

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. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow history enthusiasts and support the preservation of Saratoga County's unique history. Members should shortly be receiving their copy of the latest issue of our newsletter, featuring articles and information, in the mail.

Winter Opening Hours

Beginning on Saturday, January 6th, 2024, regular opening hours at Brookside Museum will be Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4. Appointments for visits outside these times may be made to info@brooksidemuseum.org. Requests for use of the library may be made to research@brooksidemuseum.org.

We will be working in the building on repairs and maintenance, as well as preparing for 3 exciting new exhibits; a photographic exhibit on Broadway's Shops in 1867, a textile exhibit on undergarments and a new exhibit on America's First Resort Hotel, the Aldridge House, now our home, Brookside Museum.

Did you know we have a YouTube channel?

Did you miss an interesting Expert Next Door online presentation? Do you live too far away to come to one of our in-person talks? Did you want to watch our videos on Rock City Falls, or Bacon Hill, or the 1780 Ballston Raid? Did you know Saratoga County History Center has a You Tube channel? Check it out, and subscribe. Soon to be added will be films from our Historian Walks of last summer.

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Nominations Invited for 3rd Annual Saratoga County History Award

Deadline extended to 31st January, 2024

The Saratoga County Public History Award is presented annually by the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum to an individual or individuals that have made a significant contribution in preserving, interpreting, researching, publishing, promoting or otherwise extending knowledge and understanding of the history of Saratoga County. Their efforts demonstrate evidence of long-term dedication and personal commitment to advancing the understanding of that history. Anyone may submit nominations of deserving individuals or organizations.

Click for more information on History Award

"Loyalists in the Hudson Valley During the Revolutionary War: Dr. Kieran O'Keefe

Wednesday, January 31st: 7:00pm

Online Talk via Zoom

In the 23rd offering of our Experts Next Door online series, Kieran O'Keefe of Lyon University will explore the topic of Loyalists in the Hudson Valley during the Revolutionary War. He will examine why some colonists remained loyal to the Crown, what the war was like for Loyalists in the region, and what happened to Loyalists after the conflict.

This is an online talk. A Zoom link will be sent 24 hours beforehand. It is free to members and \$5 for non-members. Registration is required.

Register for Zoom Talk

Time Travelers Experience (for young people)**Monday February 19th - Friday Friday 23rd: 1:00pm - 4:00pm daily****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

The Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum is offering local students an opportunity to travel back in time to uncover local history. Each day we will explore the foods, games, chores, dangers, and challenges of five different eras. Discover how historians use archeology, documents, artwork, photographs, and folklore to find out how people lived long ago.

Each day will include a student-made snack, toys & games, and opportunities for making craft items to take home and keep. Best suited for students aged 8-12. The program is \$100 per student for one week (15 hours). Pre-registration is required.

(Made possible by a grant from Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation)

Register for Time Travelers Experience

Historian Tea Talks at Brookside Museum - Save the Dates**Wednesdays February 28th, March 13th, April 10th at 3:00pm****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

By popular demand, we are inviting friends again to join us for tea and cookies, while listening to informal and interesting talks by local historians. Look for more information and registration details coming soon.

Feb 28th: Lynda Bryan (Halfmoon Town Historian) - "Vintage Dresses Through the Years" (104 years of fashion worn by the same family from 1869 to 1970s)

Mar 13th: Nancy Purinton (Parks-Bentley Place) - "Who was General Moreau and why was the Town of Moreau Named After Him?"

April 10th" Lauren Roberts (Saratoga County Historian) - " What Lies Beneath: A Deep Dive into the History of the Sacandaga"

"Saratoga County: Our Home!" Exhibit Now Open**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/>

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 press@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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