

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

Our Thanks to Our New Corporate Sponsor

We are incredibly grateful to Granite & Marble Works for their very generous support of Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum. By becoming a Mohawk Level partner of the SCHC, Granite & Marble Works sustains our work and supports our mission of connecting history and community across Saratoga County. Together, we are building a stronger community. Please join us in thanking Granite & Marble Works 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. To see a full list of our corporate sponsors, please scroll to the end of this email.





Our 5th Oral History Video Is Now Live

We are thrilled to share the 5th video from the One-Room Schoolhouse Oral History Project, now available on our YouTube channel. This episode features Arlene Rhodes of Galway, NY, who reflects on her time at the Locust Grove #11 Schoolhouse in Greenfield, NY. Her memories offer a heartfelt and insightful look into the daily life of students in a one-room schoolhouse and the community that shaped them.

This interview was conducted by Charlene DuBuque, with videography by Dave Waite. Background music: *Ice Cream* by Scott Buckley (CC-BY 4.0). You can watch the full video at the link below.

This project marks the beginning of a growing collection of stories that preserve and celebrate the history of education in our region. We look forward to sharing many more interviews in the months ahead.

If you would like to help support or sponsor the One-Room Schoolhouse Oral History Project, please contact Charlene at charlene@brooksidemuseum.org. Your support helps us continue documenting and preserving these important community memories.

Watch Memories of Locust Grove Schoolhouse #11 w/Arlene Rhodes

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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

Saturday, May 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 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*

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 Bookstore* 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 Bookstore 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.

History Book Sale**Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Join us on the porch during the Craft and Antique Fair and shop a selection of rare and out-of-print history books. Volumes on offer will include works on local history, the revolutionary war, genealogy, horse racing, and the Adirondacks. Also for sale will be assorted ephemera, historical almanacs, pamphlets, and other rare works and prints. Enjoy browsing this incredible collection, and take home a piece of history!

George III: America's Last King**Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Jim Sefcik will examine the King's background and personal life, especially those who influenced him the most, his role during the War for American Independence, two events during that time that he had to deal with in addition to the war, and his health leading to his ultimate demise. He was king from 1760 to 1820! And although a Hanoverian as were his 2 immediate predecessors, George regarded himself as an Englishman through and through. Was he a womanizer? Was he "mad"? How was he regarded by his subjects?

Register Now for George III: America's Last King

Seeing Ballston Spa: An Observational Sketching Journey**Sunday, July 12, July 19 and July 26, 12:00-3:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Join this three-week sketching program to explore the village of Ballston Spa through watercolor and ink. From nature and architecture to a guided downtown sketch walk, you'll build skills while discovering the village in a creative new way. No experience needed, all materials are provided, all skill levels welcome. Registration fee is \$60 per person for all three sessions.

Register Now for Seeing Ballston Spa: An Observational Sketching Journey

A Bastille Day Celebration**Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Travel to Paris, without leaving Brookside. Celebrate the French national day with creative activities and French vibes. Make your own, aromatic lavender sachet, sample fine French cheeses, and enjoy the sounds and songs of a Parisian cafe. Browse travel guides for Paris and France, and select a postcard as a souvenir of the evening. Enjoy a night à la française at Brookside! Member tickets are \$8, non-member tickets are \$12.

Purchase Your Ticket for A Bastille Day Celebration

SCHC Reads: Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom

Thursday, July 16, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave

Join us for the third meeting of our new history Book Club at the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum. This year, in honor of America's 250th, we will be reading books that explore the unfolding and impact of the American Revolution. Our next meeting will be held on **July 16, 2026 at 6 PM**, where we will be discussing *Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom* by Russell Shorto.

Register Now for SCHC Reads: Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom

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

Other Upcoming History Events:

The 46th Annual Saratoga Antique Bottle Show & Sale

Sunday, May 31, 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

Brown Bag Lunch - Dressing the Revolutionary Lady with Caitlin Sheldon

Thursday, June 11, 12:00-1:00 PM

Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

As the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga approaches, join librarian and historical costumer Caitlin Sheldon for a demonstration of a fashionable lady's dress from the time period. Using images from the era as well as her own handmade garments, this engaging discussion and dressing demonstration will illustrate the many layers that go into dressing a lady, from chemise to cloak. Please register online to attend either in person or online via Zoom.

Register Online for Brown Bag Lunch: Dressing the Revolutionary Lady

Read with Pride: The Stonewall Reader

Thursday, June 11, 7:00-8:00 PM

Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Join us for a discussion of [*The Stonewall Reader*](#). June 28, 2026 marks the 57th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, which is considered the most significant event in the gay liberation movement, and the catalyst for the modern fight for LGBTQ rights in the United States.

Drawing from the New York Public Library's archives, The Stonewall Reader is a collection of first accounts, diaries, periodic literature, and articles from LGBTQ magazines and newspapers that documented both the years leading up to and the years following the riots. Most importantly the anthology spotlights both iconic activists who were pivotal in the movement, such as Sylvia Rivera, co-founder of Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries (STAR), as well as forgotten figures like Ernestine Eckstein, one of the few out, African American, lesbian activists in the 1960s. This event is co-sponsored by Saratoga Pride.

Register Online For Read with Pride: The Stonewall Reader

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

It's Revolutionary: Stories, Songs, and Games from the Revolutionary War

Sunday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 PM

East Hebron United Presbyterian Church 6559 NYS State Rte. 22 Salem, NY 12865

The Washington County Historical Society and the Hebron Preservation Society will co-host "It's Revolutionary: Stories, Songs, and Games from the Revolutionary War", a program for children on Sunday, June 14 (Flag Day), 2026 at 2 p.m. The presentation will be given by sisters Debi Craig and Dorothea Casey.

Learn about the Boston Tea Party, Ben Franklin's invention: the glass harmonica, Henry Knox's Trail which came right through Washington County en route to Boston in 1775, as well as stories of some of the important women in the Revolutionary War. Children will learn songs about the Battle of Bennington and Revolutionary Tea, as well as colonial children's games.

Learn More about It's Revolutionary

Saratoga Springs' 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Friday, Jun 19, 2026, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saratoga Regional YMCA, 290 West Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Music, Poetry, Interpretive Dance, History, Performance, & more! The 2026 theme is Messages of Freedom.

11:00a-12:45p Circle of Friends > Community Tabling of artists, organizations, & local efforts, plus Family-oriented Workshops & Drumming Circle

1:00p-3:00p JUNETEENTH Cultural Program

3:00p-4:00p Jubilee Reception

3:00p-4:00p Circle of Friends > Community Tabling of artists, organizations, & local efforts

Learn More About Juneteenth

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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