

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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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](mailto:info@brooksidemuseum.org). Requests for use of the library may be made to [research@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:research@brooksidemuseum.org).

Come and see our new exhibit on America's First Resort Hotel, the Aldridge House, now our home Brookside Museum, as well as our ongoing "Saratoga County: Our Home!" exhibit.

Still space available, so bring your friends, family, co-workers for dinner and fun with trivia at the beautiful, historic Anne's Washington Inn and raise money for SCHC at the same time. (If you don't have a team, we can pair you up with some new friends on the night). The evening will include a buffet dinner, generously supplied by Mama Mias, trivia with Casey aka ThatTriviaGuy, and the chance to win prizes. Must register in advance. Should be a lot of fun.

#### Register for Trivia

#### **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 quant 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](#)

#### **Propagating Matters - Revolutionary Teas**

**Friday, April 19th, 2pm**

Join Master Gardener, Kathleen Royka, on the 249th anniversary of The Battles of Lexington and Concord, for a celebration and taste of Revolutionary Teas. The program will discuss the Boston Tea Party and its effects on the colonists, the plant *Camellia sinensis* (tea) and substitutes for tea, including local variations, after the Boston Tea Party.

(And see how the Brookside gardens are faring after winter).

Program is free and open to all. Any donations are gratefully received and will be used on the gardens.

#### Revolutionary Teas

#### **SAVE the DATES (more information to come)**

**Friday, May 3rd, 3-6pm** - We have your dinner plans organized for this night! Miller's Backyard Barbecue will be at Brookside Museum

**Saturday, May 4th 1-4pm** - Join staff and trustees and officially open our new exhibits. Light refreshments will be served

**Tuesday, May 7th, 6-8pm** - Presentation of the 3rd Annual Public History Award. This year's honorees are Pat Peck, a founding member of Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County, and Priscilla Edwards, longtime Edinburg Town Historian.

**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](mailto:bsilvestri@brooksidemuseum.org) or follow the link below.

### **Craft Fair Vendor Information**

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### **Grant Cottage presents Saratoga County Poorhouse**

**Sunday, April 14th, 1pm**

#### **Saratoga State Parks admin office building in the Gideon Putnam Room**

Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts presents on the Saratoga County Poorhouse, established in 1827, when the county purchased land to accommodate an Alms House for ‘the victims of misfortune’. The Poor House complex included a large-scale farm, schoolhouse, imposing brick residence, and an infirmary. In 1961, the poorhouse was demolished. Though the building no longer exists, this institution played a significant role in the care of county residents for well over a century. This program is part of The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage Annual Meeting.

For more information visit [grantcottage.org/events](http://grantcottage.org/events)

### **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](mailto:info@bspaarts.org) or visit our website [www.bspaarts.org](http://www.bspaarts.org). Follow us on social media [@bspaarts](https://www.instagram.com/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. Our Ballston Spa Multi-Sensory Tour is out there now.

### This way to YouTube

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