

Pratt House News

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



2021

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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:
10am to 3pm.

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

"Bennett, Broadway, and Beatles"

Do you have fond memories of "slow dancing" to the beautiful voice of Tony Bennett...or of listening to the music of decades of Broadway shows...or of following the travels and performances of the Beatles? Or do all of these strike a chord (no pun intended) with you? If so, the Friends of History is inviting you to join them in an evening that you are not going to want to miss!



Join us on Friday, November 5 at the Tavern on the Lock for a fun filled evening. The cash bar will open at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30, followed by the music of Saxophonist John Rohde and Friends. Accompanying John will be vocalist Andrea Miceli and keyboardist Jim Cox. Be prepared to listen to some of your all-time favorite music and to learn more about it.



John Rohde, Saxophonist.

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The 10th Hunter Arms Homecoming

The Friends of History in Fulton, NY Inc., in conjunction with the L C Smith Collectors

Association, hosted the 10th Hunter Arms Homecoming on August 20-21.

After cancelling the event in 2020 because of the pandemic, visitors traveled to Fulton from several states. The Pratt House Museum transformed several rooms to display L C Smith double barrel shot guns, which were returning home to the city where they were produced at the Hunter Arms Factory in Fulton, NY.

One display showcased the top grade

of LC Smith guns from every era of production dating back to the mid-1880's through the 1950's. Another table included several hammer guns, while others displayed various other grades of the LC Smith guns that were known for their great quality and that were sold worldwide. Two tables displayed several Al Kraus paintings and Hunter Arms memorabilia.



Fulton Mayor Michaels, Hunter Family members, and visitors voted for their favorite displays. The Mayor's, Hunter's, and People's Awards were presented to the winners at the Awards banquet.

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Greetings from the President of the Board

It certainly has been a busy time at the Pratt House Museum. In August we held the 10th Annual Hunter Arms Homecoming and what a great success it was thanks to Les Weldin and his committee. We also had our Trash-2-Treasure event and again it was a winner thanks to Cindy Bickford and her committee.

Our second chicken barbeque was held on Sunday, October 3 at the Fulton Polish Home. We sold all chicken dinners by 1:30 pm. We took in a considerable amount with our 50/50 raffle, thanks to Doc Manitta who was diligently selling tickets the day of the barbeque. Our winner was anonymous. The ticket that was pulled read, "donation." Thank you to the anonymous person who donated to the Pratt House Museum. It is very much appreciated!

Our volunteers and board members have been working hard with some very needed improvements at the Pratt House. Brand new gutters were installed on the

south side of the building, over the handicap ramp. Our next enhancement is to repair the ramp itself, which is essential for some of our visitors. Also, thanks to Mayor Michaels and the Department of Public Works, the stone at the back of the house/driveway has been removed leaving it more spacious, safer, and much easier to make a turn-around.

Our annual meeting was held on Sunday, September 26. Linda Egan presented a slideshow about the Fulton Block Builders. Thank you, Linda!

On November 5 we will have our end-of-season celebration at the Tavern on the Lock. Cash bar will begin at 5:30; dinner at 6:30. Entertainment will follow dinner which will be a scrumptious turkey dinner with all the fixings. Music will be provided by musician John Rohde and Friends. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information call 315-598-4616.

Bennett, Broadway, and Beatles—cont.



Jim Cox, Keyboardist and Vocalist, Andrea Miceli.

Begin your holiday season early with us on November 5 at the Tavern on the Lock, 24 South First Street, Fulton, NY. A turkey dinner will be served with all the fixings and more. Advance sale reservations only (\$30 per person). Payment can be made by check and sent to Friends of History, 177 S First St., Fulton, NY, or call 315-598-4616 to pay by credit card.

Click [here](#) for a response form that can be sent in with payment.

Call 315-598-4616 for more information.

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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.



The 10th Hunter Arms Homecoming—cont.

Many people came not only to see the displays, but also to bring in their own personal L C Smith guns to be examined and researched. James Stubbendieck, Research Chair for the LCSCA, was able to record and give information for about 55 guns.

A shooting event for L C Smith guns was held at the Pathfinder Fish and Game Club. Events included skeet,

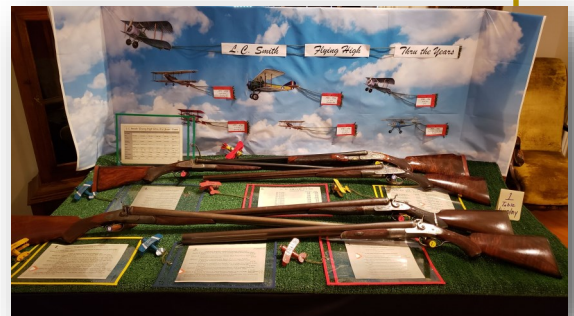
trap, 5-stand, and sporting clays. Those who participated enjoyed shooting their vintage Fulton-made L C Smith guns. Awards for the top three in each event along with the Top Gun shooter were given out at the Awards banquet.



10th Hunter Arms Homecoming					
	Skeet	Trap	5 Stand	Sporting Clays	High Gun
Brownell, John	26	34	33	38	105
Demarest, David	2 39	2 43	27	36	118
Dunn, Ed	—	—	—	—	—
Finch, Frank	30	39	34	39	112
Garver, Tom	21	40	28	31	99
Jardin, Annie	35	30	3 41	34	110
Moore, Larry		1 46	25	37	108
Pavel, John		10			
Loomis, Mark		38			
Snyder, Tom Jr.	3 37	3 43	1 44	2 41	128
Stahl, Jim	32	40	35	37	112
Young, Mark	28	23	33		
Nickerson, Don		30	35	33	98
Heretyk, John		40	37		
DiMeis, Jerry		32			
Dempsey, David	1 45		2 43	1 42	130

Pictured Above are the final shooters' scores.

Additional photos of shooting competition and displays on pg. 5.



Frank Finch's display (above) won the Hunter Award. Below is Annie Jardin's display which was awarded the Mayor's Award.



Sponsor Spotlight

Advanced Dental Arts is something to smile about!

Dr. Frank J. Fruce, DMD, has been a supporter of the Friends of History for years—and has created beautiful smiles for many of our members. His office, located at 106 W. 1st Street South, provides the highest quality dental care. Dr. Fruce uses the latest state-of-the-art equipment and cutting-edge technology. His services range from simple cleaning to extractions, root canals, dentures, crowns, and implants.



Meet Dr. Fruce's Golden Doodle, Honey. She is a therapy dog who is there daily to comfort patients. Isn't she adorable?

With over 25 years of experience, Dr. Fruce understands the anxiety when visiting the dentist and takes a gentle approach with his patients, easing any concerns that they may have by educating them on ways to attain optimum dental health. Advanced Dental Arts views its mission is to educate its patients about their oral health care options and to help guide them to choose a treatment plan that



The Advanced Dental Arts Professionals.

is the most appropriate for their needs.

Dr. Fruce is a native Fultonian and attended Fulton Schools. He went to Hobart College and received his doctorate from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He is a member of the Oswego County Dental Society, American Dental Association, and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. Dr. Fruce is an attending dentist at St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse. He volunteers at the Dental Clinic where he teaches and mentors first year dentists in the Residency program.



Christmas at the Pratt House!

Dec. 1–3 10am–3pm
Dec. 8–10

J.W. Pratt House Museum, 177 S First St., Fulton, NY 13069

First Annual Pratt House Classic July 2022

In memory of Alan S. Drohan

Sharpen your golf game because Friends of History is planning a golf tournament for July 16, 2022 at Battle Island on Route 48, Fulton, NY. The cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a team of four.

- Shotgun start at 8am
- Captain & crew
- Luncheon included
- Carts included
- Raffles
- Door prizes
- Closest-to-the-pin contest
- Skin game & putting contest for an extra fee.



See page 7 for details and registration form.

Our Last Chicken BBQ of 2021

The Friends of History in Fulton hosted its second chicken BBQ for the year on Sunday, October 3 at the Fulton Polish Home. We sold all 300 dinners by 1:30pm.

In addition to dinner sales, Doc Manitta made a significant monetary contribution by handling a 50/50 raffle. The ticket that was pulled was labeled "donation." Thank you to the anonymous person who donated his/her winnings. We so appreciate it!



Pictured above is our very own FOH 2nd Vice President, Angela Bernat, showcasing a chicken dinner in her chicken suit.

The 10th Hunter Arms Homecoming photos...



Suzy Beyer's display took the People's Choice Award.



Pictured here with Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay is Janet Weldin who is displaying a piece of her artwork at the Local Landscape and Landmark Art Exhibit. The art piece is a painting on a brick of the Hunter Arms building. The art exhibit will be held Oct. 2–Oct. 31 at Art Association of Oswego. For more info click the following link: [Pratt-housemuseum.org/events/artexhibit2021.pdf](http://pratt-housemuseum.org/events/artexhibit2021.pdf).

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Alan S. Drohan, Esq.
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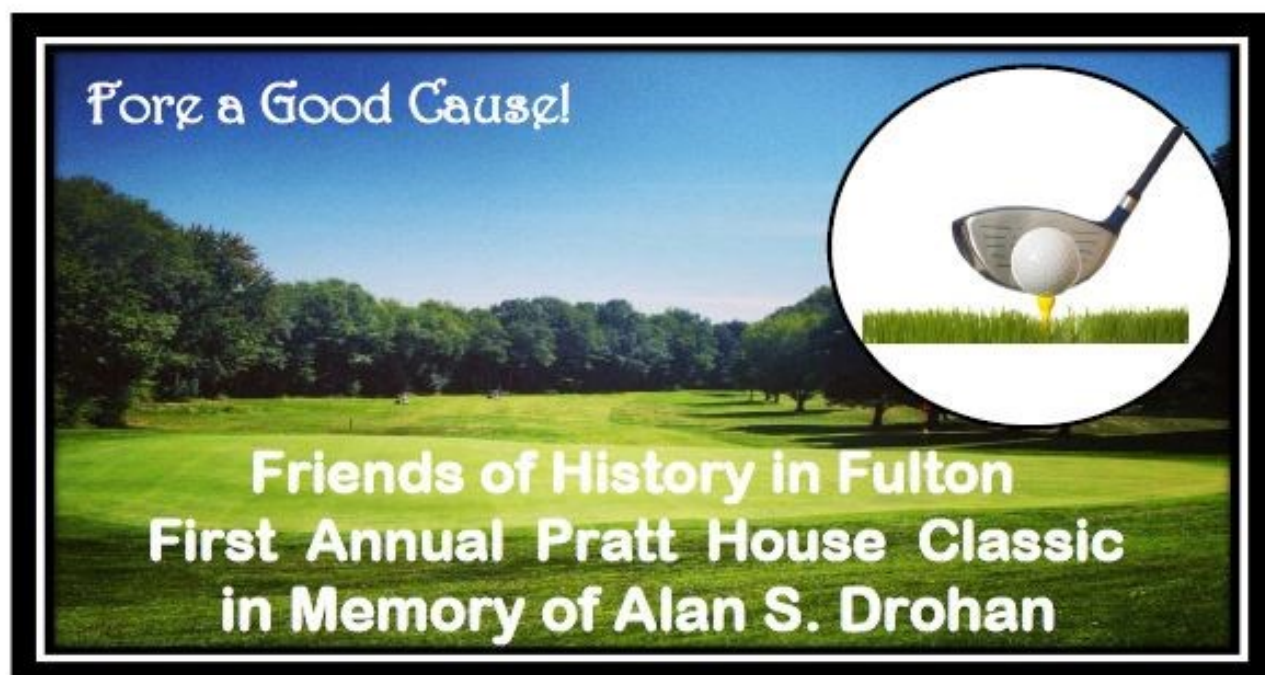
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The Friends of History extends sincere condolences to the friends and family of Alan S. Drohan.



SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

Battle Island State Golf Course
2150 State Route 48, Fulton, NY
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 1, 2022

- Includes Cart, Lunch, Snack
- Basket Raffles
- Mens, Womens, and Coed Champions
- Trophies Awarded
- Prizes and Games available

Long Drive, Closest to the Pin,
Putting Contest, Putting String,
Mulligans, Skin Game

For further information contact:
Thomas Brown 315-592-4988
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or Friends of History in Fulton
315-598-4616
friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com

2022 PRATT HOUSE CLASSIC

Entry - \$75 per person/\$300 per team

_____ I am one player (\$75)

Player: _____

_____ We have a team (\$300)

Captain: _____

Crew of 3: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

SPONSORSHIPS (Please check all that apply)

_____ Tournament Sponsor: \$5,000

Includes 2 free team entries

_____ Platinum Sponsor: \$3,500

Includes 1 free team entry

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_____ Silver Sponsor: \$1,500

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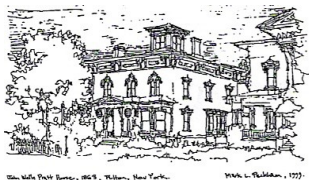
Contact Email: _____

Mail this form and payment to: Friends of History in Fulton

P.O. Box 157, Fulton, NY 13069

Checks payable to: Friends of History in Fulton

Put "Golf Tournament" on memo line



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Over 40 years preserving Fulton history.



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Dec. 8-10

10am—3pm



The John Wells Pratt House Museum

End-of-Season



Celebration

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At the

Tavern on the Lock

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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.