# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS







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#### **Winter Opening Hours**

Regular opening hours at Brookside Museum are Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4. Appointments for visits outside these times may be made to <a href="mailto:info@brooksidemuseum.org">info@brooksidemuseum.org</a>. Requests for use of the library may be made to <a href="mailto:research@brooksidemuseum.org">research@brooksidemuseum.org</a>.

Our exhibit, "Saratoga County: Our Home!" is still open to take guests on an immersive, artifact-rich journey spanning *four centuries* of Saratoga life, business, and nature.

We are 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.

#### Thank You

Thank you to all who joined us for **A Night at the Aldridge House**. Thank you also to our sponsors, Fitzgeralds Irish Pub of South Glens Falls and Night Work Bread Company of Ballston Spa as well as the costumed interpreters, the students of the Saratoga Springs High School Fiddle Club and our volunteers, who so generously donated their time.

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#### Historian Tea Talks at Brookside Museums

### 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.

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"

February 28th

March 13th

April 10th

## Experts Next Door #24 - The Rise and Fall of Ballston Spa as a Resort Thursday, March 21st, 7pm Online

After the Revolutionary War, the new nation's earliest resorts were spas following the tradition of those in England. Ballston Spa was one of the earliest and soon eclipsed its rivals in terms of springs, hotels and amenities. New York City's Nicholas Low was the most enterprising of the Spa's developers. By the 1830s, however, Saratoga Springs' resort had surpassed Ballston Spa, which continued, using its water power and railroad to establish the mills of the Industrial Revolution. Join Ted Corbett, former director of the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation and author of a dozen books, as he discusses "The Rise and Fall of Ballston Spa as a Resort".

This event is free for members and there is a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

A Zoom link will be sent within 24 hours of the event.

#### **END #24**

#### SAVE THE DATES

#### More information to come

Watch for information to come soon on the release schedule for the latest in our Forgotten Crossroads video series, **Vischer Ferry**.

April 16th, at 6pm Start gathering your team together now for Trivia Night and dinner at the beautiful Anne's Washington Inn in Saratoga Springs.

#### **CRAFT FAIR - Vendors Wanted**

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#### More information to come

The Saratoga County History Center is seeking vendors of handmade crafts, antiques and farm products for the annual craft fair on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 10am to 3pm. No mass-produced or commercially-made items will be permitted. Spaces are available outdoors, with limited spaces available indoors. This is a rain or shine event.

For more information, contact Beth Silvestri at bsilvestri@brooksidemuseum.org or follow the link below.

#### **Craft Fair Vendor Information**

#### Did you know we have a YouTube channel?

As we inch closer to spring, check out another of last year's Historian Walks on our YouTube channel. Join Town of Ballston Historian, Rick Reynolds on a sunny day last July exploring Hillside Cemetery. (Thanks to Dave Waite for compiling these videos).

Also on our channel you will find our previous Experts Next Door presentations, our previous Forgotten Crossroads video, Bacon Hill, and many other offerings.

#### This way to YouTube

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