

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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Spring/Summer hours for Brookside Museum have started

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

Online Shop Now Open

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our online shop. Browse a variety of gifts, publications and movies all available on site at Brookside Museum and now for the first time available online. Online purchases may either be picked up at Brookside, or, for a small fee, shipped through USPS. Follow the link below to start shopping now!

[View the Online Shop Here](#)

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

The Civil War Letters of Captain Luther M Wheeler**Tuesday, July 15, 7-8:30pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.**

Local author David Handy will bring to life the Civil War experiences of Captain Wheeler as related in his letters to his family. Wheeler wrote about military life and the carnage of battles he participated in, including the Peninsula Campaign, Antietam and Fredericksburg. Handy has compiled these letters along with the authors commentary in his latest book, *I Think I Shall See a Hundred Battle*. This event is rescheduled from its original date June 11. If you were previously registered, there is no need to re-register.

[Register for Civil War Letters of Captain Wheeler Here](#)

Brookside Explorers Club: Art Show & Landmark Creations**Saturday, July 19, 10am-Noon****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa**

Join us for our next meeting of the Brookside Explorers Club, a new history and learning club for kids! Artwork from the “Artists Inspired by Their Community” program, an exciting collaboration with Ballston Spa Middle School, will be displayed in the History Hunters Hangout from July-September. And on July 19th, History Scouts can join the fun by learning about some of Saratoga County’s most important landmarks through a learning activity, craft, and play in this engaging and educational event. Kids of all ages are welcome to join the fun! Parental supervision is required and there is a cost of \$5.00 per child.

[Register for Brookside Explorers Club: Art Show & Landmark Creations](#)

Summer Garden Program: The Victorian Fascination with Plants**Sunday, July 20, 2pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.**

The Victorian language of flowers, floriography, was one of several nonverbal languages used by Victorians. Dr. Catherine Golden will speak more to this, using passages from Victorian literature as examples. Guests will also have the opportunity to make a tussie-mussie (flowers generously donated by Suzanne Balet of Balet Flowers and Design). Registration is required and donations are appreciated.

[Register for The Victorian Fascination with Plants](#)

Twelve Years a Widow**Thursday, July 24th, 7pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave. Ballston Spa.**

Join Yale historian and Middlebury College teacher, Connor Williams, as he sheds some light on the story of Anne, not only about her life, but also about the challenges of uncovering that story. Anyone who has done historical research knows the difficulties in tracking down the stories of women, particularly working-class women, and especially women of color. The story of Anne Hampton Northup is remarkable. A much sought after cook, she was born free in Washington County, and is best known for being the wife of Solomon Northup, who was kidnapped in 1841 and subsequently enslaved for twelve years. But who was Anne, and how did she manage as a single woman, bringing up three children, for twelve years until her husband’s return?

Register for Twelve Years a Widow

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

Save the Date: Brookside Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser at the Speckled Pig

Thursday, August 14th, 4–9pm

The Speckled Pig, 11 Washington St, Ballston Spa

Join us for a night out at the Speckled Pig for a dine-to-donate fundraiser benefiting the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum. Brookside Museum will receive \$1 from every pizza and beer sold during this event. Check back for more updates to come.

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. Follow the link below to view the latest article.

Read the Latest Saratoga 250 Reflections

Other Upcoming Saratoga County History Events:

Ghost Tours of the Canfield Casino

Wednesday, July 2, 2025 11am-12:30pm

1 E. Congress Street Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866

Step inside one of America's Most Terrifying Places, as featured on the Travel Channel, and explore the haunted halls of the historic Canfield Casino. This isn't just history — it's haunted history. From phantom whispers to flickering lights, every corner hides a story that refuses to rest. Led by our seasoned storytellers, you'll hear real accounts of ghost sightings, unexplained phenomena, and tragic tales from centuries past. Will you feel a chill that isn't just the air conditioning? Will something follow you home? Whether you're a paranormal enthusiast or just looking to experience Saratoga Springs in a whole new (and eerie) light, this tour is a must for brave souls of all ages.

Register for Ghost tour of the Canfield Casino

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