NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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COMING SOON: *Saratoga County Stories Three*

The History Center is excited to release *Saratoga County Stories Three,* our latest compilation of 74 stories highlighting the history of Saratoga County. To celebrate, our historian and history buff authors are eager to greet you at two upcoming book signing events. You can purchase a book in advance or during the program. Talk with the authors, gather signatures, and share your own remembrances of our local history. View a new pop-up display of items from our collection connected to the articles. Books are $25, and you can purchase the first and second books at discounted rates at the event to complete your collection. These volumes make great holiday gifts for family and friends!

Place Your Preorders Now for *Saratoga County Stories Three*

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

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Artisan's Market

The 26th Annual Artisan's Market Returns to Saratoga County History center. Like its predecessors, the 26th installment of the market will feature only handcrafted products created by local artisans. Everything from natural soaps and lotions to unique ornaments and jewelry to pottery and photography – simply the best that our community has to offer.

The 2026 hours are as follows:
Tuesday – Fridays 12pm – 4pm
Saturday & Sunday 11am – 4pm

Special Events:
Meet the Artists December 12 11am – 4pm

Shop ‘n’ Sip December 17 6-8pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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 *SCHC Reads: Pride and Pleasure*

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*

Other Upcoming History Events:

The Black Watch
Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 PM
Chapman Museum, 348 Glen Street, Glens Falls
Join "New York Archives" magazine for a riveting presentation led by New York State Archivist, Brian Keough. Originally sent abroad to fight in the War of the Austrian Succession, The Black Watch later found solace in the Adirondacks. These highlands were not only reminiscent of the Watch's homeland but safeguarded their culture. Brian Keough with discuss the Blacks Watch's role in some of the bloodiest battles that took place in New York and their contributions to Scottish immigration in the United States. This program is free but does require registration. Space is limited. **To register, please call (518) 793-2826**.

For More Information

The Universality of Katrina Trask

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Saratoga Springs History Museum, 1 E. Congress Street, Saratoga Springs
On Thursday, November 5, 2026, step into the world of **Katrina Trask**, one of Saratoga Springs' most visionary figures, in this intimate and thought-provoking staged conversation presented by the **Saratoga Springs History Museum**. Best known as the founder of the **Yaddo Artist Residency**, which began welcoming artists 100 years ago in 1926, Katrina Trask's influence extended far beyond the arts. A poet, philanthropist, spiritual thinker, and civic leader, Mrs. Trask dedicated her life to nurturing creativity, social good, and the cultural future of **Saratoga Springs**. This performance marks the final installment in a beloved series of staged conversations with the "Lady of Yaddo," offering audiences a reflective and richly human portrait of Trask's ideals, passions, and enduring hopes for her community. Through dialogue and storytelling, her wide-ranging projects, personal convictions, and forward-thinking vision are brought vividly to life.

For More Information

Fall Lecture Series: When the Declaration of Independence Was News
Thursday, November 5, 6:30 PM
Saratoga National Historical Park Visitor Center, 648 NY-32, Stillwater
Published for the 250th anniversary of the United States, *When the Declaration of Independence Was News* focuses on the nation's founding document at the moment of its creation in 1776, before anyone knew what the legacy of the Declaration would be or if the United States would win the war against Great Britain. It explores how the Declaration was communicated to people in the new nation and around the Atlantic world and reveals the stories of the many people involved in the process of declaring independence, from printers to soldiers to diplomats to translators.

Dr. Emily Sneff is an early American historian and leading expert on the Declaration of Independence. She earned her Ph.D. in History from William & Mary. She was a consulting curator for exhibitions marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration at the Museum of the American Revolution and Historic Trappe.

For More Information

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