

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. Thank you to all who have already renewed your membership.

[Register for or Renew Membership Here](#)

Spring/Summer hours for Brookside Museum have started

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.

Sheep to Shawl Community Day

Saturday, May 10, 1-4pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

The long-running interactive “Sheep to Shawl” program at Brookside Museum returns to the Saratoga County History Center. Sheep, lambs, farmers, herders, the famous Fred the Shearer, and the Rock Day Spinning Guild will assemble on Brookside Museum’s front lawn to demonstrate every facet of sheep raising, shearing, and spinning to produce the wool clothing that was so ubiquitous in early America. Sheep to Shawl is a hands-on, family-friendly event.

Regional Pre-Contact Archaeology of New York State

Thursday, May 15, 7pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

John Garbellano of Hartgen Archaeological Associates will explore aspects of New York State pre-contact archaeology and the broader cultural and environmental history of the Capital Region and Hudson Valley; archaeological sites evidencing the movements of Indigenous people since the end of the last ice age; and two projects Hartgen recently completed in the Towns of Malta and Cambridge, and how they fit into the larger picture of New York State Archaeology.

[Register for Regional Pre-Contact Archaeology Here](#)

Summer Garden Program: Pollinator Partnerships: Advice from the Pollinator Community

Sunday, May 18, 2-3:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

Come and hear panelists from Balet Flowers & Design, Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Saratoga Spa State Park and SoBro Conservancy of Saratoga speak on the wonders of pollinators and the crucial role they hold in making our growing season bloom and grow.

Millers Backyard BBQ

Friday, May 30, 2-3:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa

Include Brookside Museum in your dinner plans for Friday, May 30th, order some delicious Millers Backyard Barbecue and pick it up from Brookside Museum. Chicken and pulled pork dinners are available for \$15.00 and beef brisket dinners for \$20.00 (beef brisket by pre-order only). All dinners include baked potato, cole slaw and corn bread. An 8 oz. serving of mac & cheese is also available for \$5.00. Drive-thru pickup/take out only. **Pre-ordering is highly encouraged**

Pre-Order Your Meal Here

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

Saturday, June 14, 10am-Noon

Brookside Explorers Club: Flag Day Celebration

Join us for the very first event of the Brookside Explorers Club, a new history and learning club for kids! Explore the history and fun of Flag Day through story time, crafts, and play in this engaging and educational event. Kids of all ages are welcome to join the fun!

Join the Brookside Explorers Club

Saturday, June 21, 10am-3pm

2025 Craft and Antique Fair

Vendors Wanted! Follow the link below to apply for your space today.

Register to Become a 2025 Craft Fair Vendor

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

Galway Preservation Society Meeting

Monday, May 5, 6:45pm

Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway

David Brooks, Historic Site Assistant and Education Director at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will present the program, "A Crossing Situation". David will explain how the engineers of the Erie Canal worked around the impediment the Schoharie Creek posed to Erie Canal, from designing and building the earliest dam to the incredible John B. Jarvis designed Schoharie Creek Aqueduct. The program is open to the public, free of charge. If you choose, annual family or household memberships are available for \$10 per year. Please join us for some fun and to learn more about our local history.

Historic Homes Tour

Saturday, May 10, 10am-4pm

This year's tour offers an exclusive glimpse inside private homes along North Broadway and beyond, including hidden gems tucked away on surrounding streets. Don't miss this opportunity to explore stunning interiors that are typically off-limits to the public! Follow the link below for pricing information and registration.

Register for Historic Home Tours

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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