

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

No time to shop at Brookside Museum, or live too far away? Then check out 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.

Brookside Explorers Club: School Days**Saturday, August 23, 10AM-Noon****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.**

Join us for our next meeting of the Brookside Explorers Club, a new history and learning club for kids! This month, History Scouts will travel back in time and learn what school was like long ago. Through a pop-up exhibit, storytime, learning activities, crafts, and play, kids will explore classroom life from the past in this fun, hands-on history experience. This is a drop-in event with storytime at 10:15AM and again at 11:15AM. Kids of all ages are welcome to join the fun! \$5 per child to help cover the cost of supplies. Parental supervision is required.

Register for the August Meeting of Brookside Explorers Club

Sounds of Summer Concert II: Dennis Searles and the Jazz Ambassadors**Sunday, August 24, 5pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.**

Join Dennis Searles and the Jazz Ambassadors for an evening of music and fun on the front lawn of Brookside Museum. This event is free and all are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and a picnic dinner to enjoy. This event is sponsored by Brookside Museum, Saratoga Arts, the Music Performance Trust Fund of the American Federation of Musicians and the Village of Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts. Rain date is scheduled for August 31.

Miller's Backyard Barbecue**Friday, September 5, 3-6PM****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.**

Include Brookside Museum in your dinner plans for Monday, September 5th, 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, coleslaw and corn bread. An 8 oz. serving of mac & cheese is also available for \$5.00. And also, first time being offered here, there is a 16oz serving of chili, available for \$10.00.

Drive-thru pickup/take out only. There will be some additional meals available without pre-ordering (but not brisket).

Order Your BBQ Today!

Seneca Ray Stoddard and Jesse Wooley: Kindred Spirits**Monday, September 8th, 7pm****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.**

Dr. Way, retired primary care physician from Glens Falls, and Stoddard's great great nephew, will, through many examples of their photographs, discuss the careers of the well-known, Saratoga County born photographers, Stoddard and Wooley, and examine what little is known about the connections between them. Copies of Dr. Way's books will also be available to purchase.

Reservations are recommended.

Register for Stoddard/Wooley Kindred Spirits

From the Ground Up: How Responsible Metal Detecting Connects Us to Local History

Thursday, September 25, 7-8:30PM

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.

Join us for an engaging and informative talk that delves into the fascinating world of metal detecting, a hobby that connects us directly to the past. Over the last 8 years, local detectorist Brandon Dingeman has traversed Saratoga County and beyond, bringing to light incredible stories through relics hidden just beneath our feet. In this session, you will learn the fundamentals of responsible metal detecting, including the “golden rules” for ethical detecting, essential equipment and site strategy. We’ll explore the critical role of historical research and the use of digital tools to find sites of interest and record crucial situational context of items found.

Register for From the Ground Up

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

Other Upcoming Saratoga County History Events:

Saratoga 250 Reflections

The latest in the series of historical articles focusing on the 250th anniversary of the beginnings of the American Revolution in Albany County in 1775, written by local historian, Jim Richmond, is now available on the America's Turning Point Saratoga 250 website.

Read the latest Saratoga 250 Reflections

Clifford Oliver Mealy presents "Becoming Solomon Northup" at the Victoria Pool House

Wednesday, September 3, 7PM

Spa State Park, 58 Roosevelt Dr. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Upon starting a job with the Bureau of Historic Sites for New York State as a photographer, Mealy moved to Greenwich in Washington County in 1992. He walked into the local library where he was handed a first edition from the reference collection of 12 Years a Slave by Solomon Northup. He could not put it down. It was then he realized he not only didn't know anything about history, he didn't know anything about his own history. He took up the mantle interpreting Northup and twenty-five years later is known throughout the state for his thoughtful, soulful, and empathetic portrayal. Mealy will discuss Northup's life before and after the abduction and the lessons he has learned from becoming Solomon Northup.

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