

# 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.

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).

## Welcome Back Spring Millers Backyard BBQ

**Friday, May 3rd, 3-6pm - POSTPONED to Wednesday, May 15th, 3-6pm**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa**

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the May 3rd barbecue. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 15th. If you have ordered and paid for meals already, you may either transfer the order to May 15th, or, if you would prefer a refund, please call us or email [isobel@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:isobel@brooksidemuseum.org). The updated order form will be up on our website shortly for those who may be able to join us on May 15.

### **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**

### **Sheep to Shawl Community Day**

**Saturday, May 11, 1-4pm at**

**Brookside Museum**

The famous Fred the Shearer, and the Rock Day Spinning Guild will assemble on Brookside Museum's front lawn to demonstrate every facet of sheep raising, shearing, and spinning to produce the wool clothing that was so ubiquitous in early America. Sheep to Shawl is a hands-on, family-friendly event. Young and the young-at-heart will have fun petting the sheep, meeting farmers, and participating in demonstrations. A terrific opportunity to embrace the spring weather, learn about Saratoga County's agricultural past, and enjoy some quality family time.

### **The Art of Photography: From Adirondacks to Brookside**

**Saturday, May 18, 10-11:30am at**

**Brookside Museum**

Join Dave Waite & Kathleen Royka and come learn the skill of capturing the photo you see in your mind's eye. Whatever camera you use, cell phone or SLR, this program is for you. Refreshments will be served. The event is free, but donations are appreciated.

## Register for The Art of Photography

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

**Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 10am-3pm-** Annual Craft and Antique Fair at Brookside.

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

The Saratoga County History Center is seeking vendors of handmade crafts, antiques and farm products for the annual craft fair . 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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### **Other Upcoming Saratoga History Events**

#### **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](http://www.saratoga250.com/events/annual-women-in-war-symposium).

#### **Tuskegee Airman Clarence Dart**

**Monday, May 27th, 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Ulysses S. Grant State Historic Site**

Lt. Col. Clarence W. Dart, famous Saratoga Springs member of the Tuskegee Airmen and decorated WWII fighter pilot was shot down twice in his 95 missions, earning two Purple Hearts. This program is presented by his son Warren Dart.

#### **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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