

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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Come and eat with us, and raise money for Brookside Museum

We hope to see you at the Speckled Pig in Ballston Spa on Thursday, Aug 14th from 4pm-9pm for a fabulous Dine-to-Donate fundraiser. See below for more details.

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.

Saratoga County Water Works at the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Center

Friday, August 8, 11am-2pm

Champlain Canal Region Gateway Center 30 Ferry St.

Schuylerville, NY 12871

Families are invited to examine how water was, and continues to be an important natural resource in Saratoga County agriculture, industry, tourism, and everyday life. Participants will explore the importance of water through primary and secondary sources, artifacts, maps, a science experiment, and hands-on fun!

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. Fabulous raffle prizes, including Brookside swag, lottery tickets, local gifts. For any further questions please contact our Education Director Charlene at charlene@brooksidemuseum.org.

Three Sisters Festival

Sunday, August 17, 2-3:30pm

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.

An afternoon of fun for the whole family. Come and learn about the Native American gardening technique known as the three sisters which encourages the growth of corn, beans and squash. The day's events include a telling of Native American stories, garden tour, porch sale, bake sale as well as refreshments of popcorn and herbal iced tea. Joseph Bruchac will also be returning this year as the special guest speaker.

Let us know you plan on coming to the Three Sisters Festival

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.

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.

Reserve for Stoddard/Wooley talk

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

Heritage Hunters Historic Walk**Saturday, August 9th, 10am****Route 50 and Middleline Road**

Ballston Town Historian Rick Reynolds will lead a historic walking tour of Anchor Diamond Park, starting at the corner of , Ballston Lake. Walk in the steps of Teddy Roosevelt. See the remains of life from the 1790's. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing taking precautions against ticks. Lunch will follow at Maxon's American Grill, 507 Saratoga Rd., Glenville. Register with Ginny Humphrey, 518-885-9309, or bhumphre@nycap.rr.com for this free, open to the public, walking tour.

Greenfield Historical Society 15th Annual Caboose Day**Saturday, August 9th, 10am - 3pm****4000 Rt 9N**

This is a rain or shine event.

The Train Station & Caboose will be open for touring. Vendors, bake sale, Greenfield History book, T-shirts, food, and drink will be for sale. A Scavenger Hunt for all ages, Kids events throughout the day. Many Train events planned. Also book a train ride from "Corinth Station to Kings" or the "Greenfield Flyer" by visiting CorinthTrain.com

Historic Marker will be dedicated at noon.

"Free in the Spa City" a presentation by Dr. Myra Armstead**Wednesday, August 13th , 7pm****Victoria Pool House at Saratoga Spa State Park**

The emergence of Saratoga Springs as a national resort after 1820 was facilitated by a small, but

critical free, Black population. The overwhelming majority of these African Americans were workers – some year-round and some seasonal. In time, some were even tourists. This talk will provide an overview of the development of this black presence in Saratoga – its labors, residential patterns, demographic, and social rhythms. The focus will mainly be on the 19th century. The presentation is part of NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Solomon Northup "Hope Out of Darkness" statue series. The 13-foot bronze sculpture is on display in front of the Lincoln Bathhouse (65 South Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866) at Saratoga Spa State Park until Oct. 7, 2025.

<https://parks.ny.gov/events/event.aspx?e=112-44789.0>

Accessibility Note: Due to its historic nature, the Victoria Pool House has steps leading into the space. A ramp is located at the 58 Roosevelt Bar and Grill entrance, but a single stair leads into the Victoria Pool House room.

The Town of Halfmoon Celebrates the 200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal

Saturday, August 16, 3pm

Halfmoon Town Park, 162 Route 236

Join the town of Halfmoon for a musical presenting both original and new songs that tell canal history in a fun way. Each song is framed with spoken history that puts the song in a true setting, from the indigenous populations that inhabited the land to the diverse immigrant peoples who came to live and work here. This event will be fun for the whole family and light refreshments will be served.

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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