

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



*Sharing History to Promote Community*

Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum invites 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. It's the perfect gift for the history lover in your life!

## **Join or Renew Your Membership**

### **Support Brookside at our May BBQ Fundraiser**

At long last, here comes Summer! Include Brookside Museum in your dinner plans for Friday, May 29th, order some delicious Millers Backyard Barbecue and pick it up from Brookside Museum. Chicken and pulled pork dinners are available for \$16.00 and beef brisket dinners for \$21.00 (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. Drive-thru pickup/take out only. There will be some additional meals available without pre-ordering.

## **Order Your Meal**

### **Our Thanks to Our New Corporate Sponsors**

We are incredibly grateful to Ballston Spa National Bank and Arrow Bank for their generous support of Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum. These new partnerships will help to sustain our work and to support our mission of connecting history and community across Saratoga County. Together, we are building a stronger community.

Ballston Spa National Bank will be the presenting sponsor of our walking tour on July 22, *Take a Walk*

*in the Park—with History*, featuring Rick Reynolds, Historian for the Town of Ballston. Please join us in thanking Ballston Spa National Bank and Arrow Bank for their support.

If your organization would like to become a corporate sponsor at Saratoga County History Center, please contact us at [director@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:director@brooksidemuseum.org). To see a full list of our corporate sponsors, please scroll to the end of this email.



### **A New Senior Membership Option**

Thanks to the support of a generous donor, active members of the Saratoga Springs Senior Center can now join the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum at a discounted rate. With this special \$15 Senior Membership, you will receive all of the benefits of membership at Brookside, including our quarterly newsletter, exclusive, members-only tours and programs, advance notification of events, and bi-weekly articles focused on historical topics. This opportunity is exclusively available to active members of the Saratoga Springs Senior Center. Become a member today!

**Join Today**

### **Opening Hours**

Brookside Museum is open to the public from Friday-Sunday, Noon to 4 PM, and by appointment.

### **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](#)**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

### **Curator's Tour: Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy**

**Saturday, May 16, 23, & 30, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Throughout the month of May, we are welcoming visitors to our new temporary exhibition, *Luther*

*Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy*, with guided tours led by our Executive Director and exhibition curator, Dr. Anne Hollmuller. On May 16, May 23, and May 30, join Anne on a small group tour of our new temporary exhibition, where she will discuss the history and evolutions of Luther Forest, our Luther-Mackay family archive, and the curatorial process. Members \$0, Non-Members \$5.

This exhibition forms a part of our Spotlight on Malta History series, which was generously supported by a grant from the GlobalFoundries/Town of Malta Foundation. This exhibition was curated by Dr. Hollmuller, and was installed in partnership with Field Horne.

**Purchase Your Tickets for Curator's Tour: Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy**

**Suye and Her Nieces: WWII on Mt. McGregor with Jackie Pardon**

**Saturday, May 16, 7:00-8:00PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Japanese-born Suye [SEE-yay] Narita (1901-1984) was the live-in caretaker of Grant Cottage, Wilton, NY, for many decades. During WWII, Narita was declared an "enemy alien" and placed under house arrest at the Cottage. After her sister died in a U.S. internment camp in Arizona, her nieces Frances and Nancy came to join her on Mt. McGregor. Will include a reading of an account of this time written by her niece, Frances Ogasawara.

Jackie Pardon has worked in a variety of media since receiving her BFA from Alfred University. She has exhibited photos and videos at venues in the U.S. and abroad. While programming the experimental video series, Video on Video, for the Saratoga Springs Public Library, she curated art and video exhibits in the Adirondack/Saratoga region. Pardon is currently working on a children's book about Suye Narita.

**Register for Suye and Her Nieces: WWII on Mt. McGregor**

**Refashioning Saratoga, with Caitlin Sheldon**

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:00-8:00PM**

For anyone who has ever wondered what it would look like if the dresses in historical photographs came to life, this program explains how one such photograph of Saratoga Springs inspired a months-long recreation project. Covering the design and construction process, and revealing the finished garment and how it's worn, this program on Victorian clothing will appeal to makers, history buffs, and fashion enthusiasts alike.

Caitlin Sheldon is a full time librarian who studies and makes historical clothing in her spare time for both fun and profit. Her costume adventures have taken her from the 14th Century to the 20th, from Los Angeles to Leicester and beyond, though she makes her home in Saratoga Springs with her partner and their dog. She can be found most places online as *The Victorian Archivist*.

**Register for Refashioning Saratoga, with Caitlin Sheldon**

**The Town of Greenfield: A Forgotten Crossroads Film**

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:00-8:00PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

The Saratoga County History Center is pleased to announce the release of the fourth film in our

Forgotten Crossroads series. The Town of Greenfield highlights the history, memories and aspirations of the community as brought to life through engaging conversations with twenty local residents. By focusing on the largest town in Saratoga County the film highlights the diversity of the resident's experiences and expectations which are captured in the Town's motto "Better TOgether."

**Register for The Town of Greenfield: A Forgotten Crossroads Film**

**Rural Lifestyle Skill: Growing Your Own Mushrooms**

**Saturday, May 30, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

The Milton Grange #685 is offering as part of their "Rural Lifestyle skill" classes Growing your own mushrooms on May 30th at the Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa. The class will cover how mushrooms grow, how to use them plus a hands on section. Each student will take home their own mushroom growing log.

If you have never tasted a fresh mushroom, growing your own will open a whole new taste world for you. Fresh mushrooms are like eating a garden ripe tomato. Very different from what you can buy from the store. Join with us for a "fungui" morning. Tickets are \$25.

This event is now SOLD OUT, to join the waitlist, please email [info@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:info@brooksidemuseum.org)

**Brookside Explorers Club: Student Art Showcase**

**Friday, June 5, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Join us for a First Friday event at Brookside featuring artwork created through the *Artists Inspired by Their Community* collaboration with Ballston Spa Middle School. The student pieces will be on display in the History Hunters Hangout throughout the summer.

Guests are welcome to stop in, enjoy light refreshments, and spend time viewing the artwork. In the Long Room, visitors of all ages may also take part in a relaxed, optional activity: sketching a local landmark of their own choosing on a blank postcard to take home.

This program is free, with a suggested donation of \$10 to support educational programming. Registration is strongly recommended so we can plan for materials and refreshments. Children of all ages are welcome, and parental supervision is required.

**Register For Brookside Explorers Club: Student Art Showcase**

**History Books and Brews**

**Tuesday, June 10, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Enjoy a literary evening at Saratoga County History Center, while finding the book that's perfect for you or your loved one. At this special event, Mike Hare, Store Manager at *Northshire Books* of Saratoga Springs, will discuss why we read history, share some of his favorite history books and biographies, and offer special recommendations. Whether you're searching for summer reading, or seeking out the perfect gift for Father's Day, Mike will guide you to a great read! Sip at a soft drink or enjoy a beer while chatting with Mike and other guests about your favorite books in history, and meet some of the

local authors behind your favorite history books.

Attendees will also have the chance to view a special preview of our book sale, which features rare books, pamphlets, and ephemera from Saratoga County and beyond. We will also be welcoming in a new display of the books in our gift shop, featuring favorite recommendations from our volunteers and staff. This event is brought to you with the support of Northshire Books and The Speckled Pig Brewing Co.

Tickets with a beer are \$10, Tickets with soft drinks are \$7.

### **Register For History Books and Brews**

#### **Save The Date: Garden Tour: Plants & History Intertwined**

**Saturday, June 13, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Enjoy a special tour of the lush, historically themed gardens at Brookside Museum led by our talented team of volunteer gardeners. Learn about the plantings in our gardens and their connection to local, regional and cultural histories. Be guided through our verdant plantings, including our James Mann Victorian Shade Garden, The Abigail May Garden for Pollinators, and other gardens. Refreshments will be served following the tour, and participants can visit the museum and our new exhibition, *Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy*.

### **Register For Garden Tour: Plants & History Intertwined**

#### **Olde Time Strawberry Social**

**Sunday, June 14, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

We are excited to host an Olde Time Strawberry Social on Sunday June 14, from 2:00-3:30 P.M. Enjoy the beautiful Brookside gardens and savor strawberry shortcake, made with homemade biscuits and real whipped cream, for \$5 a serving! Listen to a performance by musician Bob Marcotte, of the NYS Country Music Hall of Fame. For \$5, create small bouquets featuring blooms from Balet Flowers and Design. Our annual premier event to support the gardens at Brookside Museum. Order in advance to secure your shortcake!

### **Reserve Your Strawberry Shortcake**

#### **Charlie's Heroes: The Charles Siciliano Sr. WWII and Korean War Photo Collection**

**Thursday, June 18, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

During World War II and again during the Korean War, an Italian American restaurant owner in Mechanicville took photographs of local service members in uniform who stopped by his popular tavern. Chris Carola tells the stories behind the collection of approximately 700 images taken by Charles Siciliano Sr. currently housed at the Mechanicville District Public Library. These photos are visual reminders of the service and sacrifice of so many of our fellow New Yorkers. Carola will also discuss the library's campaign to restore and remount the collection in museum-quality frames.

## Register For Charlie's Heroes

### **2026 Brookside Craft and Antique Fair**

**Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Guests will be able to shop a wide variety of locally handcrafted collectibles, antiques, and farm products. No mass-produced or commercially-made items will be permitted. This is a terrific opportunity for New Yorker's to sample and appreciate the best of upstate artisans, farmers, and culinarians. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held rain or shine.

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

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## Other Upcoming Saratoga County History Events:

### **Heritage Hunters May Meeting**

**Saturday, May 16, 2026, 1:00 PM**

**Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St, Schuylerville, NY**

JPV Oliver will lead the program, "George Washington & Saratoga: It's Complicated." John will take a humorous look at our 1st President and his involvement with Saratoga County. John has worked as a guide at the Saratoga County History Museum, is a former speech writer and publishes his musings every day at [LoucheLife.substack.com](http://LoucheLife.substack.com). Program is free and the public is welcome. For more information, call 518-885-9309.

### **Parks-Bentley Place Opening Day**

**Saturday, May 16, 2026, 12:00-4:00 PM**

**Parks-Bentley Place, 53 Ferry Boulevard, South Glens Falls, New York 12803**

In keeping with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this year's exhibition focuses on the history of Moreau and South Glens Falls in the 1770s. Video presentation and artifacts from the early years of the area will be on display. Tours of the house and grounds.

## More Information About Parks-Bentley Opening Day

### **Town of Greenfield Historical Society May Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 7:00 PM**

**Greenfield Community Center, 25 Wilton Rd, Greenfield Center NY**

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society will meet on Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 7 PM at the Community Center, 25 Wilton Rd, Greenfield Center NY. Our speaker will be Sarah Welch. She is the Saratoga County Fair Historian and will be telling us about the fair's history. Please join us, all are welcome – admission is free.

### **Saratoga 250: Repose of the Fallen Procession**

**May 20, 2026**

**Albany, NY to Lake George, NY (along US Route 9)**

A procession of humvees, antique military transport vehicles, and motorcycles will escort the remains of 44 individuals who perished in 1776 at Lake George to their final resting place. The public is welcome

to observe the procession.

**For More Information about Repose of the Fallen Procession**

**Local History Fair**

**Friday, May 22, 2026, 1:00-5:00 PM**

**Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY**

Whether your interest is in genealogical research, historical interpretation, preservation, or learning about our local history, stop in between 1pm and 5pm and visit with representatives from organizations in the Greater Capital District area who are engaged in preserving, researching, and teaching history. Visit more than a dozen local museums, historic sites, historical societies, and archives who will be on hand to answer questions and engage with the public, and attend the following programs in the library's Susman Room:

1:30 p.m. - From Attic to Archive: Preserving Your Family's Past

3:00 p.m. - Columbia's Daughters: The Political Equality Clubs of Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties, 1890-1917

No registration is required.

**Learn More about the Local History Fair at SSPL**

**The 46th Annual Saratoga Antique Bottle Show & Sale**

**Sunday, May 31, 2026, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Saratoga County Fairgrounds, 162 Prospect Street, Ballston Spa, NY.**

The National Bottle Museum Proudly Presents the 46th Annual Saratoga Antique Bottle Show & Sale, which will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 9 AM - 2 PM. Early Admission starts at 8 AM.

General Admission: \$5 16 and younger are free! Early Admission, 8 AM: \$20 Vendor Space Is Available! The National Bottle Museum is open 10AM - 4 PM on the day of the show.

**Learn More about the Antique Bottle Show & Sale**

**Vino, Violetta, & Vintage Wine & Cheese Tasting**

**Friday, June 12, 7:00-9:00 PM**

**Waterford Historical Museum & Cultural Center, 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY**

Join WHMCC to sample a variety of wine and cheese. \$15 Admission includes a hand-etched wine glass.

**Learn More about Vino, Violetta & Vintage Wine & Cheese Tasting**

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [press@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto: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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