

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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Summer Hours

Our Summer opening hours at the museum are Tues-Sun from 12-4.

Come see our new exhibits on Saratoga Shopping in 1867, Unmentionables and Undergarments of the 19th Century and A History of Brookside: 1792 to Today. Also on display are several exhibits celebrating the rich history of agriculture, industry and hospitality that helped to form Saratoga County as we know it today.

Requests for use of the library may be made to research@brooksidemuseum.org.

Upcoming Events:

Dyeing to Weave Part II

Friday, June 28th, 2pm

Brookside Museum

Join Cristen Knite, member of the Hudson-Mohawk Weavers Guild, for a presentation and a demonstration of weaving. Cristen will exhibit examples of her work, and guests will also be given a hands-on opportunity to try weaving themselves. After the presentation, Kathleen Royka will lead a tour of the gardens.

Register for Dyeing to Weave Part II

Wednesday Walking Tours - Great Ladies of Saratoga

Wednesday, July 17th, 10am

563 N Broadway Saratoga Springs

See and hear the fascinating historical tales of the Victorian houses, originally referred to as “Great Ladies”, on North Broadway in Saratoga Springs. This tour focuses on the families who built the houses, not the architecture. The tour includes stories about: the man who was so angry at the City, he turned his back on it; the son who took his mother’s jewels from her safety deposit box and what he did with them; the man who won three academy awards; the competition between two shirt manufacturers; and “The Million Dollar House.” Starts and ends at 563 North Broadway.

Register for Great Ladies Walking Tour

Fredrick Douglas Speaks on Democracy

Sunday, July 28th, 2pm

Fredrick Allen Lodge, 69 Beekman Street, Saratoga Springs

Join Fredrick Douglas, portrayed by Douglas interpreter Nathan M. Richardson, for a conversation about the meaning of American democracy from the perspective of the renowned former slave turned writer, orator and abolitionist. Hear how his relationship with other abolitionists and several Presidents influenced his beliefs. Co-sponsored by the Fredrick Allen Lodge and the Saratoga County History Center. This event is underwritten by a generous donation from Frederic Sober Jr. Registration available soon at brooksidemuseum.org

Sounds of Summer IV

Sunday, July 28th, 6pm

Brookside Museum

Again this year, a jazz band under the direction of Dennis Searles, American Federation of Musicians and Coordinator of Local 506 of the Music Performance Trust Fund, will be playing on the porch at Brookside. Concerts are free and open to the public. Please bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening of music.

Wednesday Walking Tours - Lakehill Road in Burnt Hills

Wednesday, July 31st, 10am

Stevens Elementary School: 25 Lakehill Rd. Burnt Hills

Ballston Town Historian Rick Reynolds will be returning to take tour attendees on a 2-mile stroll and hear tales of the farms, stores, schools and a wallpaper factory along Lakehill Road. Rick will look back into history, but also peer into the future of Burnt Hills. A bus will bring walkers back to their cars at Stevens School after the tour.

Register for Lakehill Road Walking Tour

Save the Date (More info to come)

Discover the Three Sisters

Saturday, August 24th, 1 - 4pm

Brookside Museum

Featuring presentations, entertainment, refreshments and children's activities

Other Upcoming Saratoga History Events

Heritage Hunters - Vischer Ferry Film Showing

Saturday, July 20th, 1pm

Brookside Museum

Join the Heritage hunters for a showing of the film *Vischer Ferry, a Forgotten Crossroads*. The film traces another unique community from its settlement to the present using interviews with local residents.

Please note that this meeting of Heritage Hunters will be held at the Brookside Museum in the long room.

Ulysses & Julia Grant: Dancing on the Edge of the Gilded Age

Thursday, July 25, 2024 2 - 3pm

Ulysses S. Grant State Historic Site 1000 Mount McGregor Road, Wilton

In honor of Remembrance Day (Tues. 7/23) Grant's great-great grandson Ulysses Dietz will take us on a journey through time to gain insight into Ulysses and Julia's great love, and life on the cusp of a pivotal era of change in America's history.

Saratoga and West Point - Separated by Distance Not by History with Richard Chait

Thursday, July 25, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Saratoga Springs History Museum 1 E. Congress Street Saratoga Springs

The Saratoga area and West Point have much in common. Both have played key roles in the nation's fight for independence. This talk details West Point's unique geography and strategic location on the Hudson River preventing the British's advance north from New York City.

Following the Revolution, President Jefferson sought a site to enhance the education of the nation's military and chose West Point. History has shown that through the years the military institution has been tied to Saratoga and the surrounding area on several occasions.

This talk will examine these and other similarities.

Register for Saratoga and West Point

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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