

HAPPY

New Year

Pratt House News

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Friends of History in Fulton, N.Y., Inc.

J.W. Pratt
House
Museum
Home of
Friends of History
in Fulton, N.Y., Inc.

2020-2021 Board of Directors

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Staff

- Theresa Jones, Museum Coord.
- Alec Seymour, Displays
- Adam Babcock, Maintenance

Handicap Accessible

A ramp off the driveway to the side door enables handicapped access to the Pratt House. (During the winter months, however, we are closed and there is no handicap access.)

Pratt House Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
10a to 3p. (Beginning Apr. 14, 2021)

Saturday by appointment only. Call us at 315-598-4616.



Congratulations to Richard Kemmis on winning our Pratt House Museum puzzle raffle!

Bring on the
New Year!

Opening for the season April 14, 2021

Opening and all event dates tentative due to the Coronavirus.

Chicken BBQs

May 23 & Oct 3

11:30 a.m.

Fulton Polish Home



Porch

TARTY

Friday, June 4 - 5:30 to 7:00

Pratt House Museum

10th Annual Hunter Arms Homecoming August 20—21



Save the Dates

September 10—11

Trash-2-Treasure

November 5

End of Season
Celebration

Nov. 29—Dec. 10

Parade of Trees

December 5

Punch Party Open
House



2019

Parade of Trees memories inside
(pages 4 & 5).

Message from the Board of Directors

The year 2020 certainly proved very challenging for all of us, including for the Friends of History. As the new year begins, we hope that our lives soon will return to normal. We realize that this pandemic is still ongoing, but we remain hopeful that the Pratt House will reopen and that we will resume our usual activities in April of 2021.

Due to the Coronavirus, we were unable to host our annual Christmas Parade of Trees. However, we did participate in the Fulton City Games by decorating a "Crazy Christmas Tree" which was displayed on the Pratt House porch.

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly, although for safety reasons several of our recent meetings have been on Zoom. We will continue to work diligently to keep the Pratt House an integral part of the Fulton community.

We ask for your continued support. As a life-long resident of Fulton I am truly grateful that the Friends of History has been able to keep the history of our great city's past alive and well. Fulton does have a very storied past, one of which we can all be proud.

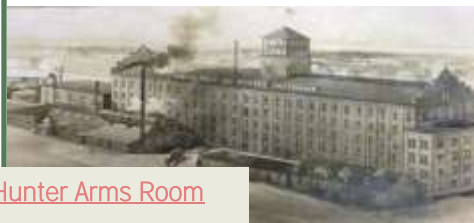
I wish everyone all the best in 2021. Stay safe.

FOH President Thomas Brown



Pictured above is our lady "dressed for success" in 19th century attire as part of the "Crazy Christmas Tree Decorating" contest in the Fulton City Games in 2020. The lower part of the tree is decorated in sparkling red and gold ornaments with button up shoes as an extension of the long dress worn back in the day.

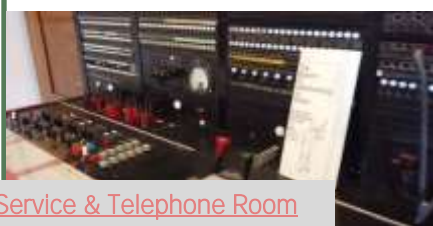
New Pratt House Virtual Videos



[Hunter Arms Room](#)



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Corporate Sponsors 2020-2021

Gold Membership

Fulton Savings Bank
Johnston's Propane

Bronze Membership

Burke's Home Center
Fulton TV & Appliance
Harbor Eye Associates (Dr. David J. Dexter)
Howard Hanna Real Estate
OVIA Insurance Agencies, LLC
Pathfinder Bank
Patterson Warehousing
Save-A-Lot (Fulton)
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Silver Membership

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(Dr. Frank Fruce, DMD)

L.C. Smith Collectors
Association

Dr. Juan Lopez

Patron Membership

Century 21 Leah's Signature
The Great Outdoors
Oswego County Bookkeeping, Inc.
Scriba Electric
Valley Locksmith

We thank all of the businesses for their sponsorship support. They help the Friends of History and the Pratt House Museum to continue to share local history of Fulton and the surrounding area.

Sponsor Spotlight

Fulton Savings Bank: Building trust and helping local communities for generations

Since 1871, Fulton Savings Bank has been here for people in Central and Northern New York. The bank also has been a major supporter of the Friends of History in Fulton for many years. We appreciate their support and would like to highlight some of the bank's history and contributions to local communities.

In 1871 a group of civic leaders organized Fulton Savings Bank to “receive deposits from tradesmen, clerks, mechanics, laborers, minors, servants, and others.” The bank opened its doors on September 25 in a rented room at the northeast corner of Second and Oneida Streets. By the end of the year the bank's deposits were \$27,939.

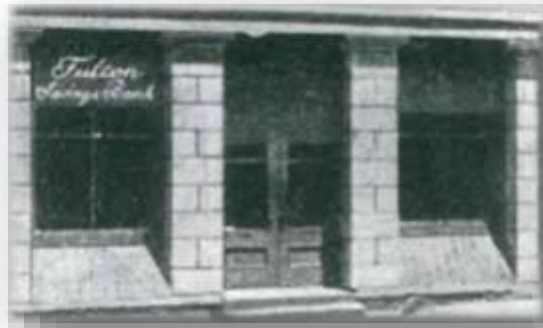
Fulton Savings Bank expanded by moving to its larger headquarters on South First Street in downtown Fulton in 1888. The prosperity in the community and throughout the nation stimulated the bank's growth in the early years of the twentieth century. The new office was built (now the bank's main office) in 1911. At this point in time, assets were nearly \$2 million.

In 1933 a nationwide economic panic developed with the Great Depression. Having earned the trust of its depositors, the bank endured this crisis unscathed. Although the bank established a solid record for safety and security, Fulton Savings offered its customers additional protection by becoming a member of the new Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and by 1947 home improvement loans were offered enabling hundreds of customers to improve or expand their homes.

Fulton Savings completed its first major expansion and renovation to its downtown office in 1955. At this time assets had increased five-fold over the decade to over \$15 million.

The Canalview Urban Renewal Project transformed downtown Fulton in 1970. During this time, the bank purchased and razed the old City Hall to make way for a drive-through. Then, in 1973, the bank reached out to northern Onondaga County by building its first branch office in the new suburban community of Village Green near Baldwinsville and later in 1978 opened another branch office at Three Rivers Shopping Plaza in Phoenix.

Assets hit the \$100-million mark in 1983. The bank ranked as the 10th strongest savings bank in New York State.



Fulton Savings Bank's first office on the northeast corner of Second and Oneida Streets.

A few years later, in 1986, a new banking convenience arrived when the bank introduces its Automated Teller Machine (ATM) banking card.

Fulton Savings expanded again in 1990 when it brought its services to southeastern Oswego County opening a Central Square office then further expanded in 1996 when an office opened at River Glen

Square in the Town of Volney.

By 1997 Fulton Savings established ATMs in all the communities it served. It also became an approved loan seller in the secondary mortgage market which enabled the institution to offer a full range of loan products to existing and prospective customers.

In 1998 the bank opened additional full-service branch offices in Constantia, Brewerton and Hannibal.

Fulton Savings Bank continues to support education and give back to the community by introducing its scholarship program which awards high school students from

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We Look Forward to the Parade of Trees in 2021

Here are some memories from the Parade of Trees in 2019



The Christmas tree decorated by the Open Doors Neighborhood Center took first place in the Adult Category in the 2019 Parade of Trees, with the theme "God Bless America." Pictured from left are Sarah Conley, Friends of History Corresponding Secretary, Gloria Manitta, Patty Mancino and Carol Dexter from Open Doors Neighborhood Center. The \$100 cash award was donated by Fulton Savings Bank.



Second place winner in the Children's Category was Noah's Christian Nursery. They received a \$75 cash prize from Oswego Valley Insurance Agencies.



The Volney Elementary first- and second-graders won first prize in the Children's Category. Pictured receiving the first prize \$100 cash award donated by Fulton Savings Bank are Michelle Vant and Erin Brewster, teachers at Volney Elementary.



Ms. Thompson's class at Fulton G. Ray Bodley High School took second place in the Youth Category. Tammy Eastman (left) of sponsor Oswego Valley Insurance Agencies presented \$75 prize to Jeneva Phillips and Jessica Vosseller.



Oswego Industries Day Hab Program won second place in the Adult Category. Tammy Eastman (left) of Oswego Valley Insurance Agencies presents the \$75 cash prize award to the Oswego Industries employees and participants.



Pictured at left are students from **Alicia Ferron's class at Fulton Junior High School** whose entry won first prize in the Youth Category in the 2019 Parade of Trees contest at the Pratt House.



Alicia Ferron's class at Fulton Junior High won the first-place award in the Youth Category. The \$100 prize was sponsored by Fulton Savings Bank. Pictured from left is Alicia Ferron and Cindy Bickford, Friends of History Board Member and chairperson of the Parade of Trees.



Fulton Public Library Reading Room took third place in the Youth Category. Doug Stevens of sponsor Fulton Sunrise Rotary Club presented the \$50 cash prize award to Janelle Wallace (center) and Caroline Chatterton.



First Step UPK took third place in the Children's Category. They were awarded a \$50 cash prize from one of the third prize sponsors, Edward Jones Oswego. Pictured from left is Becky Knight, Lara Leo of Edward Jones and Francine Latino, Owner of First Step UPK.



Third prize went to Caring and Sharing Breast Cancer Support in the Adult Category. They received a \$50 cash prize from the Blue Moon Grill. Pictured from left is Susan Kemp of Caring and Sharing Breast Cancer and Cindy Bickford, chairperson of the Parade of Trees

The Lighting of the Pratt House Cupola in 2020

Thank you!

Alicia & Dick Calagiovanni remember *Joe & Pauline Swiatowski, Rosemary Cook, & Eileen Carroll.*

Theresa Chalone for the Bart Chalone Family

Gail Chesbro remembers *Gordon Chesbro, Fred Lamont, & Evelyn Lamont.*

LaVerne DeLand remembers *Carmella Demperio, Bill Rohn, Fred Bevacqua, Kenneth Stuber, & Anna Stuber.*

Bill & Peggy Donnelly remember Grace Lautier, Joan Donnelly, John Flynn, & Betty Finocchiaro.

Alan Drohan remembers *Esther & Sherman Drohan, Madena Marshall, Peter Marshall, & Justin Beauchat.*

Richard Drosse acknowledges Naneen Drosse, Richard Drosse, Friends of Great Bear, Leo Drosse, & Cooper Drosse.

Sue Ebert remembers Edna & Hershell Ebert, & Eleanor & Herbert Kusche.

Ed & Carole Farfaglia remember James B. Falanga, Catherine Flohr, Silvio Farfaglia, & Angie Farfaglia.

John W. Finocchiaro remembers *Betty Brannan Finocchiaro, Rita Ammann Finoacchiaro, John M. Finocchiaro, James F.A. Brannan, Viola Drinkwine Brannan, & Linda Finocchiaro Cline.*

David Guyer remembers Raymond Guyer, Sr., Clara Guyer, Ronald Sutcliffe, & Enola Sutcliffe.

Sarah Hill wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday to Matthew Hill & Marissa Hill.

Theresa Jones wishes a Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas to Mike Jones.

Marjorie Julian honors Paula Rohn.

Ellen Kane remembers William Kane, William Tierney, & Katharine Tierney.

Richard Kemmis remembers Rosa Kemmis.

Ann & Harvey King remember Gordon Heinzman, Dorothy Heinzman, Gordon T. Heinzman, Harvey S. King, Sr., & Geraldine L. King.

Bea LaClair honors WWII Vet John E. LaClair & Vet in Iceland, David L. LaClair.

Alan & Sue Lane remember Robert & Geraldine Demm, Richard Lane, & Bobby Dexter.

Arlene Mayna remembers Waldo & Velma Chafee, Dwight & Margaret Mayne, Reginald Mayne, Frank Mayne, Leon & Joan Chafee, & Carm Demperio.

Joan Nucifora remembers Carmella Nucifora, Marianne Shaw, & Alex Trebek.

Joe & Elizabeth Pollock remember Melissa Pollock Kimball, Melvin Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Joseph A. Pollock, Helen Pollock, Victoria Merkley, David Sturgis, & Martha Sturgis Becker.

Ed & Barb Scerbo wish Happy Holidays to the Scerbo Family & the St. Onge Family and remember Bob & Carol Wallace.

Isabella Simes donated to the Pratt House Cupola.

Elma Smith remembers *Willson P. Smith, Howard W. Johnson, Alice E. Johnson, Rosemary Cook, Rita Carr, Mary O'Brien, & Marian Stanton*

Dorothy Thomas remembers Ralph Thomas & honors Elma Smith.

Ed & Eleanor Vayner remember Marian Stanton, Richard Murphy, Sr., Marie Murphy, Joseph Vayner, & Jenni Vayner.

Floyd Wallace remembers Carol Tamburo Wallace.

Les & Janet Weldin remember the Weldin & Kishtok parents. *Murphy, Joe & Jennie Vayner.*

Stephen & Margaret Young wish a Merry Christmas to the Closes & Gareaus Families.

Fulton Savings Bank—Cont.

ten local school districts attending SUNY Oswego and Cayuga Community College. Each student is eligible to receive \$500 per year. As of the end of 2020, Fulton Savings has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships.

The Friends of History in Fulton is honored to have Fulton Savings Bank as a major sponsor and supporter of the Fulton community and its proud history.



Fulton Savings Bank, 1911.



Thank you to our friends who have donated to the Pratt House in memory of loved ones.

In Memorium

Thank you to Ed & Angela Bernat for your donations in memory of Bill Rohn and Francis Mirabito.

Thank you to William Hastings, III for your donation in memory of Sharon J. Hastings.

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of Francis Mirabito, Bill Rohn and Sharon Hastings.



Membership 2020

Cupola

Elma J. Smith

Attic

Alicia & Dick Calagiovanni

Alan S. Drohan, Esq.

Jim & Teri Hunter

Jim Leo & Stephen Wise

Gallery

Robert & Susan Anderson

Mary Ann Babikian

Ed & Angela Bernat

Thomas & Suzanne Brown

Richard Burke

Gordon Chalone

Marilyn Datz

Carol Dexter

Verner & Gail Drohan

Richard & Naneen Drosse

John Finocchiaro

Terry & Deanne Morrill

Bill & Jean Niver

William & Judith Patterson

Joseph & Janet Sczupak

Fran Sullivan

Ed & Eleanor Vayner

Les & Janet Weldin

Exhibit

David Estus Coant

Joyce Cook

Pat & Becky Devendorf

Mary Elliott

Beverly Helm

Mary Lou Hill

Jerry Kasperek

Spencer & Anne Ludington

Dave & Marie Mankiewicz

Mr. & Mrs. John McGraw

David Mirabito

Jerry & Beth Mirabito

Rick & Mary Rebeor

Mary Ellen Ross

Alec & Ginny Seymour

Phillip & Adele Sheldon

Mary Ellen Stewart

Carolyn L. Waterman

Judith Wellman

Bob & Sandy Weston

Senior with Spouse

Charles and Audrey Avery

Jean Barrus

Verne & Cindy Bickford

Dr. Michael & Janine Botty

Jim & Chris Brannan

Gary & Alexa Carter

Steve & Cathy Chirello

Don & Marion Ciciarelli

Leigh & Marietta Colitre

LaVerne & Dennis DeLand

Bill & Peggy Donnelly

Paul & Donna Drohan

William & Beatrice Dyer

Roger & Sue Ebert

Leonard & Nancy Ellis

Dave & Megan Falanga

Ed & Carole Farfaglia

Timothy & Josephine Farrell

Bill & Pam Finocchiaro

Anne Grassi

Daryl & Sharon Hayden

LeRoy N. Hodge

Michael & Theresa Jones

Harvey & Ann King

Carolyn Kunzwiler

Alan & Sue Lane

Edward & Sharon Lindo

Doc & Gloria Manitta

Dennis Merlino

Francis & Charlene Mirabito

Leland Mitchell & Carolyn

Beckwith

Jim & Karen Obrien

Steve & Wendy Osborne

Fran & Nancy Quirk

Kathryn Reynolds

Paula & Bill Rohn

Edward & Barbara Scerbo

Floyd Wallace

Charles D. Young

Senior

JoAnne Bakeman

Suzy M. Beyer

Bev Somers Bergh

Carrie Butler

Jean C. Caster

John Churchill

Mary M. Clapper

Carmella L. Demperio

Kathleen Dyer

Mary Falanga

Jim Farfaglia

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Merry Gantley

Cindy Garrett

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Bob & Sandy Green

Sarah Hill

Robert Hillick

Mary R. Hundycz

Laurna Hoffman

Richard Johnson

Tom Kanaley

Jim @ Scriba Electric

Marjorie Turrell Julian

Ellen T. Kane

Arlene Mayne

Anne Miller

Agatha Musumeci

Ellen Nowyj

Joan Nucifora

Karen Potter

Eleanor Pryor

Madelyn Schmidt

Shelly Shepard

Michael & Karen Stafford

Jerry Stanard

Nancy Galusha Thomas

Robert Vayner

Carmella Warner

Kelly Weaver

Charles Young

Individual

Stephen T. Burnham

Gail Chesbro

Dorothy Engell

Roberta Dunn

G.C. Garbus

David Guyer

Carole Lescarbeau

Fred Sumner

Dorothy Thomas

Rick Wallon

It is with great honor and gratitude that we list below those who have made special end-of-the-year donations for our annual appeal.



Jean Barrus

Ed & Angela Bernat

Suzy Beyer

Joyce Bogdziewkz

Tom & Sue Brown

Richard Burke

Douglas Caster

Gordon Chalone

Theresa Chalone

Gail Chesbro

David Coant

Joyce Cook

Dennis & LaVerne DeLand

Pat & Becky Devendorf

Carol Dexter

Alan Drohan

Ed & Carole Farfaglia

Bill & Pam Finocchiaro

John Finocchiaro

Bill Fivaz

Paul & Debbie Foster

Fulton Savings Bank

Richard Gillespie

Anne Grassi

David Guyer

Sheila Hayden

Sarah Hill

Robert & Mary Hillick

LeRoy Hodge

Jerry Hogan-Kasperek

Mary Hundycz

Mike & Theresa Jones

Thomas Kanaley

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Beatrice LeClair

James Leo & Stephen Wise

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Karen Potter

Joe & Janet Sczupak

Roxanne Seeber

Alec & Ginny Seymour

Fred Sumner

Dorothy Thomas

Ed & Eleanor Vayner

Floyd Wallace

Les & Janet Weldin

Hal & Clarice Wilber



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Over 40 Years Preserving Fulton History

2021 Dates to Remember

Chicken BBQ—May 23, Oct 3

Porch Party—June 4

10th Annual Hunter Arms—Aug 20 - 21

Trash-2-Treasure—Sep 10 - 11

End-of-Year Celebration—Nov 5

Parade of Trees—Nov 29 - Dec 10

Punch Party Open House—Dec 5

Stop by the Pratt House Museum. We have books about Fulton's history and nice Fulton tapestry throw blankets, as depicted in photo. Also, we have Fulton High School yearbooks for most years. Some of these items also can be purchased at the Village Shops in Fulton.



The John Wells Pratt House Museum

Our Mission Statement

The organization, established in 1979, is dedicated to the preservation of the history of Fulton and the adjacent towns of Granby and Volney. This mission will be approached in the following ways:

1. Acquire and preserve significant artifacts, publications, and other archival material of local interest.
2. Maintain as much of the historical integrity of the Pratt House as possible, while leaving space for historical exhibits.
3. Provide historical and genealogical resources for researchers and interested members of the general public.
4. Develop and provide community outreach programs.