

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Sharing History to Promote Community



All of us here at the Saratoga County History Center invite you to join our institution through membership. Members make our goal of educating the community and preserving its rich history a reality. We offer several tiers of membership, one of the most popular being the \$100 level which includes a North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) membership. This gives you free access to over a thousand museums all across North America, including the Clark Art institute and the Adirondack Experience.

Become a Member Here

Attention Valued Museum Members.

Our annual membership drive is starting and we will be reaching out to those whose membership has expired or will soon expire. We sincerely hope you consider renewing with us before the end of the year to take full advantage of the benefits membership has to offer.

Welcome Charlene! - Saratoga County History Center is delighted to announce the appointment of Charlene DuBuque as their new Education Director. Charlene has over 15 years of experience in education, curriculum development and history. In her new role, she will continue to offer programs from previous years we know and love as well as develop and enhance the educational offerings for both youth and adults. Charlene may be contacted at charlene@brooksidemuseum.org

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

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.

Upcoming Events:

A Saving Grace – A Unique Vietnam War Story

Wednesday, September 25, 7-8:30pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairgrounds Ave. Ballston Spa

Kat Fitzpatrick, daughter of a CIA operative, will speak of her Vietnam experience, sharing why her family was invited into a critical war zone in 1974, insight into the super-secret propaganda radio station her father coordinated, and share personally documented glimpses into the slow, but steady decline of America's footing in that beleaguered country. Her book, *For the Love of Vietnam* will be available for purchase and signing. This event is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Register for A Saving Grace

Wednesday Walking Tours – Corinth Rural Cemetery

Wednesday, September 25, 1-2:30pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairgrounds Ave. Ballston Spa

Explore the stories behind the stones at Corinth Rural Cemetery. From soldiers and sailors to merchants and miscreants, discover the people who have lived in Corinth for over two centuries. The moving and consolidation of earlier cemeteries from other areas of the town will also be discussed. Participants are encouraged to take Route 9N north from Saratoga Springs to avoid road construction. The cemetery is on the right as you enter the village. Dress for the weather, and if sunny, be sure to bring a drink, and wear sun protection or bring an umbrella for shade.

Register for Corinth Walking Tour

RESCHEDULED : Frederick Douglass Speaks on Democracy

Sunday, September 29th, 2pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

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.

If you did not previously register for the July 28 event please register using the link below.

Register for Frederick Douglass on Democracy

Make Your Own Herbal Beauty Products

Saturday, October 5, 1-4:00pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

The Milton Grange will be offering the next class in it's herbal series. Presenter Janis Fallon will show you how easy it is to make your own cosmetics have fun and save money at the same time. In addition you will know what you are applying to yourself! join Master Gardener Janis Fallon and the Milton Grange for this fun, hands on "spa afternoon"! You will bring home samples that you made yourself. Not only are these body products fun and easy to do, but they make wonderful gifts. Please bring a face cloth and towel. There will be wonderful herbal inspired snacks and beverages too. Class size is limited and the cost is \$50. Reserve your spot today!

Register for Make Your Own Herbal Beauty Products

Arkell's Ambition: The Magic of Mt. McGregor

Thursday, October 8, 7-8:30 pm

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

Join the wealthy and wily William J. Arkell, portrayed by Grant Cottage staff member Ben Kemp, as he tells the story of his ambitious Victorian-era resort project on Mount McGregor. Discover how as a young man Arkell embarked on a mission to draw visitors from nearby Saratoga Springs to his mountaintop paradise. Those visitors would include Civil War general and two-term president Ulysses S. Grant, who died in a cottage at the resort in 1885. The presentation will feature images of the luxurious wilderness resort provided by the wonders of the magic lantern. Artifacts associated with the resort and Grant Cottage Historic Site will be on display. This event is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Register for Arkell's Ambition

Save the Date:

Birthday Party for Brookside

November 18th 2-4pm

Join us in celebrating 50 years of Brookside Museum. 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of our first exhibit opening in 1974. The event will include our annual meeting, the debut of a celebratory 50th anniversary video as well as cake! More information and fun to come.

Other Upcoming Saratoga History Events

Heritage Hunters Meeting - Love Your Neighbor

Saturday, September 21, 1:00pm

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville

During this meeting of Heritage Hunters Ruby Marcotte, local historian and a 4th generation traditional artist of Abenaki Native American and Quebecois French heritage, will present the program "Love Your Neighbor". She was raised in an out of the way, informal community "on the mountain",

west of Corinth, NY. While it is small and lacks any formal political designation, the area has a rich history of families & friends' that continues today. Her presentation will focus heavily on that persistent, multi-generational web of community.

22nd Annual “The Way We Were” Car Show

Sunday, October 13, 9am-4pm

Rain Date: Sunday, October 20

Town of Ballston Spa

The Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association is pleased to present the 22nd Annual “The Way We Were” Car Show on Front Street in historic Ballston Spa. Bring family and friends to enjoy a day of automotive appreciation and fun on the town. **Don't miss out!** Stop in the Brookside Museum to see our pop-up exhibit on the automotive past of Saratoga county, complete with artifacts and photos to celebrate the motor vehicles of days gone by. All proceeds of the car show will benefit the many community events and efforts of the BSBPA.

Candle Light Tour of the Schuyler House

Wednesday, October 16, 6-8:30pm

General Philip Schuyler House, 4 Broad Way Schuylerville

Join the Old Old Saratoga Historical Association and the Saratoga National Historical Park for a candlelight look at General Philip Schuyler's 1777 home. Come see the historic home illuminated as it would have been during General Schuyler's residence there. The tours start at 6pm and will run every 15 minutes until 8:30pm.

Register for Schuyler House Candlelight Tour

Victory Season at Saratoga: Surrender Day Ceremony

Thursday, October 17, 9:30am

Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville

The 247th anniversary of the British surrender at Saratoga continues to mark America's Turning Point in its War for Independence. Come celebrate British General John Burgoyne's agreement to ground their arms with American General Horatio Gates, which was the decisive turning point victory of the American Revolution. A victory that helped secure France's formal military alliance. The Surrender Day Ceremony includes live cannon firing and military reenactors, sing-along participation from local students & teachers, historical stories, and a recreation of the famous sword surrender. Please bring your own chair. This is an outdoor ceremony, in the event of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to press@brooksidemuseum.org. SCHC Events and News is a collaborative effort. We count on the contributions of the historic community of Saratoga County and others for the entire content of this page. The SCHC Events and News are available on our [website](#).

21 Fairground Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Email not displaying correctly?
[View it in your browser](#)
[Unsubscribe](#)

