

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.

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

When Exotic Plant Hunters Roamed the World**Sunday, September 28, 2-3:30PM****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.**

A presentation on a time when exotic plant hunters roamed the world. Meet the brave and adventurous souls whose unquenchable thirst for exotic plants took them at great personal risk to remote areas in Asia, Africa, South America, and beyond. Their spellbinding stories changed landscapes forever. The dedication of the James Mann Victorian Shade Garden will follow. In tandem with the day’s festivities, a daylily plant sale and Porch sale will be held on the front porch. Daylilies will be sold for \$8:00 each or 3 for \$20.00. Cash is preferred. Refreshments included and all are welcome.

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Fourth Annual Public History Awards**Tuesday, September 30, 6-8PM****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave.**

The Saratoga County History Center Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the winners of the fourth annual Saratoga County Public History Awards. The 2025 recipients of the award are Anne Clothier, Assistant to the Saratoga County Historian, and Russ VanDervoort, Waterford Town Historian. The celebratory event will begin with a reception on the front porch of the Museum at 6pm and continue with award presentations and remarks by the winners in the Long Room at 7PM.



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ANNE CLOTHIER

RUSS VAN DERVOORT

[Register to Attend the Public History Awards Here](#)

Greenridge Cemetery Tour

Wednesday, October 1, 1-2:30PM

Greenridge Cemetery, Lincoln Avenue, Saratoga Springs

The Saratoga County History Center has announced an additional walking tour to conclude our 2025 season. Experienced tour guide Gloria Marceau will lead a fall walkabout of the Greenridge Cemetery on Lincoln Avenue in Saratoga Springs. This tour is focused on Civil War veterans and their stories and will include a ghostly tale appropriate for the season. Attendees will meet at the Lincoln Avenue gate. Registration is required.

[Register for Greenridge Cemetery Tour Here](#)

Second Mechanicville Walking Tour - Hudson View Cemetery

October 15, 1-2:30PM

Hudson View Cemetery, South Street, Mechanicville

Due to popular demand, local history buffs Tom Salvadore and Bob Murphy will lead a second walk through the historic cemetery, made even more beautiful by the fall colors. Beginning at the gravesite of Civil War hero Elmer Elsworth, they will tell stories of community leaders in the glory days of the city during the industrial age. Parking is available through the entrance to the cemetery on South Street. This tour is sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center. Registration is required.

[Register for Hudson View Cemetery Tour Here](#)

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 a series of historical articles focusing on the beginnings of the American Revolution in Albany County in 1775 has been released. Written by local historian Jim Richmond., "The Loyalist's Choice" is now available on the Americas Turning Point Saratoga 250 website.

[Read the latest Saratoga 250 Reflections](#)

Heritage Hunters Meeting

Saturday, September 20th, 1:15PM

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Saratoga Room in the Saratoga Springs Library.

From rare books and photographs to maps, journals, family genealogies and manuscripts, the Saratoga Room offers a unique opportunity to explore the heritage and evolution of the region. (Due to repairs, access is by one flight of stairs.) Previous to the meeting, a visit will take place at 10 a.m. at the Saratoga Springs History Museum located in the Canfield Casino in Congress Park. Highlights of the museum include: a High Stakes Gaming Room, Walworth Family rooms, a First Saratogians exhibit and an immersive journey through the Gilded Age. Public is welcome for both events. For information, call Chris at 518-584-0311. (The Museum requires a \$10 admission.)

Ebony Hillbillies Performance

Sunday, September 28, 3-5:30PM

Victoria Pool Lawn at Saratoga Spa State Park, 58 Roosevelt Dr. Saratoga Springs

Join NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for an unforgettable musical journey with The Ebony Hillbillies. One of America's last African American string bands, The Ebony Hillbillies bring history to life through infectious rhythm, vibrant storytelling, and high-energy performances that span centuries of American Music. There will be a children's hour from 3-4PM with storytelling and activities. The band will then perform from 4:30-5:30. Admission is free and guests are encouraged to bring their own blankets and lawn chairs. Rain location: Saratoga Music Hall, 474 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

[Learn More About the Ebony Hillbillies Performance Here](#)

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