

# 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](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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## **SPEND THE WEEKEND IN OUR HISTORIC GARDENS**

### **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*. Our thanks to Suzanne Haight and Balet Flowers and Allerdice Ace Hardware for their continued support of our historic gardens.

**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**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

### **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. Free with registration.

### **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.

### **For More Information on the Brookside Craft and Antique Fair**

### **Brookside 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!

### **For More Information on the Brookside History Book Sale**

### **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? Free with registration.

**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. Free with registration.

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

**Take A Walk in the Park-with History!**

**Wednesday, July 22, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM**

**Anchor Diamond Park : 1-17 Middleline Rd Ballston Lake, NY 12019**

Join Ballston Town Historian Rick Reynolds for a historic walking tour of Anchor Diamond Park, corner of Route 50 and Middleline Rd., Ballston Lake. (2.5 miles north of the Burnt Hills intersection of Rt 50 and Lakehill Rd.) The presenting sponsor of this walking tour is Ballston Spa National Bank. The walk will be about 2 miles walking on flat trails. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather; bug spray and good footwear recommended.

**Register Now for Take A Walk in the Park-with History!**

**The French and Indian War in the Adirondacks****Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

In the mid-1750s, New York was caught in the crossfire as the British and French struggled for control of North America. During the French and Indian War, the Adirondack Mountain region saw numerous military encounters around Lakes George and Champlain while Sir William Johnson, Robert Rogers, John Stark, Phineas Lyman, and others carved their names in the annals of American history. Powerful fortifications rose and fell as the English and the French brawled; forts such as Fort William Henry, Fort Ticonderoga, and Fort Saint-Frederic/Fort Crown Point housed troops, endured sieges, and received their own battle scars over the course of the war. Author Marie Danielle Annette Williams uncovers the complex history of the Adirondacks during its most tumultuous time.

**Register Now for The French and Indian War in the Adirondacks**

**Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center: A Members Tour****Thursday, July 30, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Join us for a visit to our friends in Waterford! Mike Munsey, director of the Waterford History Museum and Cultural Center, will guide SCHC members on a tour of this historic building and museum. Enjoy their current temporary exhibition and spend time with your fellow members on this exploration at WHMCC. Tickets are \$6.

**Register Now for Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center: A Members Tour**

**Discovering George Foster Peabody with Glenn Underwood****Thursday, August 6, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave**

Glenn Underwood is an artist, author, and historian from Upstate New York whose family operates Twin Birches Cottages in Lake George, a property that stands on the former grounds of Abenia, the summer estate of banker and philanthropist George Foster Peabody. In 2017, Underwood began a research journey at the New York Public Library's Brooke Russell Astor Reading Room for Rare Books and Manuscripts, where he examined the Yaddo Records and George Foster Peabody files. What began as an effort to find photographs or documents connecting Peabody to the land now home to Twin Birches soon evolved into a much larger discovery. The culmination of this research is Underwood's new book, *Discovering George Foster Peabody*, a comprehensive work that brings together archival research, correspondence, and rare photographs to reintroduce one of New York's most quietly influential figures to modern readers.

**Register Now for Discovering George Foster Peabody with Glenn Underwood**

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

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## **Other Upcoming History Events:**

### **Parks-Bentley Flag Day Ceremony**

**Friday, June 12, 6:45 PM**

**Parks-Bentley Place, 53 Ferry Boulevard, South Glens Falls, NY**

The Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls will hold its annual Flag Day ceremony, followed by an open-air concert by the Washington County Band on Friday June 12 at its Parks-Bentley Place headquarters. The Flag Day ceremony begins at 6:45 pm with the band concert immediately following. Food for purchase will be available from 5 – 7 pm provided by the Maplewood Parkway Methodist Church.

The concert, by one of the area's favorite bands, is free of charge thanks to a Stewart's Holiday matching grant. Music will include many patriotic favorites as well as other popular pieces. Those attending are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket, along with family and friends, to enjoy the evening's music on the lawn of the historic house. All donations made at the concert go toward educational on-site and outreach programs, as well as building renovations at Parks-Bentley.

**[Learn More About the Parks-Bentley Flag Day Ceremony](#)**

### **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](#)**

### **Ulysses S. Grant Cottage Community Day Celebration**

**Saturday, June 13, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**1000 McGregor Rd, Wilton, NY**

Join us for our 5th annual FULL DAY OF FREE FAMILY FUN and history to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our great nation. Featuring the Silent Wings Raptor Show, Dream Catcher Farm Pony Rides, Jugglers, Caricaturist, Artifact Display by Randall Gamby, Music by Jeff Brisbin, Face Painting, Cottage Walk-Throughs, Cupcakes (while they last), GAR Display, Magic Show, Manilla Grill Food Truck, Time Square Catering Food Truck, Neighborhood Kitchen Food Truck, Tintype Photography, Juggling Show, Quality Construction Concrete Craft, Loonworks Family Entertainment Balloons and More

**[Learn More about Ulysses S. Grant Cottage Community Day Celebration](#)**

**Daketown School #8 Open House****Saturday, June 13, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM****24 Old Daketown Road, Middle Grove NY**

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society annual Daketown School #8 Open House will be held Saturday June 13, 2026 from 10am – 2pm, 24 Old Daketown Road, Middle Grove NY. Admission is Free – Stop in to see the Circa 1878 one room school house. Try writing your alphabet on the original blackboards which were installed in 1915. This school was used until June 1956.

Donations are welcome to help us Keep Greenfield's History Alive for our future generations.

**[Learn More about Daketown School #8 Open House](#)**

**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](#)**

**Pride Stories Collaborative LGBTQIA+ Storytelling Event****Thursday, Jun 18, 2026, 6:30 PM****110 Spring St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

On June 18th, the Pride Stories Collaborative is hosting a landmark event: an evening devoted to local LGBTQIA+ histories & herstories – our stories! Bring a story to share, or an object that holds meaning – photos, t-shirts, posters, flyers, zines – your favorite piece of local LGBTQIA+ history.

**[Register Here for Pride Stories Collaborative LGBTQIA+ Storytelling Event](#)**

**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**

**Heritage Hunters June Meeting**

**Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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

Heritage Hunters will meet Saturday, June 20th, at 1 pm at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. in Schuylerville. The one hour film “The Town of Greenfield: A Forgotten Crossroads” will be shown by historian Jim Richmond. The documentary focuses on the history, memories and aspirations of the community and features 20 local residents brought to life through engaging conversations. The film was created by Jim and videographer David Waite, part of a series for the Saratoga County History Center. The program is free and the public is welcome. For info call 518-885-9309.

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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