

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!

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Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 25, 2-4PM**Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave**

Get ready for a spooktacular afternoon of family fun at Brookside Museum! Our Halloween celebration will take place on Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm (rain date of Sunday, October 26), will feature treats, games, and learning adventures for kids of all ages. Live Halloween music will be provided by the Scotties Quartet, a talented string ensemble from Ballston Spa High School. This is a free family event. Parental supervision is required.

[Register for the Pumpkin Decorating Here](#)

Saratoga in the Gilded Age**Thursday, November 13, 7:00-8:30PM****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave**

During the Gilded Age Saratoga Springs, the Queen of America's Spas, was a major thread in the social fabric of America. The obvious question is in an era before instant communication what was life like here? That question is for both those who were seasonal guests of the village and equally important, those who were year round residents. Noted local author Hollis Palmer, will explore what it must have been like to spend the "season" or even a day at the spas. There will be special pricing on all six of Hollis' books about Saratoga.

[Register for Saratoga in the Gilded Age](#)

Sounds in Winter III Concert - Stringwynde**Saturday, November 15, 3:00-4:30PM****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave**

The third season of the "Sounds in Winter" concert series will debut with a performance by Stringwynde in the historic Long Room at Brookside Museum. This musical duo features flautist Melanie Chirignan and harpist Darhon Rees-Rohrbacher, who have performed together for many years and embrace a wide variety of music. Stringwynde has been showcased in many performances across the Capital Region. The afternoon's program will include selections from American Folk music as well as waltzes from the "Gilded Age." These concerts are sponsored jointly by The Ballston Spa Committee on the Arts, and The Saratoga County History Center with funding provided by The American Federation of Musicians Music Performance Trust Fund and a grant from Saratoga Arts.

[Register for Sounds in Winter III](#)

2025 Annual Members Meeting**Sunday, November 16, 2-3PM****Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave**

Check back soon for more details on the event!

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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

Galway Preservation Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 3, 7PM

Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway

This month's program will be on Dr. Elizabeth Gillette, presented by Michael Diana, Director of Education and Historian of the Schenectady County Historical Society. At the turn of the 20th Century, Elizabeth Gillette moved to Schenectady. At that time, she was only the second woman to practice medicine in the small American city. Over the course of her long career, Gillette would defy not just the profession but the political boundaries of her gender. The presentation details her many accomplishments and remarkable personality.

The Company and its Town: Textile Production in Victory Mills and the Community Built Around It

Tuesday, November 11, 7PM

Village of Victory Hall, 23 Pine Street, Victory Mills, NY 12884

The Saratoga County History Center and the Village of Victory invite the public to a special presentation by Skidmore College student Nicholas Sisto. Sisto's presentation explores how industry shaped both the economy and identity of this small mill community along Fish Creek. Founded in 1846, the Victory Manufacturing Company transformed the landscape, employing hundreds and fostering a self-contained village of homes, schools, and gathering spaces. His research examines the factory's rise, decline, and the lasting impact on local families whose stories remain woven into Saratoga County's industrial heritage. The talk offers a window into the social, economic, and environmental forces that defined 19th-and 20th-century life in upstate New York. The program is free and open to the public.

Register for The Company and its Town

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