

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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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

Call For Volunteers: Fall BBQ

If you would like to be a volunteer during our Fall BBQ, taking place on October 2, 2026 from 3-6 PM, please email us at info@brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000. This is a great service opportunity for volunteers young and old, and a wonderful time is always had by all!

New Saratoga 250 Reflection: 1776: The First Year of Independence – From Colony to State

Enjoy the third in a series of articles by James Richmond highlighting the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, and focusing on Albany County, New York, which, in 1776, stretched from Kingston north to Lake George.

Read 1776: The First Year of Independence - From Colony To State

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shipped through USPS. Follow the link below to start shopping now!

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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

A Walk Through Luther Forest

Friday, September 18, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Luther Forest Trailhead on Hermes Road, 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.

This event was RESCHEDULED due to inclement weather, and new tickets have become available. If you would like to join the tour, you can reserve your place by emailing info@brooksidemuseum.org or calling 518-885-4000. The starting location for this tour is linked below.

A Walk Through Luther Forest: Starting Location

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

Saturday, September 19, 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

We are welcoming visitors to our temporary exhibition, *Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy*, with guided tours led by our director and exhibition curator, Anne Hollmuller. 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. Tours available at 12 PM and 2 PM.

Register Now For Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy: A Curator's Tour

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. Join or renew today, to join us for this special reception!

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.

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 Now

Building an Herbal Medicine Chest for Winter

Saturday, October 3, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Herbal Medicine has been used for centuries to keep people healthy in Winter. Join Janis Fallon and discover the herbs that will keep the family healthy in the long, cold Winter. We will talk about and sample herbal remedies good for your winter health. In the second part of the class you will make your own fire cider vinegar and we will play with aromatherapy to make your own dream pillow and personal essential oil perfume stick. Join us Saturday Oct 3rd 1-4 PM at the Brookside Museum. Cost is \$35. Sign up today, as class size is limited. Supported by the Milton Grange #685.

Purchase Your Tickets for *Building an Herbal Medicine Chest*

2026 Saratoga County Public History Awards**Thursday, October 8, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa**

The Saratoga County History Center is pleased to announce our Public History Award winners for 2026 and invite you to celebrate at an event in their honor. Christopher Carola and Mary Ann Fitzgerald are this year's well-deserved award recipients, both with long term dedication to exploring, writing and sharing the history of Saratoga County. The event will begin at 6pm with a reception on the porch at Brookside Museum, followed by presentations in the Long Room. We invite you to join us in celebrating Chris, Mary Ann, and their achievements in Saratoga County History..

Register Now for the 2026 Saratoga County Public History Awards

Dunning Street Cemetery Tour**Wednesday, October 14, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM****Dunning Street Cemetery, Malta**

Malta town historian Tom Willams will lead a walk through the cemetery, visiting the gravesites of Revolutionary veterans and early residents of Malta interred within the Dunning Street Cemetery. This tour forms a part of our Spotlight on Malta History series.

Register Now for *Dunning Street Cemetery Tour*

Leaves and Trees: A Children's Story Time & Craft**Sunday, October 18, 2:00-3:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa**

Join the Saratoga County History Center for a children's program celebrating leaves and trees! On October 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM stop by Brookside Museum for a read aloud and leaf themed craft activities. Our new Education Manager, Meaghan, will be reading "Fletcher and the Falling Leaves" by Julia Rawlinson and "A Tree for All Seasons" by Robin Bernard. Afterwards we invite families to try leaf painting or enjoy fall coloring pages. This program is aimed at children ages 3-8, and children are encouraged to wear clothes that can handle a little paint mess. We hope to see you there!

This program is brought to you through the generosity of the J.M. McDonald Foundation, and is inspired by our current temporary exhibition, *Luther Forest: A Family, A Woodland, A Legacy*.

Register Now for *Leaves and Trees: A Children's Story Time & Craft*

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

Other Upcoming History Events:**Freeman's Farm Anniversary Encampment****Saturday, September 19, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM****Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 NY-32, Stillwater, NY 12170**

At Benedict Arnold's headquarters near Tour Road Stop 2, Continental soldiers representing the 2nd,

3rd, 10th, and 15th Massachusetts Regiments will encamp near the same location where those troops defended against the British invasion from Canada. At Freeman's Farm near Tour Road Stop 6, British soldiers representing His Majesty's 24th and 62nd Regiments will demonstrate life among the troops fighting to restore crown authority in the American colonies. Throughout the event, authentically dressed reenactors will perform military exercises, fire muskets, sew clothing, and prepare provisions. Visitors are encouraged to speak with the reenactors, ask questions, and learn more about daily life during the Revolutionary War.

More Info on Freeman's Farm Anniversary Encampment

Heritage Hunters September Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 1:00 PM

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

Heritage Hunters will meet Saturday, September 19th, at 1 pm at Town of Saratoga Town Hall, [12 Spring St.](#) in Schuylerville. HH will continue to honor our country's 250th anniversary as Dave Peck resumes his presentation on Colonel Henry Knox and his artillery deliveries. 250 years ago, Colonel Henry Knox rode an artillery delivery train from Ticonderoga toward Boston, supplying additional much-needed weapons to militias of the Continental Army. Today, markers honor his efforts, which were instrumental in achieving victory at Dorchester Heights, and forcing the British out of Boston. Dave revisited the routes the Knox train took. The program is free and public is welcome. For more info, call [518-885-9309](tel:518-885-9309)

DAR Wreath Laying Ceremony

Sunday, September 20, 2:00 PM

Saratoga National Historical Park, 648 NY-32, Stillwater, NY 12170

Join the local Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution in honoring Saratoga's Revolutionary War patriots and the enduring legacy of their victory. Gather at the DAR Monument, a powerful tribute to the turning point that helped secure American independence and shaped our nation's history. The wreath laying is at Stop 2 (DAR Monument) of the Saratoga National Historical Park Tour Road.

More Info on DAR Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Spirit of Service: The American Revolution

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Program Room A-B, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park

Join us to view & discuss selected excerpts from "The American Revolution" documentary by Ken Burns, focusing on the spirit of service in American culture with a panel of distinguished local experts. Join Sean Kelleher, Saratoga Town Historian; Anne Clothier, Asst. to Saratoga County Historian; Patrick Niles, Washington County Historical Society Past President and expert battlefield guide for Saratoga Battlefield; and Mark O'Rourke, President of the Board of Trustees for the Friends of the New York State Military Museum, as they discuss service as a core American value, from the nation's founding through to the present day--examining volunteerism, civic participation, public leadership, women's roles, and more.

More Info on The Spirit of Service

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.

2026 Chapman Museum Cemetery Tour**September 26, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM****Chapman Museum, 348 Glen Street, Glens Falls**

The Chapman Museum Cemetery Tour will be held on Saturday, September 26 at Pine View Cemetery (21 Quaker Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804) Step back in time as local actors bring to life the remarkable stories of James Morgan, Josephine Demarest, John Floro, Dr. Lemon Thompson, Hesper Flint Liddle, & Frances Gilbert. Tour times: 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1 p.m. Please contact us if you have accessibility needs and require accommodations. Tickets are \$25/person, \$20/Chapman Members. For reservations, call the Chapman Museum at **(518) 793-2826**

For More Information on the *Chapman Museum Cemetery Tour*

SPAC in Conversation: Dorothy Wickenden**October 7, 10:00 AM****Hall of Springs, 108 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs**

Experience an extraordinary afternoon with Dorothy Wickenden, bestselling author, writer, and longtime *New Yorker* editor, as she explores the remarkable true story behind *The Agitators* — three fearless women whose friendship, conviction, and courage helped shape the fight for abolition and women's rights. Moderated by former *New York Times* Style Photo Editor Tiina Loite, this timely conversation will examine the power of storytelling, the women who changed the course of history, and the enduring impact of their voices today.

Wickenden has spent a career chasing the stories history almost forgot — from the women who quietly rewired the fight for abolition and suffrage, to the untold forces shaping justice long before it had a name. Expect a conversation that's as sharp and unflinching as her prose.

Spend the day with us for a seasonal luncheon, spirited conversation, and a curated boutique shopping experience to complete the day — all in support of SPAC's mission to serve art, artists, and community. Tickets are \$100.

Purchase Your Tickets for *SPAC in Conversation: Dorothy Wickenden*

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