

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

COMING SOON: *Saratoga County Stories Three*

A new volume of *Saratoga County Stories* has gone to press, and we are delighted to share with you this new collection of histories drawn from across Saratoga County. Within *Saratoga County Stories Three*, readers are invited to learn about important moments in local history, from Waterford's time as "Underwear Capital of the World" to Carlotta Myers' balloon flight over Saratoga, to the tumult of the American Revolution. Turn the pages, and travel across time and space: visit the bedside of a tuberculosis patient in Providence, spend a summer afternoon picnicking in Vischer Ferry, or join a community celebration at Halfmoon's historic Chip Hall. Place your pre-orders now to ensure that you receive your copies-it's the perfect holiday gift for every lover of local history!

Place Your Preorders Now for *Saratoga County Stories Three*

Saratoga County History Center: Watch Us on YouTube

As Fall brings cold and rainy days, make sure to check out our YouTube page, at Saratoga County History Center on YouTube, for a collection of videos exploring the history of Saratoga County. Recent videos include our walking tours of Anchor Diamond Park and Historic Jonesville, our recent documentary *The Town of Greenfield: A Forgotten Crossroads*, and recordings from the *One-Room*

Schoolhouse Oral History Project. Click the link below to tune in and to learn more!

Check Out Our YouTube Channel

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

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

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 on Saturday, Oct 3rd, from 1-4 PM at 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. This tour is now SOLD OUT. To join the waitlist for this tour, please email info@brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000.

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

Thursday, October 15, 2:00 PM-3:00 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. Tours are available on October 15, 2026 at 2 PM, November 5, 2026 at 2 PM, and November 13, 2026 at 2 PM. Tickets are free for members, and \$5 for non-members.

Register Now for *Luther Forest: A Curator's 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 free 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!

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

Sounds in Autumn: The Epilogue Trio

Saturday, October 24, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Now in its fourth year, the "Sounds in Winter" Concert Series will continue with an October 24, 2026 appearance of the Epilogue Trio. The Epilogue Trio is made up of local, well-known musicians Melanie Chirignan on flute, Andrew Snow on viola and Karlinda Caldicott on the harp. This performance features music that you might hear at a circus, and will include the famous *Libertango* by Astor Piazzolla. The performance is free, however registration is required, as seating is limited.

Register Now for *Sounds in Autumn: The Epilogue Trio*

Andy Rooney: A Lucky Life, with Paul Grondahl**Thursday, October 29, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa**

Award-winning journalist and biographer Paul Grondahl will trace the arc of a true American original, Andy Rooney. In his newly published biography, "Andy Rooney: A Lucky Life," Grondahl will describe Rooney's early family history in Ballston Spa and how a smart-aleck Albany boy and academic failure at Albany Academy came of age as a *Stars and Stripes* reporter during World War II and transformed himself into the nation's most popular commentator with 20 million viewers waiting to the end of *60 Minutes* each Sunday evening to hear "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney" and the beloved curmudgeon's cranky musings. Grondahl will pepper his talk with Rooney witticisms and Everyman sensibility, present rare photographs, and offer revelations never made public before. Peter Osnos, founder of PublicAffairs Books and Rooney's editor, called Grondahl's book "the biography Andy Rooney deserved. A great read." This event is free with registration.

Register Now for *Andy Rooney: A Lucky Life*

Brookside Presents: *Her Self-Inflicted Decapitation* (2026)**Friday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 PM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa**

Celebrate spooky season by attending the premiere of this horror short, directed by local filmmaker Noah Manglapus. Filmed exclusively at Saratoga County History Center, this short film offers a ghostly, behind-the-scenes view of Brookside Museum. Enjoy hot popcorn, soft drinks, and a good scare. Come in historical dress, a Halloween costume, or as you are. Screening with a director introduction and Q&A to follow. Tickets are \$5.

Purchase Your Tickets Now for *Brookside Presents: Her Self-Inflicted Decapitation*

Rockets 101**Saturday, November 7, 10:00-11:00 AM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa**

Join SCHC and the Museum of Innovation and Science (MISCI) for a special STEM program for young audiences! Inspired by the history of the Malta Rocket Test Station, children can enjoy a lesson in the history and science of rockets. Participants will learn about the history of rocketry, then use a variety of materials to create a rocket with the goal of successfully lifting the heaviest possible payload. This program is free with registration.

Register Now For *Rockets 101*

Saratoga County Stories Three: *A Book Signing & Discussion***Saturday, November 7, 10:00-11:00 AM****Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa****Tuesday, November 10, 6:00-7:30 PM****David R. Meager Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta**

Enjoy a meet and greet with the authors of *Saratoga County Stories Three*, the third collection in our series of books highlighting the histories of Saratoga County. This volume shares new and unexpected tales drawn from across Saratoga County, and features the contributions of over thirty local historians

and researchers. At Brookside and in Malta, selected authors will be there to sign books, discuss their research, and celebrate this new volume.

Register Now For *Saratoga County Stories Three: A Book Signing & Discussion*

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

Other Upcoming History Events:

Civil War Encampment Weekend

Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4

Grant Cottage Historic Site, 1000 Mount McGregor Road, Wilton

Experience the sights and sounds of the Civil War this October at Grant Cottage! As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, take the opportunity to immerse yourself in a pivotal era of American history with military, civilian, and medical demonstrations as well as historical presentations and period music. You won't want to miss this opportunity to see the past come alive on the mountain.

Learn More about *Civil War Encampment Weekend*

SPAC in Conversation: Dorothy Wickenden

Wednesday, 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.

Learn More about *SPAC in Conversation*

Opening of “*Yearning to Breathe Free: An Immigration Journey*”

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Chapman Museum, 348 Glen Street, Glens Falls

Join the Chapman Museum for the opening of their new exhibition, *Yearning to Breathe Free: An Immigration Journey*! Our new exhibition explores the profound impact of immigration on both our region and the nation, while celebrating the resilience, determination, and enduring spirit of those who

journeyed to a new world in search of a better life. Celebrate with free admission all day, plus light refreshments, family crafts, and a special Storytime at 11:30 a.m.

Learn More about *Yearning to Breathe Free*

Hamilton Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, October 10, 6:30 PM

Schuyler Estate, 4 Broad St, Schuylerville

Join Saratoga National Historical Park on the lawn of their father's Saratoga estate as the Schuyler sisters take center stage in the hit Broadway musical, *Hamilton!* Rated PG-13, runtime 160 minutes.

Victory Season at Saratoga Siege Living History Weekend

Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11

Fort Hardy Park, 30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville

As Saratoga prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the world-changing Battles of Saratoga in 2027, step back into 1777 at historic Fort Hardy Park and the adjoining Saratoga Revolutionary Experience Center for **Victory Season at Saratoga Siege Weekend**, taking place **Saturday, October 10 (10 AM – 4 PM)** and **Sunday, October 11 (10 AM – 2 PM)**.

This free, family-friendly event brings history to life, featuring British and Continental military encampments, live American artillery cannon demonstrations, civilian living historians, 18th-century toys and games, horse-drawn wagon rides, and Revolutionary-era music—including performances by Jack Marshall on fiddle and Saratoga Voices. Food trucks and complimentary Stewart's Shops ice cream (Saturday, 11 AM – 1 PM, while supplies last) will also be available.

Key Highlights for Visitors:

The Siege Passport: Families can explore 11 interactive living history stops throughout the weekend. Preregister in 30 seconds to participate and unlock exclusive pre-release ticketing opportunities for the once-in-a-generation **2027 Battles of Saratoga 250th Reenactment**.

'Battles of Saratoga in Motion' Exhibit: Discover the new digital display, timeline, and augmented reality experiences inside the developing Saratoga Revolutionary Experience Center.

Learn More about *Saratoga Siege Living History Weekend*

Heritage Hunters Annual Genealogy Conference

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 AM-2:45 PM

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St., Schuylerville

The Annual Genealogy Conference sponsored by the Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will be held Saturday, October 17th, from 9 a.m. to about 2:45 p.m. Robert Cameron Weir will present two morning programs, and the afternoon speaker will be Tobi Kirschmann. A catered lunch from the Old Saratoga Eatery in Schuylerville will be served, featuring a choice of soups and salads, and a variety of sandwiches and beverages, followed by dessert. The conference fee is \$25 for members, with a new member special of \$40 for 2027 membership and conference. For more information, and to register for the conference, please contact Ginny Humphrey at 518-885-9309.

More Information About *Heritage Hunters Annual Genealogy Conference*

Attic Treasures: Antiques Appraisal**Saturday, October 17, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM****First Reformed Church of Wynantskill, 413 Main Avenue, Wynantskill, New York**

Support the Hart Cluett Museum's fall fundraiser, and have your attic treasures appraised** by experts from the STAIR Galleries. Then stay for lunch and a talk by historian, Kathy Sheehan! Get the Armchair Tour of Rensselaer County by Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian, Kathy Sheehan , and learn about some of the Hart Cluett Museum's attic treasures! Kathy will explore the history of the fourteen towns and two cities of Rensselaer County, highlighting the changing landscape and the impact it had on the development of the county. The talk will begin at 11am and repeat at 12:30p.

Each \$35 ticket includes a verbal appraisal for up to two items from the renowned experts of STAIR Galleries. You are responsible for the transportation and movement of your item(s). A limited number of tickets are available each hourtimeframe of the event, and attendees will be seen on a first come-first served basis within their hour booking. Appraisals will last up to 5 minutes per item.

Learn More About Attic Treasures: Antiques Appraisal

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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