

# 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:**

### **Brookside Semi-Centennial Celebration and 2024 Annual Membership Meeting**

2024 marks the fiftieth year of Brookside Museum and our first exhibit opening. Please consider joining us on Sunday November 17th at 2pm. See below for more details.

### **Toys for Tots Donations Now Welcome**

Saratoga County History Center is proud to announce its involvement with the Marines Toys for Tots charity this holiday season. Please consider donating a new toy and help spread holiday cheer to disadvantage children. Our donation box is located in the entryway to the Brookside Museum and is ready for toy donations during the museums open hours.

Our annual membership drive is underway. Thank you to everyone who has renewed so far. Your support is enormously appreciated. If you have not had a chance to renew yet, or would like to become a new member, please consider it before the end of the year to take full advantage of the

benefits membership has to offer

### **Renew Your Membership Here**

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](mailto:research@brooksidemuseum.org).

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **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**

#### **Winter Concert: Stringwynde**

**Saturday, November 16th, 3-5pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa**

Together Flautist Melanie Chirignan and Harpist Darhon Rees-Rohrbacher form the duo Stringwynde. They are well known throughout the Capital Region and specialize in music of the Celtic tradition. Stringwynde will be performing in the Long Room at The Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum. This concert is sponsored by a grant from Saratoga Arts, The Music Performance Trust Fund of the American Federation of Musicians and the Saratoga County History Center. The event is free to the public, donations are welcome.

**Register for Winter Concert: Stringwynde**

**Birthday Party for Brookside and Annual Membership Meeting****Sunday, November 17th, 2-4pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa**

50 years ago, a dedicated group of local individuals opened the doors to Brookside Museum and Saratoga County History Center is still here, and ready to celebrate this milestone. Please consider joining us for birthday festivities and the debut showing of the film **50 Years of Brookside Museum**. There will be a short business portion to review the year, and for members to vote on a proposed budget and slate of board members for 2025. Cake will also be served and all are welcome. Registration is not mandatory to attend however we encourage those who can register do so.

**Register for 50th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Member Meeting**

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**Other Upcoming Saratoga History Events****November Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series****Thursday, November 14th, Noon-1pm****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!

**The Travers: Saratoga's Midsummer Derby – Celebrating the Legacy with Authors Brien Bouyea and Michael Veitch****Thursday, November 14, 7-8pm****Saratoga Springs History Museum 1 E. Congress Street Saratoga Springs**

Join acclaimed authors and racing historians Brien Bouyea and Michael Veitch as they present their latest book, *The Travers: Saratoga's Midsummer Derby, 1864 – 2023*. Described by Thoroughbred Racing Commentary's Charles Hayward as "the best racing book since *Seabiscuit*," this meticulously researched and visually stunning coffee table book chronicles the first 154 editions of the Travers

Stakes, America's oldest thoroughbred race. In addition to a lively discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, meet the authors, and purchase signed copies of *The Travers: Saratoga's Midsummer Derby, 1864 – 2023*. A portion of the proceeds from each book sold will benefit the Saratoga Springs History Museum, supporting its efforts to preserve the rich history of Saratoga Springs.

### Register for The Travers: Saratoga's Midsummer Derby

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