

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:

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

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

Save the Date:

The CCC in Saratoga County and the Adirondacks (Online program)

November 6th, 7-8:30pm

Author Marty Podskoch will present an online program, part of our Expert Next Door series, on the Depression era Civilian Conservation Corps, and their work in Saratoga County and the Adirondacks. More information and registration to come.

The Malta Test Site**November 12th, 7-8:30pm**

Historian Paul Perreault will speak and present a film on the Cold War era rocket test site. Check back soon for more information!

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**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.

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 and 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.

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.

1780 Ballstown Invasion Commemoration

October 26th, 2024, at 11am

Marlene & Wilbur Trible 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.

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