

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Sharing History to Promote Community



Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our Annual Appeal. We are 88% of the way to our goal, but there is still time to help us. A generous friend of the SCHC has offered to match new donations up to \$1500, so your contribution will be doubled.

[Please Donate to the 2024 Annual Giving Campaign Here](#)

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.

[Register for or Renew Membership Here](#)

Spring/Summer hours for Brookside Museum begin Tuesday, April 8

The museum will be open Tuesday through Sunday from the hours of noon to 4pm

***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 the present Schuylerville by enslaved Africans to the lively Spuyten Duyvil nightclub that operated near the track until 1986. All have been researched in primary sources or reliable secondary sources.

Copies may be picked up at Brookside Museum during open hours (winter: Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.; beginning April, daily except Monday, noon to 4 p.m.) or available soon for mail-ordered from our website at the cost of shipping for \$6.00.

Order Your Copy of *Saratoga's Black Heritage: A Guidebook* [Here](#)

Requests for use of the library may be made to research@brooksidemuseum.org.

Well Dressed: Gowns of the 1770s – Public Program & Workshop by Emily Stringham

Friday, April 4, 7:00-8:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.

Learn about the importance of the garment that was worn by women of all classes. This program will cover the social history and construction of the garment as well as include an opportunity to view an original gown from the 18th century. This program is free and open to the public however registration is highly encouraged.

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Traveling the Mother Road: America's Route 66

Thursday, April 10, 7:00-8:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.

Joanne and Rick Reynolds will be sharing the story of their personal and professional road trip from the beginning to the end of America's Route 66 – from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. This presentation is not a travelogue but an examination of the story of this road. Full of stories, pictures, and an emphasis on preservation of the past for all to experience now and into the future. The presentation is free to attend, but donations are always welcome and appreciated, either online or at the event.

Register for Traveling the Mother Road: America's Route 66

Random Acts of Poetry Writing Workshop

Saturday, April 12, 9:30-11am

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.

The Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts and SCHC at Brookside Museum invite you to join in for the Random Acts of Poetry Writing Workshop. Come and share in a love of poetry and learn more about the craft of writing poetry. The event will be led by Elaine Handley and ages 10 and up are welcome.

The workshop is free to the public and registration is required.

Register for Random Acts of Poetry Writing Workshop

Day of Celebration: Portraits, Play & Progress

Saturday, April 12, 1-4pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.

Join SCHC in the unveiling of Portraiture: Faces and Legacies, a new exhibit featuring stunning portraits from our collection, including rarely displayed pieces. We're also thrilled to announce the grand opening of the History Hunters Hangout, a dynamic, interactive space for children and families to engage with history through hands-on activities, creative play, and games. Take this opportunity to also meet and welcome Suzanne Maloney, our new Executive Director. Refreshments will be served as we celebrate these exciting Brookside milestones together.

Register for a Day of Celebration: Portraits, Play & Progress

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

Wednesday, April 16, 3pm

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

Saturday, April 26, 8:30-1pm

Having a Layer Flock in Your Backyard

Saturday, April 26, 7pm

Random Acts of Poetry: Performance Reading

Other Upcoming Saratoga County History Events:

Saratoga 250 Reflections

A new series of historical articles focusing on the 250th anniversary of the beginnings of the American Revolution in 1775 in Albany County, which at that time included what is now Saratoga County. These articles, researched and written by local independent historian James Richmond, will be published monthly throughout the year and available on the America's Turning Point Saratoga 250 website at Saratoga 250 Reflections | Battles of Saratoga 250 - America's Turning Point.

[View Saratoga 250 Reflections](#)

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.

Fourth Annual Turning Point Symposium & Guided "Sled Tracks of Henry Knox" Tour **May 3-4**

Old Saratoga American Legion Post & Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville, NY

Immerse yourself in a full day of education and discovery featuring renowned authors and historians sharing insights into one of the most pivotal moments in American history. Then, join us May 4th for a bus tour with distinguished Knox scholar, Dr. Phillip Hamilton, and explore key locations along the Henry Knox Noble Train of Artillery Trail.

Register for the Fourth Annual Symposium and Guided Tour

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](#).

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