

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



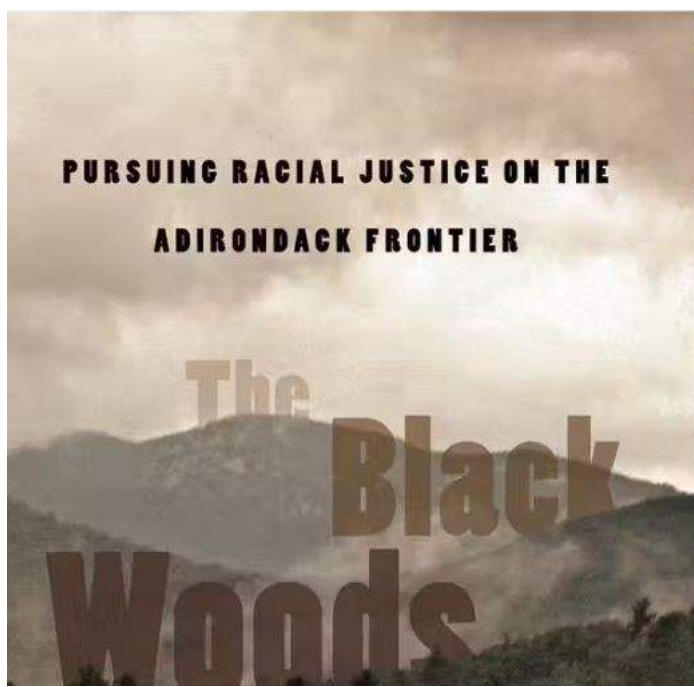
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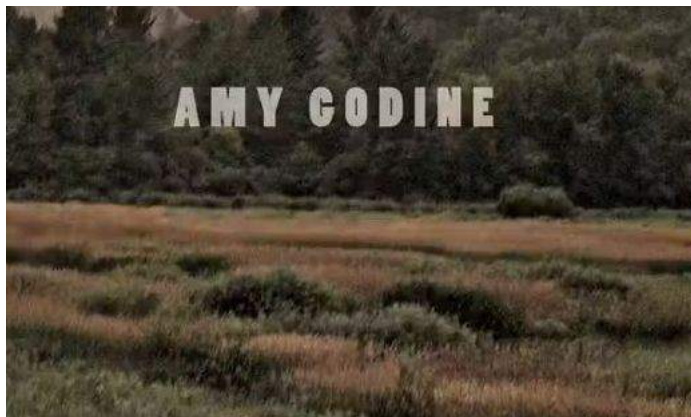


Joining as a member is the best way to ensure you have access to all the exclusive events, exhibits, and programs that the History Center offers. "A greater Saratoga starts here" when you become a part of the SCHC community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow history enthusiasts 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.*





On Sunday, November 19 at 2pm, the Saratoga County History Center will have its annual membership meeting at Brookside Museum. Following the meeting, special guest, Amy Godine, will speak on her new book *The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier*. To register for the event, or to find out more information, please visit [www.brooksidemuseum.org/events](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org/events) or see the event listing below!

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*Discover* a variety of locally made items,  
perfect for your holiday shopping!

Support local artisans and the Saratoga County  
History Center at Brookside Museum

*Open Small Business Saturday*

## Open Small Business Saturday, November 25 - December 24

21 Fairground Ave.  
Ballston Spa  
[www.brooksidemuseum.org](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)

*Artisan's  
Market*  
Saratoga County History Center  
Brookside Museum

The Artisan Market returns to Brookside Museum on Small Business Saturday, November 25 and will run through Sunday, December 24. Stop by to support local artisans and find some great gifts for the holidays! More information below.

### **"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/>

### **Sounds in Winter Concert at Brookside Museum**

**Saturday, November 18: 3pm – 4pm**

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

As part of the Sounds in Winter concert series, the James Street String Quartet will be performing in the Long Room of Brookside Museum on Saturday, November 18 at 3pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Please register at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/64080-sounds-in-winter-concert-james-street-string-quartet>

The performance will be approximately one hour long and feature the following pieces:

*Merton Townhall (Pride and Prejudice) – Henry Purcell*

*Lullaby – George Gershwin*

*Juba, from String Quartet No. 2 – Florence Price*

*String Quartet Op. 1, No. 6 – Chevalier de Saint-Georges*

*String Quartet Op. 59, No. 3 – Ludwig van Beethoven*

The James Street String Quartet has prepared and performed six different programs at various locations including libraries, churches, and even a cidery. The four musicians, Holly Larson (violinist), Chelsea

Reeves (violinist), Jody Van Voris (violinist), and Heather Walker (cellist) are professionals who play in local orchestras and teach in the Capital Region. The quartet can be found on Facebook.

[Click to Register for Concert](#)

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### **SCHC Annual Meeting Featuring Guest Speaker, Amy Godine**

**Sunday, November 19: 2pm**

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

Your Saratoga County History Center will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m. in the museum's Long Room. Following treasurer's and president's reports, the Nominating Committee will present candidates for trustee posts and the outgoing president will explain the proposed budget for 2024.

Following the business meeting, Amy Godine of Saratoga Springs will speak on the subject of her new book, *The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier*, scheduled for release by Syracuse University Press the preceding week. The *Black Woods* chronicles the history of Black pioneers in New York's northern wilderness. From the late 1840s into the 1860s, they migrated to the Adirondacks to build farms and to vote. On their new-worked land, they could meet the \$250 property requirement New York's constitution imposed on Black voters in 1821, and claim the rights of citizenship. The book will be available for purchase that evening in the museum's shop.

Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so reserve your place by registering at

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/63811-schc-annual-meeting-featuring-amy-godine>

[Click to Register for Annual Meeting/Amy Godine Talk](#)

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### **Greenfield Historical Society Presents "An Evening with Elizabeth Conant"**

**Tuesday, November 19: 7pm**

**25 Wilton Road Greenfield Center, NY 12833**

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 25 Wilton Road, Greenfield Center NY at 7 pm. We will be hosting "An Evening with Elizabeth Conant" as she takes us down a sentimental journey as a musician, teacher, and writer living in Greenfield. She'll share memories of her father Robert Conant's world famous Festival of Baroque Music, the journey of the Hill House Studio, and the transformation from young mother to empty nester navigating through emotional ups and downs we all face when taking a nostalgic look back. If you know Elizabeth you'll want to come and travel down memory lane via photo albums and stories. If you aren't familiar with this gifted and spirited woman you won't want to miss this rare opportunity to hear her story. It promises to be a "memorable" evening.

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### **Artisan Market at Brookside Museum**

**Saturday, November 25 through Sunday, December 24**

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

The Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum announced today that the annual Artisan Market

will be opening on Small Business Saturday, November 25th and will run through Sunday, December 24, 2023. This is the 23rd annual market and features only hand made/ hand crafted products created by local artisans. Items include: soaps, lotions, ornaments, jewelry, syrups, scarves, ceramics, hats and much more!

The 2023 hours are:

Tuesday - Thursdays, 1pm – 5pm

Friday, 12pm – 5pm

Saturday & Sunday, 11am – 5pm

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### **"Particulars that I have Been eye & ear witness to": How Nathaniel Bacheller Changed History**

**Thursday, November 30: 6:30 pm**

**Saratoga National Historical Park Visitor Center Theater**

Almost all media covering the 1777 Battles of Saratoga tell a story of American Generals Benedict Arnold and Horatio Gates embroiled in a nasty conflict of personalities which peaked when Gates stripped Arnold from command. Nevertheless, Arnold famously defied Gates and participated in the decisive October 7 Battle of Bemus Heights anyway. But, come to find out, it's a lie and we've all been tricked! Join Park Ranger Eric Schnitzer as he forensically reviews the evidence which proves how most of the story is false and he reveals who it was that deceived us in the first place.

This program is part of Saratoga NHP's Fall Lecture Series, brought to you in partnership with the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield. Reservations are required by visiting [go.nps.gov/saraevents](https://www.nps.gov/saraevents) or emailing [SARA\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:SARA_info@nps.gov).

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### **Retracing Our Steps: The French-American Joint Reconnaissance Tour in the Winter of 1780-1781**

**Thursday, December 7: 6:30 pm**

**Saratoga National Historical Park Visitor Center Theater**

Studying the terrain to analyze how the action unfolded on Revolutionary War battlefields isn't just a modern pursuit. It was the first order of business when the French Army arrived on American soil, seeking to understand the war they had just joined. Contrary to popular belief, French and American officers did not sit idle over the winter of 1780–81. Rather, the French organized a joint reconnaissance mission to previous battlefields of the American Revolution under the initiative of François-Jean de Chastellux, an overlooked figure who played a crucial role as a liaison officer between the French and Americans, and in the logistical and strategic planning of the allied army. Dr de Rode's discovery of his unpublished private papers, in the ancestral château of the Chastellux family in Burgundy, reveals numerous details about his role, especially on this forgotten reconnaissance mission, including an in depth study of the battlefield of Saratoga.

Dr de Rode, who is originally from the Netherlands, received her doctorate from the Université de Paris in November 2019. Her dissertation was based on her discovery of the private papers of François-Jean de Chastellux, one of the French generals who served at Yorktown. She published a biography on Chastellux in 2022 for which she won the 2023 Prix Guizot of the Académie Française for "best history book of the year". Iris is currently working on a new English book titled *En route for Revolution* that will be published by the University of Virginia Press next year. She has received 20 fellowships for her work, including from George Washington's Mount Vernon, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the Society of the Cincinnati and the American Philosophical Society.

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