

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: Antique Experts 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.

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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!

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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

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.

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

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 *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.

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.

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*

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

Other Upcoming History Events:

Brown Bag Lunch: Charlie's Heroes: The Charles Siciliano Sr. WWII & Korean War Veterans Photo Collection

Thursday, September 10, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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

Step back into the 1940s and early '50s during this captivating lunchtime program with retired Associated Press reporter Chris Carola. Discover the remarkable—and little-known—story of more than 600 photographs of World War II and Korean War service members, all taken inside a popular Mechanicville tavern. Captured by the tavern's owner at the bar, these striking images feature men and women from Mechanicville, Saratoga Springs, and nearby communities, preserving a powerful moment just before or after their military service. Together, they form a deeply personal, community-centered tribute to the generation that served. Join us for an engaging talk that brings these faces—and their stories—back to life. Please register to attend in-person or online via Zoom.

More Info & Register for *Charlie's Heroes*

Craft and Antique Fair at Parks-Bentley Place

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

53 Ferry Blvd, South Glens Falls, NY 12803

On Saturday September 12, the Moreau and South Glens Falls Historical Society will hold its third annual craft and antique fair, rain or shine, at Parks-Bentley Place at [53 Ferry Boulevard](#) from 9 am to 3 pm. The **Treasures on the Lawn** outdoor event will include booths offering items for sale such as jewelry, wood crafted décor and books, as well as vintage items including deaccessioned antiques from the Parks-Bentley collection. This year, there will even be a build-your-own stuffed toy booth. The South Glens Falls Fire Department Auxiliary will provide food for sale throughout the day and there will be homemade baked goods available for purchase at the Parks-Bentley table. For more information, visit parksbentleyplace.org.

Conversations with the Past: Charles Evans Hughes: Leadership at America's Crossroads**Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 PM****Chapman Museum, 348 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801**

Charles Evans Hughes was one of the most influential—and often overlooked—figures in American history. As Governor of New York, Supreme Court Justice, Chief Justice, and national leader, Hughes fought corruption, championed civil rights, modernized government, reformed industry, and helped shape the United States for the 20th century. In this talk, Bill will share insights from his new book, *Charles Evans Hughes: Leadership at America's Crossroads*, with a special focus on Hughes' connections to Glens Falls and the surrounding region. Discover the remarkable story of a leader whose influence continues to shape American history.

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.

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.

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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