NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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ON SALE NOW: *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. This volume shares new and unexpected tales drawn from across Saratoga County, and features the contributions of over thirty local historians and researchers. 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 Chip Hall. Encounter the lives and histories of diverse residents of Saratoga County. It's the perfect gift for the holiday season, and for every lover of local history! Purchase online or at Brookside today.

Place Your Orders Now for *Saratoga County Stories Three*

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Artisans Market

The 26th Annual Artisans 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. This year's market will run from **November 28th** to **December 23rd**.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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 month, 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 board members for 2026.

Register Now For *SCHC Annual Members Meeting*

Meet the Artists @ the Artisans Market

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa
Join us for a special shopping experience at the 2026 Artisans Market, where you can meet some of our talented artisans and sample holiday goodies while you browse. Learn about how they create their handcrafted goods, enjoy samples of the sweets for sale, and enjoy a performance by a local musician. View the festive holiday décor at Brookside Museum, and shop our curated collection of jewelry, knitwear, ceramics, wood and leather goods, candles, soaps and lotions, cards, artwork, hot fudge and sweets, teas, and much more! This event is free and open to the public. No reservation is required.

Holiday Shop N' Sip @ the Artisans Market

Thursday, December 17, 6:00-8:00 PM
Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa
Join us for an exclusive evening shopping experience at the 2026 Artisans Market. Shop our curated collection of jewelry, knitwear, ceramics, wood and leather goods, candles, soaps and lotions, cards, artwork, hot fudge and sweets, teas, and much more! Enjoy a special night of evening shopping, featuring hot chocolate, hot cider and sweet treats. Browse our vendors and view the festive holiday décor at Brookside Museum. This event is free and open to the public. No reservation is required.

History Books and Brews: Best Books of 2026

Thursday, January 7, 2027, 6:00-8:00 PM
Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Ave, Ballston Spa
Find the book you've been searching for, with the help of Mike Hare! Enjoy a literary evening at Saratoga County History Center, and start 2027 with a great read! Mike Hare, Store Manager at *Northshire Bookstore* of Saratoga Springs, will discuss his favorite history books published in 2026, and highlight the best new releases of 2027. Sip a soft drink or enjoy a beer while chatting with Mike and other guests about your favorite books of 2026. Tickets are $8 with a soft drink and $11 with a beer.

Register Now For *History Books and Brews*

Brookside Visits: Empire State Aerosciences Museum

Friday, January 22, 2027, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Empire State Aerosciences Museum, 250 Rudy Chase Dr, Glenville
Take flight together at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum! Enjoy a guided group tour of the

Empire State Aerosciences Museum (ESAM), a museum of the history of flight and aviation. Located on the site of the former General Electric Flight Test Center, the museum holds an extensive collection of aircraft, artifacts and memorabilia. Join us for a tour of the museum and its galleries, and learn more about the local history of flight, with a special focus on the history of General Electric in Malta and Schenectady. This program is free and is supported by the J.M. McDonald Foundation. Your ticket will include access to the SRV ride experience.

Reserve Your Ticket for *Brookside Visits: Empire State Aerosciences Museum*

Other Upcoming History Events:

The Contagion of Liberty: The Politics of Smallpox in the American Revolution
Saturday, November 14, 2026, 3:00 PM
Live on Zoom
Lake George Historical Association is thrilled to welcome Dr. Andrew Wehrman, author of "The Contagion of Liberty: the Politics of Smallpox in the American Revolution." Andrew M. Wehrman, professor of history at Central Michigan University, is a historian and author. He has written articles for The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, as well as NBC News. Dr. Wehrman's research focuses on Colonial and Revolutionary America and the history of medicine, disease, and public health.

RSVP for *The Contagion of Liberty*

Fall Lecture Series: They Were Good Soldiers: African Americans Serving in the Continental Army
Thursday, November 19, 2026, 6:30 PM
Saratoga National Historical Park Visitor Center, 648 NY-32, Stillwater
The role of African Americans, free and enslaved, in the regiments of the Continental Army is not well-known; neither is the fact that relatively large numbers served in southern regiments and that the greatest number served alongside their white comrades in integrated units. John Rees will discuss black soldiers' acceptance, service, and experiences during and after the War for American Independence, focusing on those who served in Continental regiments. African American women with the army will also be featured.

For More Information

Political Appetites: How a new nation cooked up politics—one recipe at a time by Dr. Nancy Siegel
Saturday, November 21, 2026, 2:00 PM
Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave, Albany
Food has long carried political meaning, and revolutionary America was no exception. Join art and culinary historian Nancy Siegel for a lecture which uncovers a richly layered story in which meals, ingredients, and even kitchenware helped Americans define what democracy should look—and taste—like. From tea boycotts and homemade "Liberty Tea" to Washington Pie, Election Cake, and Mammoth Cheese, learn how ordinary foods became vehicles for protest, persuasion, and celebration during the years surrounding the Revolution and the Early Republic. Nancy Siegel is Assistant Dean and Professor of Art History & Culinary History at Towson University where she specializes in American landscape

studies, underrepresented women artists of the 19th century, print culture, and culinary history of the 18th and 19th centuries. She provides historical cooking demonstrations, tastings, and lectures widely on landscape and food histories in addition to serving as an art and culinary consultant for museums and non-profit institutions. This lecture is based upon her book, *Political Appetites: The Power of Food in Revolutionary America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2026) and the documentary *Feeding the American Revolution* (WMHT/PBS).

For More Information

Feeding the American Revolution
Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 7:00 PM
Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington Street Saratoga Springs
Join WMHT Public Media for a special premiere screening event for the WMHT original one-hour documentary, Feeding the American Revolution on Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm at Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga. Food has long been a tool of protest, identity, and unity, and in Feeding the American Revolution, viewers will discover how Revolutionary-era foodways tell the story of America's formation. From the political symbolism of tea and chocolate to the patriotic significance of celebratory cakes and cheeses, Feeding the American Revolution explores how the kitchen became a battleground for independence. Hosted by art and culinary historian and author of Political Appetites: The Power of Food in Revolutionary America, Nancy Siegel, guides audiences through historical recipes, edible artifacts, and firsthand accounts, offering insights into how culinary traditions shaped the political and social landscape of the time. Following the documentary, Nancy Siegel will be joined in discussion by WMHT Producer Nicole Van Slyke Kubisch.

For More Information and Tickets

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