

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



*Sharing History to Promote Community*

**Please consider helping SCHC reach our goal by donating to the annual 2024 giving campaign to restore the parking lot.**

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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. Thank you to all who have already renewed your membership. If you haven't yet had a chance, please consider it before the end of the year to take full advantage of all the benefits membership has to offer.

**[Register for or Renew Membership Here](#)**

***Saratoga's Black Heritage: A Guidebook* written by Field Horne, a new 64-page book that tells previously unknown stories of Black achievers, is now available free of charge to SCHC members and the general public.**

Underwritten by Business for Good and the Adirondack Trust Company, the book contains thirty tales, each with an illustration. They range from the 1702 construction of mills at



**EVENT SOLD OUT: Sounds in Winter Concert: Lark Strings****Saturday, February 8, 3-4pm****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa**

Join us for the next installment of our Winter Concert Series, Lark Strings. Led by Distinguished Artist-in-Residence at Skidmore College, Michael Emery, and including Jessica Belflower, Stephani Emery and André Laurent O'Neil. Lark Strings plays composers like Bach, Vivaldi and Mozart alongside the rock musicians they influenced. The concert is open to the public and free, though donations are always appreciated, either online or at the event.

**Historical Sewing Sessions for Reenactors & those Looking to Volunteer at Saratoga 250 Events: Caps & Accessories****Saturday, February 22, 1pm****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of stitching, tea, and camaraderie as we share information, resources, and ideas for clothing that can be worn during upcoming events related to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution with a focus on caps and accessories. All are welcome to attend these free gatherings, but *pre-registration is required. Email [aclothier@SaratogaCountyNY.gov](mailto:aclothier@SaratogaCountyNY.gov) to sign up.*

**Frida Kahlo and the bravest Niña in el Mundo: an interactive children's opera****Saturday, March 8th, 3pm****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa**

Together with Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts, Saratoga County History Center is proud to present a performance by Opera Saratoga composed by Joe Illick with libretto written by Mark Campbell. The story is about Mariana, a young girl living in Mexico City in the late 1940s. Mariana's family encourages her to have her portrait painted by the renowned artist, Frida Kahlo. Mariana is initially frightened, but is emboldened and charmed by Kahlo, the animals in her household including a monkey, a parrot and a dog, and a visit by the exuberant artist Diego Rivera. As Mariana sits for her portrait, she learns all about Frida's life, and begins to understand the meaning of bravery. The 45-minute opera explores the art of Frida Kahlo as well as themes of courage and family.

**Reservations are strongly recommended as seating is limited. This opera is appropriate for ages 5-11. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The concert is open to the public and free, though donations are always appreciated, either online or at the event.**

**Register for Frida Kahlo and the bravest Niña in el Mundo: an interactive children's opera**

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**Don't forget to check our website for the latest updates on our event schedule!**

**Wednesday, March 19th 3pm**

Historian Tea Talk - Ruby Marcotte on "Love Your Neighbor"

**Wednesday, April 2nd 3pm**

Historian Tea Talk - Hollis Palmer - "Saratoga in the Gilded Age and the Lost Park"

**Wednesday, April 16th 3pm**



Historian Tea Talk - Anne Clothier - "Women of the Saratoga Campaign"

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## Other Upcoming Saratoga County History Events:

### **Skidmore College presents “Learning the Past, Being the Present, Creating the Future.”**

**Monday, February 10, 5-6pm**

**Wyckoff Center, Skidmore College**

Historian Field Horne as well as Paul and Mary Liz Stewart, co-founders of the [Underground Railroad Education Center](#), will speak at the event, with Horne presenting his new book, “A Field Guide to Saratoga Black Heritage,” which examines and honors the Black community’s contributions to Saratoga County. Paul and Mary Liz Stewart will discuss their research and preservation work, which has transformed a historic site into a center for education on the Underground Railroad’s legacy and its relevance to contemporary social justice issues.

**Refreshments will be served, and copies of “A Field Guide to Saratoga Black Heritage” will be available**, thanks to support from the Saratoga County History Center, Adirondack Trust Company, Amsure, and the Business for Good Foundation.

The event is free and open to the public, brought to campus with the support of the Wyckoff Center, Institutional Diversity, Black Studies, the History Department, and the History Club.

### **Brown Bag Lunch Series**

**Thursday, March 13, Noon-1pm**

**H. Dutcher Community Room Saratoga Springs Public Library  
or Online with Zoom**

In celebration of Women’s History Month, join us for an inspiring panel discussion featuring three distinguished women leaders who have made significant contributions to education, mentorship, and leadership. These women have dedicated their lives to uplifting others, and will share their insights and experiences. Their commitment has not only created lasting impacts on their communities but has also served as a beacon of inspiration for generations past and present. This event promises to empower attendees and highlight the vital role of women in shaping the future through education and leadership. This event is free but registration is required as seating is limited.

**Register for Brown Bag Lunch Series**

### **Life in a 19th Century Tavern**

**Friday, April 4, 7pm**

**Grooms Tavern 290 Sugar Hill Rd, Rexford, NY 12148**

Historian John Scherer will give a powerpoint presentation about the various inns and tavern's that flourished in Clifton Park and the people they served. Learn about the important roles early taverns served in their communities and the services they provided to travelers.

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [press@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:press@brooksidemuseum.org). SCHC

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