

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Sharing History to Promote Community

We are looking for a new Museum Assistant. This is a part time (16 hours/week), paid position. Ideally this person would start before April. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please check the linked document for more information.

More details, including how to apply for Museum Assistant position

Alternatively, if you enjoy meeting people and are looking for a regular few hours volunteering each week, perhaps you would be interested in helping us by greeting guests, answering the phone and manning the desk. It would allow the staff member in the building to do other jobs while ensuring that visitors are always welcomed properly. Any necessary training would be given. Interested? Email [Isobel](mailto:isobel@brooksidemuseum.org)

If you haven't already, please consider joining us as a member. Membership not only brings you exciting benefits, including, at the \$100 level, North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) membership, as well as early notification and special rates to events, but gives the History Center more security and allows us to plan ahead more confidently. 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.

Become a Member Here

Spring Opening Hours

Our Spring opening hours will begin on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. Until then, regular opening hours at Brookside Museum are 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.

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. Our new exhibit on America's First Resort Hotel, the Aldridge House, now our home, Brookside Museum, will open shortly, followed by a photographic exhibit on Broadway's Shops in 1867, and a textile exhibit on undergarments. An official opening for all 3 will be announced later.

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

Our first Tea Talk sold out, but there are two more opportunities to join us for tea, cookies, great company and interesting talks about our area. (One is coming up next Wednesday).

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"

March 13th

April 10th

UPCOMING

We hope you've been sharpening your wits and gathering your friends, but registration for our Trivia Night and dinner at the beautiful Anne's Washington Inn in Saratoga Springs, scheduled for April 16th, at 6pm will open next week.

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

Vischer Ferry, A Forgotten Crossroads - Video Release

Thursday, April 11, 7pm at Brookside Museum

Thursday, April 25, 7pm at Vischer Ferry Firehouse, 360 Riverview Rd, Rexford.

The Saratoga County History Center has announced the dates for the release of its newest film – Vischer Ferry, a Forgotten Crossroads. This third in a series of Forgotten Crossroads films created by the History Center highlights Vischer Ferry, a quaint village along the original path of the Erie Canal in the southern section of the Town of Clifton Park. As with the History Center's previous films on Rock City Falls and Bacon Hill, the story of this crossroads is captured through interviews with three generations of local residents, who shared their proud history and memories as well as their plans for the future.

Registration is appreciated.

To register for Thursday, April 11, 7pm at Brookside Museum, go to [Brookside showing](#)

To register for Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm at the Vischer Ferry Firehouse, go to [Vischer Ferry Firehouse showing](#)

CRAFT FAIR - Vendors Wanted**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

Heritage Hunters - "The Prestons of East Street-the Story of a 19th Century American Family."**Saturday, March 16th, 1pm****Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville**

Heritage Hunters will meet on Saturday, March 16th, at 1 pm at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. in Schuylerville. Alan Maddaus, writer, historical researcher, and engineer will lead the program: "The Prestons of East Street-the Story of a 19th Century American Family." Alan's book follows the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Preston and their seven offspring, and how they experienced the many major events of the 1800s while living in the village of Galway. Public is welcome. For info call 518-885-9309 or email bhumphre@nycap.rr.com

Free Poetry Performance with the Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts |**Saturday, April 27th, 7pm****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa**

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April with the Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts at Brookside Museum! Join us April 27th at 7 PM for a FREE performance poetry reading featuring Elaine Handley, Marilyn McCabe and Joseph Bruchac, PhD. While this is a free event, space is limited. [Register HERE](#)

If you have any questions about this event or would like to know more about the Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts, please email us at info@bspaarts.org or visit our website www.bspaarts.org.

Follow us on social media [@bspaarts](#). for more art events in Ballston Spa!

Did you know we have a YouTube channel?

Check out our YouTube channel for videos of our Historian Walks, previous Experts Next Door presentations, our previous Forgotten Crossroads video, Bacon Hill, and many other offerings.

This way to YouTube

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