

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **Summer Hours**

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

## **Pop-Up Exhibit : The History of the Saratoga County Fair**

Stop in on your way to the fairgrounds this week and see our newest exhibit on the history of the Saratoga County Fair, complete with a photo display of the merriment over the last century and rare fair memorabilia. Don't wait! The exhibit will only be on display for two weeks.

Come see our other 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](mailto:research@brooksidemuseum.org).

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **SPECIAL EVENT: Frederick Douglass Speaks on Democracy**

**Sunday, July 28th, 2:00pm**

**Frederick Allen Elks Lodge, 69 Beekman Street, Saratoga Springs**

The Saratoga County History Center and the Saratoga Springs Black Elks have joined together to cosponsor a timely presentation by Frederick Douglass interpreter Nathan M. Richardson. Mr Richardson will lead 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 which remain important today. This event is underwritten by a generous donation from Frederic Sober Jr.

**Register for Douglass Speaks on Democracy**

### **Sounds of Summer**

**Sunday, July 28th, 6:00pm**

**Brookside Museum**

Again this year, the Jazz Ambassadors as well as featured professional musicians from the local 506 of the American Federation of Musicians will be giving a free concert on the porch of the Brookside Museum. They will be playing under the baton of Dennis Searles, coordinator of Local 506 of the Music Performance Trust Fund. Please bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening of music.

### **Wilton New York: Goodbye Old 1910**

**Thursday, August 15, 7:00pm**

**Brookside Museum**

Hamilton Craig, a doctoral student at CUNY researching farmers movement in the United States, and a native of Shushan, Washington County, will present a vivid portrayal of farm life in Wilton, New York based on the 1910 diary of Wilton resident Mary Brainard. The diary reveals an intimate picture of a rural world in transition, caught between the subsistence and barter economy of early America

and the capitalist economy of modern America. Analyzing this diary offers an opportunity to reflect on what was gained in this transition and what was lost.

### **Register for Goodbye Old 1910**

#### **2024 Village Walking Tour - Village of Stillwater**

**Thursday, August 22 10-11:30am**

**Stillwater Library parking lot adjacent to Blockhouse Park on Rt 4 Hudson Avenue**

Enjoy a walking tour of Stillwater led by Sara Kipp, director of the Stillwater Public Library. The tour will begin at the Library parking on Rt 4 Hudson Avenue, the former location of many mills and factories in the late 1800s. Other stops along the way will include the 150 year old St. John's Episcopal Church; the site of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp; the Newland-Wood firehouse and many more. After a one mile walk, the tour will end in the new library with many historical images and maps of the Champlain Canal which is celebrating its 200th anniversary.

### **Register for Stillwater Walking Tour**

#### **Discover the Three Sisters**

**Saturday, August 24th, 1-4:00pm**

**Brookside Museum**

Discover the Three Sisters, Corn, Beans, & Squash. Join Brookside Museum in a celebration of Indigenous culture. Come enjoy an exhibit on Native Americans, activities for all ages including storytelling and crafts, tour of the gardens, bake & plant sale and even more to come!

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#### **Grant's Funeral: History of Burke's Funeral Home**

**Thursday, August 8, 2-3:00pm**

**Ulysses S. Grant State Historic Site 1000 Mount McGregor Road Wilton, NY, 12831**

Carol Godette will discuss Victorian-era mourning and funeral customs; how William Burke's involvement in the embalming of President Ulysses S Grant led him to open his own funeral home; and the rich history of Burke's role as one of four operating funeral homes in Saratoga Springs.

#### **Town of Greenfield Historical Society 14th annual Caboose Day at Kings Station**

**Saturday, August 10, 10am to 3pm**

**Tour Kings Station and Caboose at Corner of Route 9N and Porter Road**

Take Train rides from Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway, 9 Railroad Place, Corinth to Kings Station and Special "Greenfield Flyer" from Kings Station to LaMothe Landing and back. Bring the family for a fun day complete with vendors, bake Sale, T-shirts, as well as food and drinks all available for purchase. Book your ride now at CorinthTrain.com. A Trolley will bring you to Kings Station and back to the train. *Rain or Shine*

### **Book a Train Ride**

#### **Heritage Hunters Field Trip - Guided Tour of Parks-Bentley Place**

**Saturday, August 17, 10:30am**

**Parks-Bentley Place, 53 Ferry Blvd., South Glens Falls**

Join the heritage Hunters for their annual summer field trip to the beautiful Parks-Bentley Place. Take a guided tour of the historic building that is now home to the Historical Society of Moreau as well as the old school house and tool shed. The tour itself costs five dollars and will last about an hour and a half. Afterwards the group will be having lunch at the Peppermill restaurant in South Glens Falls. For all questions and registration information please contact Ginny Humphrey at [bhumphre@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bhumphre@nycap.rr.com)

**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.

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