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

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

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

21 Fairground Ave.
Ballston Spa
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, December 30: 3pm – 4pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020

As part of the Sounds in Winter concert series, the Lark Strings will be performing in the Long Room of Brookside Museum on Saturday, December 30 at 3pm. The Lark Strings, comprised of three local, professional musicians, Jessica Belflower (violin), Heather Chan (violin) and Brian Axford (piano and guitar) will present an energetic program that mixes classical music heavy-hitters with American fiddle

icons.

Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The series is co-sponsored by the Village of Ballston Spa and the American Federation of Musicians and Musicians Performance Trust Fund.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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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

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.

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.

Auction of the Ballston Spa collection of the late Paul Pastore

Monday, January 1: 6:30 pm

Talk of the Town, Doubleday Avenue (Rte 50N), Ballston Spa

The Ballston Spa collection of the late Paul Pastore will be auctioned at Talk of the Town on Monday, January 1st at 6:30pm. It includes hundreds of glass plate negatives of Ballston Spa scenes as well as postcards and other artifacts.

Fundraiser Paint and Sip for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Saturday, January 27th, 2024: 3pm

Paint-n-Gogh, 114 Milton Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Col. George L. Willard Chapter 154 is conducting a fundraiser on January 27th, 2024 from 3pm to 5pm at the local veteran owned business Paint-n-Gogh, paint and sip, located at 114 Milton Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. A portion of each ticket will go towards the Chapters' mission to preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who fought to save the Union during the Civil War such as our funding to repair the New York's 77th Regiment Monument. **Online registration required. There is a charge for this.** For additional details and to register please visit the **Paint-n-Gogh website: <https://paintngoghspa.as.me/willardcamp>**

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](#).

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