

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.

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:

Reflections in Song – Canal Songs and Stories

Friday, October 25, 7-8:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

George Ward, folklorist and singer, “Canal Balladeer”, will present a program of historical and personal songs and stories reflecting two hundred years of New York State’s canals and their people. Join George on a relaxing Friday night as he takes us back in time through the wistful voices of the past. His performance will include songs he has performed at folk festivals, in concert halls and coffeehouses, canal side and on tour boats for fifty years. This event is free to attend but donations are gratefully accepted.

Register for Reflections in Song

Experts Next Door #25 – The CCC in Saratoga County and the Adirondacks

Wednesday, November 6, 7 - 8:30pm

Online Event

Join Marty Podskoch, historian and author of 11 books, as he discusses the role and legacy of the CCC in our area. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began on March 31, 1933 under President Roosevelt’s New Deal to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, dams, stocked fish, built and maintained fire tower observer cabins and telephone lines, fought fires, and planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in WW II. There were over 200 CCC camps in New York State, including one locally in Stillwater, from where men worked developing Saratoga Battlefield as an historic site.

This is an online event. A Zoom link will be sent out within 24 hours of the start.

This event is free for members. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members, but any donations are always welcome and gratefully received.

Register for Experts Next Door - The CCC in Saratoga

From Malta to the Moon: The Rocket Test Station

Tuesday, November 12, 7 - 8:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

Paul Perreault, former Town of Malta Historian, will use images and video clips to tell the story of how and why Luther Forest in the Town of Malta was selected to begin America’s space program. Developed almost 75 years ago by the Federal government in collaboration with General Electric, this rocket test facility is in our own backyard and remnants still exist today. This event is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Register for From Malta to the Moon

Save the Date:

Winter Concert

November 16th, 3-5pm

Come enjoy an afternoon of music featuring the local duo StringWynde as they perform their melodic mix of flute and Celtic harp music. More information to come.

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 Annual Genealogy Conference

Saturday, October 19th, 8:15am

The Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. Schuylerville

Genealogists Judith E. Harper and Keren Weiner will present, “Add PERSI, ArchiveGrid, and HDI to your Family Research Toolbox!” and “Digging Deeper, Finding Our Family Roots.” In the afternoon, genealogy researcher Lynn Calvin will talk about “Navigating the Saratoga County Genweb Site” and Lawyer John Cromie will cover the topics “Underused Resources at the County Clerk’s Office” and “Ask a Lawyer Your Genealogy Questions.” Light refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Admission is \$25.00 Non-members can pay \$40.00 to include a 2025 Heritage Hunters membership. Call Ginny at 518-885-9309 by October 11th to register.

Postponed to Rain Date: 22nd Annual “The Way We Were” Car Show

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.

Low Bridge: The Erie Canal in Saratoga County

Thursday, October 24, 7pm

Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St., Schuylerville.

Join John Scherer, Historian for the Town of Clifton Park and Senior Historian Emeritus at the New York State Museum for his presentation on the Erie canal. It has been almost 200 years since the Erie Canal, called the eighth wonder of the world, opened in October 1825. Journey along the Erie Canal from Cohoes to Schenectady with a power point presentation of historical and contemporary views of the canal and sites along the way. Hear about canal life and of some of the characters that lived along the canal. The program is sponsored by the Old Saratoga Historical Association. For more information call 518-495-7728.

1780 Ballstown Invasion Commemoration

Saturday, October 26th, 2024, at 11:00am

Marlene & Wilbur Trieble Passive Recreation Park on Route 67 at the corner of Middleline Road.

The Town of Milton and the Town of Ballston 250th Revolutionary War Committees will dedicate a commemorative kiosk to the 1780 invasion of BallsTown. The ceremony will include a color guard of the Saratoga Battle Chapter Sons of the American Revolution executing a musket fire salute in period uniforms. For more information contact Michael Golden at mgolden1775@gmail.com.

America 250: The Ballston Connection

Monday, October 28, 6:30pm

Town Meeting Room at Ballston Town Hall, 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa

Come for the debut showing of a the new "America 250: The Ballston Connection" film directed by Ballston Town Historian Rick Reynolds with the help of videographer and Galway resident Dave Waite. This film recounts the stories of the heroes (and one villain) whose local actions played a major role in the American Revolution. This event is open to the public and for further information, contact Ballston Town Historian Rick Reynolds at rreynolds@townofballstonny.org or call 518-490-2730.

November Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

Thursday, November 14th, Noon to 1:00pm

H. Dutcher Community Room, Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street

With the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution on the horizon, there has been renewed interest in locating and honoring our nation's first veterans. Join Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts to learn about the Patriot Burial Historic Marker Program offered in partnership with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). She will also discuss the work being done in the county to commemorate the veterans and reveal a few fascinating stories of these Revolutionary War Patriots. For Library parking questions, please call 518-584-7860. For more information, please contact the Saratoga Heritage Visitor Center!

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