

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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The Saratoga County History Center Presents

Low Bridge on the Erie Canal

John Scherer

Clifton Park Historian



Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave Ballston Spa, NY

Clifton Park Historian, John Scherer, will highlight the history of the local section of the canal using historical photographs and explore the existing remains and the colorful local characters who worked on the canal. The program is on October 23 at 7pm at Brookside Museum. See the event listing below for more information!

Saratoga County History Center Presents

Men and Women of Saratoga County
who answered the call in World War One

Paul Perreault
Malta Town Historian
Wednesday, Nov 8 7 PM
Brookside Museum
Ballston Spa

Pre-Register at
Brooksidemuseum.org

November 11, 2023 marks the 105th anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War One. Of all of the men and women who fought in the American Expeditionary Force, 10% were from New York State and many of those were from Saratoga County. Join Paul Perreault, Malta Town Historian, for a program entitled “Men and Women of Saratoga County Who Answered the Call in World War One” on Wednesday , November 8 at 7pm in the Long Room at Brookside Museum. See the event listing below for more information and to register!

"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/>

Book of Letters from a Civil War Soldier

"Dear Friend: Letters from Union Soldier Gustavus Wintermeyer to John A. Bentley"

Available Online at www.parksbentleyplace.org for \$26.20

The Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls has launched 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 letters were discovered when a volunteer was transcribing a larger collection of correspondence donated to the Historical Society by the Smith family of South Glens Falls. Given the great detail and personal thoughts about the conflict that were included in the letters, volunteer Christine A. Hogan-Kilburn offered to turn the missives into a book that would be used as a fundraiser for Parks-Bentley Place.

The book is available online at parksbentleyplace.org at a price of \$26.20, which includes tax and shipping. 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.

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](mailto:Ginny.Humphrey@schuylerville.org), and should be mailed by October 16th in order to be received by the October 18th deadline. Her telephone number is 518-885-9309.

Low Bridge on the Erie Canal

Monday, October 23: 7pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Saratoga County History Center will host John Scherer, Clifton Park Historian, for a program entitled “Low Bridge on the Erie Canal” on Monday, October 23 at 7pm in the Long Room at Brookside Museum. When the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, it was an engineering marvel and was touted as the eighth wonder of the world. Thirteen miles of the canal was constructed along the southern Saratoga County border paralleling the Mohawk River.

John Scherer will highlight the history of the local section of the canal using historical photographs and explore the existing remains and the colorful local characters who worked on the canal.

This event is free to the public. Donations, given online or in person, are always welcome and gratefully accepted, and will be used to support the programs of Saratoga County History Center. Please register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/62582-erie-canal>

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Old Saratoga Historical Association Meeting

Thursday, October 26 at 7pm

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street Schuylerville, NY 12871

The Old Saratoga Historical Association will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm at the Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St., Schuylerville with a program on Shay’s Rebellion in 1787. Steve Butz, author of *Shay’s Settlement in Vermont*, will speak on the 1787 Shay Rebellion and Shay’s fortified settlement in Vermont. This protest against higher taxes and stringent economic conditions eventually led to the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy light refreshments. For more information, call 518-598-3211.

World War I Presentation by Paul Perreault

Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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Seventy-two from the County died from either combat wounds or disease contracted while serving, eight of those men were from Waterford. Gleaned from local records sent to the State Archives, this is the story of some of those from our County who answered the call.

This event is free to the public. Donations, given online or in person, are always welcome and gratefully accepted, and will be used to support the programs of Saratoga County History Center.

Please register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/63454-call-in-world-war-1>

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