

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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If you haven't already, please consider joining us, or renewing, 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.

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Spring Opening Hours

Our Spring opening hours will begin on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. The museum will be open Tues-Sun from 12-4. On Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, come and say hello to our new Museum Assistant, Connor Murphy. We are delighted to welcome him as part of the team.

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.

Vischer Ferry, A Forgotten Crossroads - Video Release

Thursday, April 25, 7pm

Vischer Ferry Firehouse, 360 Riverview Rd, Rexford.

The Saratoga County History Center has released its latest film, *Vischer Ferry, a Forgotten*

their proud history and memories as well as their plans for the future.

Sold Out! Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm at the Vischer Ferry Firehouse, go to [Vischer Ferry Firehouse showing](#)

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 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!

Welcome Back Spring Millers Backyard BBQ

Friday, May 3rd, 3-6pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa

There is a choice of a ½ chicken or ½ lb. of pulled pork dinner for \$15.00. As well as beef brisket dinner for \$20.00. (Brisket dinner is only available by pre-order). All dinners come with baked potato, coleslaw and corn bread. An 8 oz. side order of mac & cheese is also available for \$5.00. Barbecue is take-out only with drive-through pick-up. We encourage you to reserve in advance at www.brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000. All proceeds will be used to fund public education and children's programs.

New Exhibits Opening Reception

Saturday, May 4, 2-4pm

Come join us for an afternoon at the museum!

The Saratoga County History Center will officially open three new exhibits for the 2024 season to complement our main exhibit, Saratoga County our Home which opened in 2023. The public is welcome to view these exhibits at a reception at the Museum on Saturday May 4 2-4pm.

Brookside Through the Years in the front hallway examines the people and businesses that have called Brookside home throughout its 232 year history.

In the Long Room gallery, visitors can explore images of Broadway storefronts from Saratoga Springs in the late 1860s and discover the history of the early entrepreneurs and which modern businesses are housed in the surviving buildings. Another new exhibit, Unmentionables, invites visitors to consider the history of undergarments and displays petticoats, hoop skirts, shirts, stockings, bustles, and corsets from the museums extensive textile collection.

2024 Public History Award Celebration

Tuesday, May 7th, 6-8pm at

Brookside Museum

Priscilla Edwards, Town of Edinburg Historian, and Pat Peck, founding member of Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County, have been named as 2024 winners of the Saratoga County History Center's Public History Award.

There will be a celebration in their honor on the porch followed by a program in the Museum's Long Room. Members of the public are invited to join friends and relatives of Priscilla and Pat in the celebration by registering below. The event is free, donations are

welcome.

Register for Award Ceremony

SAVE the DATES (more information to come)

Saturday, May 11th, 1-4pm - Sheep to Shawl Community Day, featuring sheep, lambs, farmers, the Famous Fred the Shearer and more.

Saturday, May 18th, 10am - Propagating Matters - From Adirondacks to Brookside: The Art of Photography

CRAFT FAIR - Vendors Wanted

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

Other Upcoming Saratoga History Events

Heritage Hunters

Saturday, April 20th, 1pm

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville

Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty will be helping those interested in taking the steps to identify their ancestors friends, associates and neighbors to better understand family heritage and how our relatives lived.

Saipan: The Friction of War

Thursday, April 25 7pm

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville

The Old Saratoga Historical Association will welcome World War II historian and retired US Army officer Patrick Chaisson who will tell the story of one of the war's most brutal and controversial battles.

For more information call the OSHA president at 518-698-3211

Local History Fair

Thursday, May 2nd, 12 - 4pm

Saratoga Springs Public Library (H. Dutcher Community Room)

If you are interested in genealogical research, historical interpretation, preservation, or learning about our local history, stop in and visit with representatives from organizations in the Greater Capital District area who specialize in all these fields.

The Third Annual Women in War Symposium

Saturday, May 4th, 8:15am-3:30pm

Old Saratoga American Legion Post, 6 Clancy St. Schuylerville

The Women in War Symposium features dynamic speakers who will present on topics related to the roles women played during the American Revolution. Whether patriot or loyalist, wealthy or impoverished, females were deeply affected by the war in all aspects of their lives. Additionally, exhibitors, book-signings, augmented reality demonstrations and more will be on display throughout the day.

Bus Tour of Historic Sites (Women in War continued)

Sunday, May 5th, 10am - 2pm

Departing from the Saratoga National Historical Park Visitor Center

A curated tour with returning expert guide Pat Niles highlighting several lesser-known stories of women in the Saratoga Campaign.

Those interested can [register](#) for both the symposium and tour or just one event by visiting the Saratoga250 website, www.saratoga250.com/events/annual-women-in-war-symposium.

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. Our Ballston Spa Multi-Sensory Tour is out there now.

This way to YouTube

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