

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*

Call for Volunteers: Artisan Market

Saratoga County History Center is seeking volunteers to provide assistance during this year's Artisan Market. Volunteers will work weekday or weekend shifts to help keep stands organized, assist holiday shoppers, and ensure a warm and festive atmosphere. Volunteers are especially welcome during our holiday weekends, when the market is at its busiest, to help staff manage the flow of shoppers. To join

us this holiday season, please email info@brooksidemuseum.org for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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 the changing of the seasons! 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. Once tickets have sold out, you may email info@brooksidemuseum.org to join the waitlist for this program. As this event will very likely be filmed for C-SPAN, it will not be possible to accept walk-ins on the night of.

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 **short horror film, 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*

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

Thursday, November 5, 2:00-3:00 PM

Friday, November 13, 2:00-3:00 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.. Members free, non-members \$5.

Register Now For *A Curator's Tour*

Rockets 101: A Children's STEM Program

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. Reservation in advance is highly recommended.

Register Now For *Rockets 101*

Saratoga County Stories Three: A Book Signing & Discussion

Saturday, November 7, 2:00-4:00 PM

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

SCHC Reads: Pride and Pleasure: The Schuyler Sisters in an Age of Revolution

Thursday, November 12, 6:00-7:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Join us for the fifth 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 **November 12, 2026 at 6 PM**, where we will be discussing *Pride and Pleasure: The Schuyler Sisters in An Age of Revolution*.

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

SCHC Annual Members Meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2:00-3:00 PM

Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa

Join us for the Annual Members Meeting of Saratoga County History Center. This year, we celebrate the accomplishment of a new goal: as of this week, we have received over 4,000 visitors to the museum this year. Join us for a discussion of this year's successes and next year's goals, and let us know more about what events and programs you would like us to host next year. During the business portion of the meeting, members will be asked to vote on the proposed budget and board members for 2026.

Register Now For SCHC Annual Members Meeting

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

Other Upcoming History Events:

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

Surrender Day Celebration**Saturday, October 17, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM****Saratoga National Historical Park 648 NY-32, Stillwater**

On the 249th anniversary of the Surrender at Saratoga, explore the sites where history was made! Saratoga250, in partnership with Saratoga National Historical Park, will have five sites open where you can learn about the event known as the Turning Point of the American Revolution! A free trolley provided by our partners at CDTA will allow you to move easily between sites with an onboard guide to answer questions. Saratoga NHP Park Rangers will be at several sites to engage with the public on this anniversary date.

More Information About Surrender Day

249th Surrender Day Commemorative Concert**Saturday, October 17, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM****Arts Center on the Hudson, 2 South Main Street, Mechanicville**

Join us for an evening of history and harmony as we mark the *249th anniversary* of the British surrender at Saratoga. This commemorative concert features 18th-century music performed by the renowned [Musicians of Ma'alwyck](#), joined by award winning *soprano* [Vedrana Kalas](#), and is punctuated by the insightful historical insights of *featured speaker* **Eric Schnitzer, Saratoga NHP Ranger and Military Historian**, who will share firsthand accounts of the surrender from diverse perspectives. Tickets are \$30.

Tickets for Surrender Day Commemorative Concert

Town of Greenfield Historical Society Meeting**Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 PM****Greenfield Community Center, 25 Wilton Road, Greenfield Center**

During the Civil War, George Packer of Barkersville wrote to his family about his experiences in the Union Army, including life in camp and on the battlefield. Fifty-six of these letters have survived, and at our October meeting, Town of Providence Historian Bob Wemple will join us to share a video he has

produced highlighting excerpts from George's words, with period music, photographs, and drawings to illustrate the realities this Union soldier witnessed. Open to Public.

Through Susan's Eyes: Susan B Anthony's Childhood in Washington County, NY

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 PM

Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville

This program is a retrospective on the 19 years Susan B Anthony's family lived in the hamlet of Battenville in the Town of Greenwich on the Batten Kill. Susan's family moved to Battenville in 1826 when Susan was only 6 years old. The area is a virtual history book of the Anthony family but until recently there was not a historic marker anywhere. Many of the events that formed Susan's thoughts about women's suffrage were developed in this little settlement during her childhood and young adulthood. Most people drive through this historic community without knowing its amazing history. Photos of the recently restored outside of the Battenville house will be included in the presentation. Debi Craig and Sandy McReynolds will present a Power Point presentation focusing on the numerous sites in Greenwich, Easton, Jackson, and Cambridge, NY that involved the Anthony family. This program is free and open to the public.

Fall Lecture Series: Morgan Lewis: The Making of a Patriot

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 PM

Arts Center on the Hudson, 2 South Main Street, Mechanicville

The chill in the air can only mean one thing—it's time for lectures! Saratoga National Historical Park and the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield will soon welcome a series of distinguished scholars and historians for its annual Fall Lecture Series. These speakers will discuss a variety of topics to help us examine and better understand our shared histories as we mark the 250th anniversaries of the Revolutionary War and the founding of the United States. Reservations are required and may be made by emailing SARA_reservations@nps.gov.

Old Champlain Canal Lantern Festival

Sunday, October 25, 5:00-7:00 PM

Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center, 30 Ferry St, Schuylerville, NY 12871

Join us at the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center for an evening of song, stories, lanterns, and canal heritage along the historic waterway.

The evening includes:

Lantern-making workshop (5–5:30)

Story & Song with Canal Balladeer George Ward

Cindy's Cabinet of Crafted Curiosities puppet show

Lantern procession to the Basin at dusk

Pre-event lantern workshops are also happening at the Schuylerville Public Library and Hudson Crossing Park. A wonderful way to celebrate our canal history and community spirit. All are welcome.

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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