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

Saratoga County History Center Presents

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

Paul Perreault

Malta Town Historian

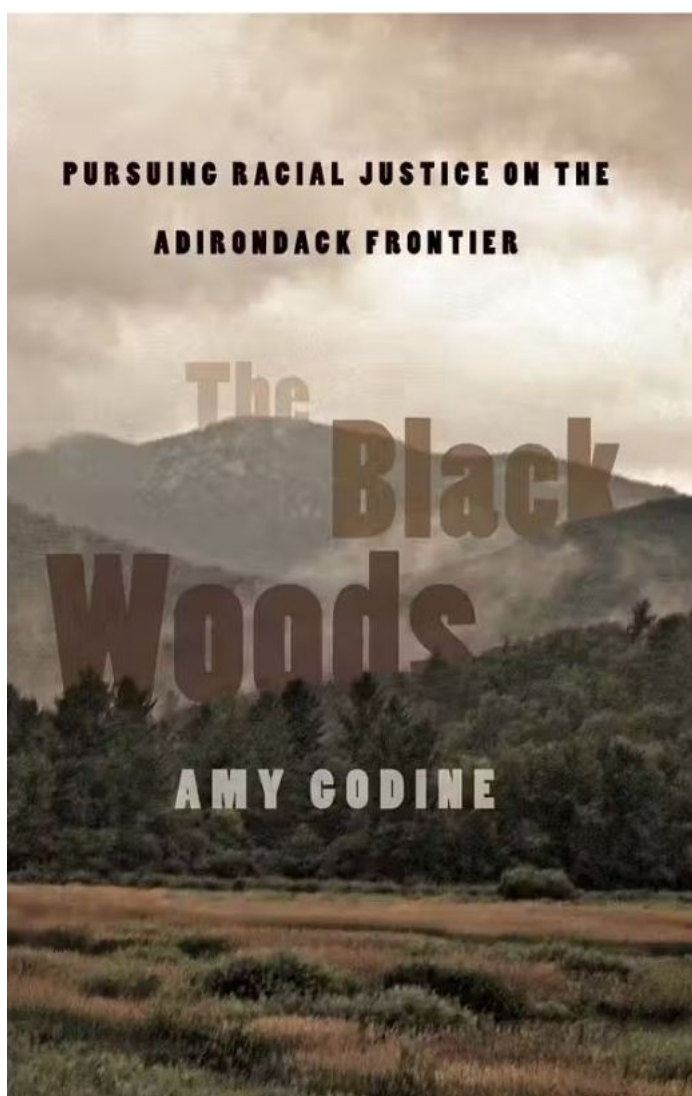
Wednesday, Nov 8 7 PM

Brookside Museum



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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 see the event listing 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/>

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.

Men and Women of Saratoga County Who Answered the Call in WWI

Wednesday, November 8: 7pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Saratoga County History Center will host 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.

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.

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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Galway Preservation Society Meeting

Thursday, November 13: 7pm (Doors open 6:45pm)

Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road Galway, NY 12074

Please note, our November meeting is the second Monday of the month due to voting set up at the Town Hall. Doors will open at 6:45, the program will begin at 7:00. The November program will be given by John Greenwood on the history of Hall's Brookside Dairy in Greenfield Center. The dairy began in the early 1900's with two cows and two horses, growing into a much larger dairy operation. Hall's Dairy processed and bottled their own milk in addition to the milk from several other small farms, employed 10 men and operated five delivery milk trucks. Our programs are always open to the public, free of charge. If you choose, annual family or household membership is available for \$10 per year. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, 12074. Please join us to learn more about the history of Hall's Brookside Dairy.

Hessians: German Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War

Thursday, November 16: 6:30 pm

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

Between 1776 and 1783, Britain hired more than thirty thousand German soldiers to fight in its war against the rebels in North America. Collectively known as Hessians, the soldiers as well as accompanying civilians produced a large volume of records that provide detailed accounts of the American war, land, and people. Drawing from this rich material, the presentation will highlight some of the key experiences of these participants in a war on a distant continent against a people that had done them no harm.

Dr. Friederike Baer is Associate Professor of History and Division Head for Arts and Humanities at Penn State Abington College. She is the author of *Hessians: German Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War* (Oxford UP, 2022), winner of the 2023 Society of the Cincinnati Prize.

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 or emailing SARA_info@nps.gov.

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](#)

"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.

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