

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Sharing History to Promote Community



All of us here at the Saratoga County History Center invite you to join our institution through membership. Members make our goal of educating the community and preserving its rich history a reality. Follow the link below to learn more. Membership at \$100 or above brings NARM membership, which gives free admission to almost 1,500 museums locally and around the country.

[Register for or Renew Membership Here](#)

Summer/Fall hours for Brookside Museum

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from the hours of Noon to 4pm

Toys for Tots Donations Now Welcome

Saratoga County History Center is proud to announce its involvement with the Marines Toys for Tots charity this holiday season. Please consider donating a new toy and help spread holiday cheer to disadvantage children. Our donation box is located in the entryway to the Brookside Museum and is ready for toy donations during the museums open hours.

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](#)

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

Join us for our annual members meeting. All members are welcome.

Opening of the 25th Annual Artisan's Market

From "Small Business Saturday" November 29 through December 24, 2025

Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave

Like its predecessors, the 25th installment of the market will feature only handcrafted products created by local artisans. Everything from natural soaps and lotions to unique ornaments and jewelry to pottery and photography – simply the best that our community has to offer. The 2025 hours are as follows: Tuesday – Thursdays 12pm – 4pm, Friday 12pm – 5pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am – 5pm

[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

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

Heritage Hunters Meeting

Saturday, November 15th, 1PM

Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St, Schuylerville.

Kathy Craine, a former National Park Service employee, will offer a visual walk-through of the immigration processing at Ellis Island with images from the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the National Park Service. Kathy will guide us through changes made to both the island and buildings to accommodate the flow of immigrants at the busiest port of entry in the United States. About 12 million people arrived between 1892 and 1954. All are welcome to attend. For info call 518-885-9309.

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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