

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



*Sharing History to Promote Community*



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

## *See History Come Alive*

*Experience our Historic Community.*

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**SARATOGA  
SIEGE  
WEEKEND**







October 7th & 8th  
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On October 7th and 8th, experience Siege Encampment Weekend, where history comes alive! There will be activities and demonstrations at the Saratoga Battlefield, Philip Schuyler House, the Saratoga Monument, and the Stillwater Blockhouse. See the event listing below, or visit [saratoga250.com](http://saratoga250.com), for more information!

*The Saratoga County History Center Presents*

## Low Bridge on the Erie Canal

**John Scherer**

Clifton Park Historian

Monday October 23 7pm



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!

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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### **Siege Encampment Weekend**

**Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8: 10am – 4pm**

**Saratoga Battlefield, Philip Schuyler House, Saratoga Monument, and Stillwater Blockhouse**

Join Saratoga250 along with our Saratoga National Historical Park partners and our friends from the Stillwater Blockhouse on October 7th and 8th for a journey back in time to the 18th century! Experience the Siege Encampment Weekend, where history comes alive! Visit the military encampments on the battlefield with cannon firings and interpretations of soldiering life. At the Philip Schuyler House, come check out blacksmithing demonstrations, 18th century cooking, surgery, healing and more. Don't forget to step inside the Schuyler House and visit the America's Turning Point Tent for fun activities for all ages! Just up the street, climb the Saratoga Monument for beautiful views of the fall foliage! The Stillwater Blockhouse is open as well, where you can grab a bite to eat, check out the quilting demonstrations and take a walk to discover historical markers honoring our past. All sites are open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm and are free to the public. For a full schedule of events and locations, go to [www.saratoga250.com](http://www.saratoga250.com)

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### **Hudson Mohawk Antique Tools and Trade Association Meeting**

**Sunday, October 15: 12:30pm**

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

The fall meeting for Hudson Mohawk Antique Tools and Trade Association will be Sunday afternoon, October 15, at 12:30pm at Brookside Museum. Bring your tools and related items to sell or trade. Meeting will begin at 1:30pm with refreshments followed by a What's It time and sharing some of your recent finds. At 2:30pm we will go to the Bottle Museum on Milton Avenue for a tour.

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### **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.](mailto: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.

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### **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>

**Click to Register for Erie Canal Talk**

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