

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

Summer Opening Hours

SCHC will be open to the public from Wednesday-Sunday, between Noon to 4 PM, and by appointment.

Membership Survey

Help shape the future of SCHC! If you are a member of Brookside, please take 3 minutes to complete our quick member survey, accessible through the link below. Your answers will help us to choose future events, improve our membership offerings, and build a stronger community. Thank you for your time!

Complete the Membership Survey

Our 9th Oral History Video Is Now Live

We are thrilled to share the 9th video from the One-Room Schoolhouse Oral History Project, now available on our YouTube channel. This episode features Richard Mickan and Richard Sherman who reflect on their time at several local schoolhouses in the Providence area. Their memories offer a sincere 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).

Watch Memories of Providence Area Schoolhouses w/Richard Mickan & Richard Sherman

Call For Volunteers: Appraisers Wanted!

For an upcoming Antiques Roadshow Day taking place later this fall, we are seeking out appraisers and antiques experts who could volunteer their time for this special fundraiser for SCHC. If you or someone you know is an expert in antique furniture, collectibles, jewelry, lighting, or clothing, we would love to speak with you about volunteering their time at this event. Please reach out to us at info@brooksidemuseum.org.

Our Thanks to Our New Corporate Sponsor

We are incredibly grateful to Adirondack Trust Company for their very generous support of Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum. By becoming a Mohawk Level partner of the SCHC, Adirondack Trust Company 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 Adirondack Trust Company 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.



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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 Senior Center. Become a member today!

Join Today

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](#)

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

America at 250: History Trivia Night

Tuesday, September 1, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa

Calling all history buffs! Put your knowledge to the test at SCHC. Inspired by America's 250th, join us for a Trivia Night focused on American history. Compete with old friends and new on your knowledge of American history, geography and popular culture. Among the question categories will be the American Revolution, the American Presidency, Local History, and American Popular Culture. Featuring our host, Sean Kelleher, Vice Chair of Saratoga 250 and Town of Saratoga Historian. Throughout the night, try your luck with a 50-50 raffle, enjoy snacks and drinks, and win fun prizes! Tickets are \$10 with a soft drink and \$15 with a beer. Beer will be provided by Active Ingredient Brewing Company.

Purchase Your Tickets for [America at 250: History Trivia Night](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Barbecue Fundraiser

Friday, October 2, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Include Brookside Museum in your dinner plans for Friday, October 2nd, 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.

Purchase Your Dinners in Advance

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Front Street Art Fair

Saturday, August 22, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

During the Front Street Art Fair, drop into Brookside for a special afternoon of art and music. On our front porch, coloring pages will be available for children and adults. Inside the museum, families and children can visit the History Hunters Hangout and play with historical games, clothing and toys.

Visitors can enjoy the cool and quiet of our galleries, and visit our temporary exhibition, *Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy*. Stroll through our historically themed gardens as ambient music plays, creating a sensory experience, and see the new offerings in our museum shop, created by local artisans and crafters. This event is free and open to the public.

Saratoga & the Civil War: The 115th “Iron-Hearted Regiment” at War

Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

During the Civil War, Colonel Simeon Sammons received authority to recruit a regiment in the counties of Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Saratoga, with headquarters at Fonda. On August 26, 1862, the 115th regiment mustered into the service of the United States for three years. Join local historian David Brooksin an exploration of the history of the “Iron-Hearted Regiment.” Learn of their unique experiences as they traveled from Upstate New York to Virginia and on to the Deep South and back. Discover the battles they faced on the front line and those experienced from within. This is the second in the *Americans At War* series presented by the History Center during 2026. This talk is presented with the support of Adirondack Trust Company.

Register Now for *Saratoga & the Civil War: The 115th “Iron-Hearted Regiment” at War*

Experts Next Door: Lavender, Red, White, and Blue: Sites of LGBTQ Revolution in NYS

Thursday, August 27, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Live on Zoom

In accordance with the United States Semiquincentennial, Dr. Jeff Iovannone, an expert in LGBTQ heritage conservation, will move beyond standard narratives of American revolution and urban LGBTQ history to highlight sites of LGBTQ revolution across New York State. Taken collectively, these sites evidence New York State's rich LGBTQ heritage, the contributions of LGBTQ people in shaping New York's history, and the fact that LGBTQ and American history are one and the same. This event is co-sponsored by *Saratoga Pride* and the *Pride Stories Collaborative*.

Register Now for *END: Lavender, Red, White, and Blue: Sites of LGBTQ Revolution in NYS*

Songs and Sounds of the Anti-Rent Movement in Upstate New York, with Nancy Newman

Sunday, August 30, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Upstate New York's Anti-Rent Movement is considered the last struggle over feudalism in the United States. Tenant farmers in the Hudson-Mohawk region engaged in organized protest throughout the 1840s to contest monopoly ownership of the land they worked. Arguing their cause in newspapers, on broadsides, and at rallies, their aspirations also took shape in poetry and song.

More than twenty sets of lyrics (and one instrumental composition) were written at various stages of the conflict. Some of their musical sources, such as "Old Dan Tucker" and "Bruce's Address," are still well known. Each song offers insight into the role vernacular music played in one of the nineteenth century's major social reform movements. This is the first book to gather the poetry and corresponding tunes into one publication. During this talk, discussion of this major 19th-century reform movement will be interspersed with Anti-Rent songs from broadsides and newspapers. This talk is presented with the support of Adirondack Trust Company.

Register Now for *Songs and Sounds of the Anti-Rent Movement in Upstate New York*

Sounds in Summer: The Jazz Ambassadors

Sunday, August 30, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

The Ballston Spa Sounds of Summer Concerts are celebrating a sixth year. Started at the end of the Pandemic, these popular concerts feature the “Jazz Ambassadors,” performing under the leadership of Dennis Searles. All of the participating musicians are from the Greater Capital District. The Ambassadors will be performing in a variety of Jazz genres and showtunes from the beautiful front porch of the Brookside Museum. This concert is sponsored by a unique partnership between The Saratoga History Center at Brookside Museum, Saratoga Arts, the Music Performance Trust Fund of the American Federation of Musicians and the Village of Ballston Spa. Audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner. The lawn is shady after 5! This event is free and open to the public.

This event has been rescheduled from its original date due to expected inclement weather.

Waterford Revolutionary War Tour

Wednesday, September 2, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Peebles Island Visitor Center, 1 Delaware Ave Cohoes, NY 12047

Longtime Waterford Town Historian Russ VanDervoort will lead this walk through Waterford Revolutionary War history. The tour begins at the Visitors Center on Peebles Island, the staging point for American troops during the War, including the Breastworks designed by Tadeusz Kosciuszko. Crossing the bridge into Waterford, we will visit the sites of Revolutionary war taverns and the route of the General Knox Artillery Train.

This event is now SOLD OUT. To join the waitlist, please email info@brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000.

Discovering George Foster Peabody with Glenn Underwood

Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

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. This talk is presented with the support of Adirondack Trust Company.

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

SCHC Reads: 1777: Tipping Point at Saratoga

Thursday, September 10, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa

Join us for the fourth meeting of our new history Book Club at the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum, where we will be discussing *1777: Tipping Point at Saratoga* by Dean Snow.

Register Now for *SCHC Reads: 1777: Tipping Point at Saratoga*

A Walk Through Luther Forest

Thursday, September 17, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

100 Acre Woods, Luther Forest Blvd, Malta

Michael Gaige, an ecologist and Saratoga County native, will lead a tour of the 100 Acre Wood Trail System in Malta, New York. Together we will explore this publicly accessible trail on the Luther Forest Technology Campus, and gain an appreciation for the natural world around us. This walking tour is supported by a grant from the J.M. McDonald Foundation.

Register Now for *A Walk Through Luther Forest*

A Force of Nature: Paul Schaefer's Adirondack Coalitions with David Gibson

Thursday, September 24, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

A staunch advocate for the Adirondack Park, activist and writer Paul Schaefer deeply influenced conservation policy in New York State. His work and writing inspired countless conservationists, with his tireless efforts paving the way for the protection of “forever wild” forests in the Wilderness Act of 1964. Until his death in 1996, Schaefer continued to strive to instill the same care for the Adirondacks in the next generation. *A Force for Nature* is a testament to that lifetime of advocacy, community, and life in the Adirondacks. This talk is presented with the support of Adirondack Trust Company.

Members of SCHC can enjoy an exclusive reception before the event, featuring soft drinks and light bites.

Register Now for *A Force of Nature & Members Reception*

Heart of Dublin Tour

Wednesday, September 30, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Gideon Putnam Burying Ground, 59 S Franklin St, Saratoga Springs

Mary Ann Fitzgerald, retired Saratoga Springs City Historian and co-founder of the West Side Oral Narrative Project, will lead this journey back in time. The tour will begin at the Putnam Burial Ground on South Franklin Street then over to Grand Avenue for traces of the early Irish Community including family businesses, fraternal organizations and festivals that radiate out from the intersection of Beekman & Oak Street in the heart of Dublin.

This event is now SOLD OUT. To join the waitlist, please email info@brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000.

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

Other Upcoming History Events:

Sunday Stroll: Horsin' Around North Broadway

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 AM

The tour meets in front of Witt Construction, 563 North Broadway.

In this updated tour, Executive Director Samantha Bosshart is joined by Brien Bouyea of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame to highlight those associated with horseracing and the beautiful architecture of North Broadway. This engaging stroll explores the deep ties between Saratoga Springs' famed North Broadway and the city's rich horse racing heritage.

More Info & Register for *Horsin' Around North Broadway*

Summer Walking Tours: More of Glens Falls Tour

Friday, August 28, 11:00 AM

Chapman Museum, 348 Glen Street, Glens Falls

This tour looks at more of the historic buildings, businesses, and people that shaped Glens Falls! This time we'll visit locations on Bacon Street, Sherman Avenue, Union Street, and more! Participants can park at the Chapman Museum in the lot behind the Museum off Bacon Street. Tours are \$20/person or \$15 for Chapman members. Payment is required at time of registration.

For More Information and to Register

Sunday Stroll: Breezing Through Saratoga: R. Newton Brezee Homes

Sunday, August 30, 10:30 AM

The tour meets at the SW corner of Regent and Caroline streets.

Executive Director Samantha Bosshart will highlight the houses designed by carpenter-turned-architect, R. Newton Brezee, on the East Side of Saratoga Springs. This tour is sponsored by Springwater Bed & Breakfast.

More Info & Register for *Breezing Through Saratoga*

Remarking the Baroness: A Saratoga 250 Project

Thursday, September 24, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Dutcher Community Room, Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs

Inspired by the upcoming Saratoga 250 anniversary, earlier this year Librarian Caitlin set out to bring history to life with a sewing project. Taking a cue from the Saratoga 250 augmented reality banner of Baroness von Riedesel that you may have seen in the library and around town, Caitlin made the Baroness' dress, and she did most of the sewing in public demonstrations. Now the project is done, and it's time for the big reveal! Part history lesson, and part dressing demonstration, this talk will explain the project, the Baroness, and how a gown like hers would be worn. Registration is available through the link below.

More Info & Register for *Remarking the Baroness*

Fall Trip to Hildene

September 24, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road PO Box 1254, Latham

The Colonie Historical Society and the Friends of Pruyn House are very excited to announce a Fall Trip to Hildene, the Lincoln Family home in Manchester, Vt. We will have lunch at the Publyk House and then visit the Bennington Museum. The date is Thursday, September 24th. Call 518-783-1435 for more information and to reserve your spot.

Summer Ghost Tours of the Canfield Casino

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, July 1 - August 31, 11:00 AM

Saratoga Springs History Museum, 1 E. Congress Street, Saratoga Springs

This summer, the Saratoga Springs History Museum invites brave visitors back into the shadows for another season of chilling stories, eerie encounters, and supernatural secrets with the Summer Ghost Tours of the Canfield Casino. Step away from the sunshine and into one of Saratoga's most mysterious historic landmarks, where every grand room, quiet hallway, and hidden corner may hold a story that refuses to rest.

Once the glittering heart of Saratoga's Gilded Age social scene, the Canfield Casino welcomed gamblers, socialites, politicians, performers, and visitors from around the world. But behind the elegance and glamour lies a darker side of history. Over the years, the Casino has become known for its ghostly legends, unexplained happenings, and lingering spirits — even earning recognition as one of America's Most Terrifying Places, as featured on the Travel Channel.

Led by our museum storytellers, guests will explore the haunted halls of the historic Canfield Casino while hearing real accounts of ghost sightings, strange sounds, mysterious footsteps, flickering lights, and tragic tales from Saratoga's past. This isn't just a history tour — it's haunted history.

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

440 Middle Grove Road, Middle Grove

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society will have their Museum open this summer on Thursdays, July 9 through Sept 3, 2026 from 4 - 6 PM. Two stories of artifacts with connections to the town of Greenfield. Stop over after to the Greenfield Farmers Market, next door, in Middle Grove Park and visit us at our tent. Grab a bit to eat. Admission is free.

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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