Thursday, September 14: 12pm – 1pm

Dutcher Community Room, Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

This community lecture series is designed to highlight the rich history, culture, and traditions of our city. Lecture #1: “First Saratogians: The History and Traditions of the Indigenous Nations of the Saratoga Region”, presented by Dr. Joseph Bruchac, Executive Director of the Ndashina Education Center, and Saratoga Springs Poet Laureate.

All Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series programs are free and open to the public. Each program takes place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dutcher Community Room, Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. The program can also be accessed virtually. Attendees are encouraged to check the library website for more information and guidelines <https://www.sspl.org>.

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.

Organ Recital at the Round Lake Auditorium

Sunday, September 17: 4pm – 5:30pm (historical presentation starts at 3pm)

Round Lake Auditorium, 2 Wesley Avenue Round Lake, NY 12151

The ever popular Tom Dressler will return to Round Lake at 4pm and amaze us with his musicality and his techniques. Tom is known for exciting, passionate performances on the organ and harpsichord which combine warm musicality with historic techniques. He has been performing for more than thirty years, often on historic instruments, including some of America's oldest and most historic organs. A historical perspective on the auditorium will begin at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased online at RoundLakeAuditorium.org or at the door the day of the event.

[Click to get tickets for Organ Recital](#)

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 others 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](#)

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](#)

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](#).





It was the perfect day for a walking tour through Ballston Spa on September 1st. People of all ages joined SCHC Education Director, Anne Clothier, for a tour through some of the village's history. The next walking tour will be in Jonesville on September 9th.

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21 Fairground Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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