

# Pratt House News

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

## Second Annual Pratt House Classic Set for Saturday, July 15



**The snow is gone, spring has sprung, let's get out and have some fun!**

# The

Friends of History is holding its second annual golf tournament on Saturday, July 15 at Battle Island Golf Course. It will be a Captain and Crew format starting at 9:00am. The cost is \$75 per single player or \$300 for a team of four.

This year we are honoring Ed Farfaglia, a former Friends of History board member. Ed passed away last year after a courageous battle with cancer. We want to honor Ed for all that he did to support the Pratt House Museum. Plus, Ed really loved the game of golf! This is our way of celebrating a life well lived.

Remember, you don't have to be a good golfer; in fact, you will have a great time even if you have never picked up a golf club.

This is the second golf tournament for the Friends of History. We are hoping that it will be as successful as the first (20 teams last year!). You can help us by gathering a

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## Chocolate Is in the Air at the Pratt House Museum!

The Friends of History in Fulton unveiled the Chocolate Works Museum this year as one of the many exhibits. The Pratt House has two rooms dedicated to the Chocolate Works Museum that are full of chocolate bars and other products made at Fulton's Nestle Factory, along with a variety of other items and photos depicting the century-long history of the local

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2023

### Board of Directors

Tom Brown, President  
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### Staff

Theresa Jones, Museum Coord.  
Alec Seymour, Displays  
Travis Wright, 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:  
10am to 3pm, Mid-Apr - Mid-Dec.

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

## Chicken BBQ



Fulton Polish Home

Sun., June 4  
11:30 until sold out

### Spring Plant Fundraiser

Oliver B. PAINE Greenhouses

Tear out on pg. 9.  
Flyer is also attached to this email.

Sat.  
May 20  
Sun.  
May 21



## "Chocolate Is in the Air" Porch Party!

Fri., June 9  
at the  
Pratt House Museum  
5:30-7:30pm

*See more about events on pg 4.*

# Greetings Friends of History

## Welcome

to a new and exciting year with The Friends of History.

After enjoying the successes of 2022, in 2023 we are looking forward to providing our community with even more reasons to celebrate Fulton's history. We are thrilled that our newest museum in Fulton, the Fulton Chocolate Works Museum, will have a temporary home this year at the Pratt House. I know that you will enjoy the fabulous displays that represent the many years that the Fulton Nestle Factory was a mainstay of our community. These displays will be augmented by upgrades to our telephone history exhibit, which has been carefully maintained by Alec Seymour.

Planning is underway for our second annual Alan Drohan Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held on July 15 at Battle Island Golf Course. The tournament will be in honor of Ed Farfaglia, a former board member, who passed away last year. See details about the tournament on page 7.

You will be pleased to know that you also will be able to enjoy your favorite Friends of History events...from the Chicken Barbecues to the Porch Party to our Annual November Event to the Hunter Arms Homecoming Weekend to the Parade of Trees...and that we are hoping to add to this list of activities that bring our community members together.

I invite everyone to visit our hometown museum. Fulton has such a storied past and we as board members are proud to keep our city's history alive.

*Best regards-Thomas Brown*



## Corporate Sponsors 2023

### Silver Membership

Burke's Home Center	Johnston's Propane
Fulton Savings Bank	L.C. Smith Collectors Association
Harbor Eye Associates, Dr. David J. Dexter	Patterson Warehousing

### Bronze Membership

Advanced Dental Arts (Dr. Frank Fruce, DMD)  
The Great Outdoors  
Howard Hanna Real Estate  
OVIA Insurance Agencies, LLC  
Pathfinder Bank  
Save-A-Lot (Fulton)

### Patron Membership

Century 21 Leah's Signature  
Valley Locksmith, Rick Rebeor

*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.*

## A Few Prices from 1956

House, \$22,000  
Average household income, \$4,454  
Ford car, \$1,748-\$3,151  
Postage stamps, \$.03  
Milk, \$.97 a gallon  
Gas, \$.23 a gallon  
Bread, \$.18 a loaf  
Chuck roast, \$.33 a pound  
Spare ribs, \$.39 a pound  
Cabbage, \$.04 a pound  
Eggs, \$.45 a dozen  
Coffee, \$.69 a pound  
Kool-Aid, \$.05 a package  
Life Savers, \$.05 a package

**WOW!**





## Welcome Friends of History's New Board Members



◀ Kathy is a proud mom of two young men who were recently married to two beautiful young ladies. She is a retired teacher from FCSD and lives in Fulton with her husband, RJ, and dog, Mickey. Kathy is a wonderful asset to our organization with her bubbly personality and enthusiasm.

▶ Sue is a life-long resident of Fulton. She has enjoyed a 40-year career in real estate. Sue and her husband, Vincent, had a truck farm for many years. Sue especially enjoys spending time with her family, walking, playing piano, and yoga. Sue's real estate experience has been a big help to our organization recently.



◀ Wendell Howard is the 5th generation to reside in his home located within the Town of Volney. Wendell retired from Nestle after 31 years of service. He is very involved in the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant Grange #349 & CNY-Bearteam. Wendell is an avid Oswego Speedway race fan. He is also a member of the Fulton Chocolate Works Museum committee. Wendell's knowledge of the Fulton Nestle Factory has been a tremendous asset to our chocolate museum exhibit.

▶ Gay Musumeci was born and raised in Fulton. Gay taught at a middle school in Saranac Lake for eight years. In the late 1990s Gay started an audio/visual company with her brother, Joe. She retired in 2009. Gay lives with her cats, Beebop, Lucy and Patches. She is active in her church choir and senior group. Gay brings her people skills and experience, and her knowledge of audio/visual equipment to the Friends of History.



### Second Annual Pratt House Classic... (cont.).

team together or by being a tournament sponsor. Information and an application form is on page 7. You can also find it online at <http://pratthousemuseum.org/events/2023-golf-tourney-fill-in.pdf>. It will be a day to play golf, enjoy being with friends, and share the many fond memories that you have of Ed.

If you have questions or need additional information, call 315-598-4616 or email [friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com); you may also contact Tom Brown at 315-532-3034 or [to-mybee46@aol.com](mailto:to-mybee46@aol.com).

Please join us for this fun-filled event which will help the Friends of History to preserve Fulton's rich history.



Ed with his three sons and wife at the 2022 Pratt House Classic. From left is Doug, Ed, Matthew, Carole and Tim.

### Top TV Shows in 1956

I Love Lucy  
The Ed Sullivan Show  
General Electric Theater

The \$64,000 Question  
December Bride  
Alfred Hitchcock Presents

I've Got a Secret  
Gunsmoke  
The Perry Como Show  
The Jack Benny Show

### New in 1956

Midas Muffler  
Raid House & Garden  
Bug Killer  
Uncle Milton's And Farm

Yahtzee  
Jif peanut butter  
Tupperware

# This Year's Upcoming Events...

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## Chicken BBQs

June 4 & Oct 1  
11:30 until sold out  
Fulton Polish Home

## "Chocolate Is in the Air"

## Porch Party!

Fri. June 9  
at the Pratt House Museum  
5:30—7:30pm



## Hunter Arms Homecoming

Aug 11—12

## Honoring Fulton Police & Fire

Sep 8

Pratt House Museum  
More info to come...



Parade of Trees—Nov 27- Dec 8

Punch Party Open House—Dec 3



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- Shotgun start at 9am
- 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. (Also attached to this email.)

## In memory of Ed Farfaglia

Battle Island Golf Course  
Route 48, Fulton, NY

More information about our events to follow. Keep watching for news in your email.

# Chocolate Is in the Air...



## At the Pratt House Museum!



# 2023 Annual Porch Party

The Friends of History will host its annual Porch Party on Friday, June 9 at the Pratt House Museum from 5:30pm—7:30pm.

This year's theme is "Chocolate Is in the Air!" Come join us for a cheerful day with lots of good food and good friends, old and new. There will be a variety of finger foods, hot and cold dishes, beverages, and desserts. Bring your appetite! The cost is \$20 per person.

The new exhibit this year (occupying two rooms!) is the

Chocolate Works Museum, which features history about the Nestle factory. The rooms are full of chocolate bars and other products made at Fulton's Nestle factory, along with other items and photos depicting the century-long history of the plant. There are also video displays and slide presentations that show how the products were made.

For more information, call 315-598-4616 or email [friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com).



# Remember Fulton's Chocolate Festivals?

Source: Syracuse.com



Chocolate pie eating contest, 1995. Photo by Randi Anglin.



Overall shot of the Chocolate Festival, 1987. Photo by Nicholas Lisi.



This boy looks up to see that he has beaten the other kids in the pudding eating contest, 1996. Photo by Al Campanie.



This one-year-old smiles while she and her parents eat at the Elks Club chicken BBQ at the festival in 1996. Photo by Al Campanie.

## 'Chocolate Is in the Air' at the Pratt House Museum (cont.).

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You must come and see for yourself! Visit us at 177 S 1st St., in Fulton, NY, Wed-Fri, 10am—3pm. For more information call 315-598-4616 or email [friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com).



Pictured above are four of the Chocolate Works Museum committee members. From left: Ed McCormick Mike Malash, Bob MacMartin, and Wendell Howard.



This little boy pinches the nose of the Nestle chocolate bar at the festival in 1987, Photo by Nicholas Lisi.



Click below to watch a video about the Nestle Factory...

<http://www.pratthousemuseum.org/nestle.mp4>

# Membership

## Cupola

Jim Leo & Stephen Wise

## Attic

Alicia & Dick Calagiovanni

John Finocchiaro

Deanne Morrill

Fran Sullivan

Eleanor Vayner

## Gallery

Ed & Angela Bernat

Thomas & Suzanne Brown

Chris & Debbie Canfield

Brian Caswell

Gordon Chalone

Theresa Chalone

Kathy & RJ DeLisle

Carol Dexter

Verner & Gail Drohan

Richard & Naneen Drosse

Leonard & Nancy Ellis

Debra Foster

Sheila Hayden

Spencer & Anne Ludington

John Munger

Joseph & Janet Sczupak

Les & Janet Weldin

Howard Wilson

## Exhibit

Will & Margaret Barclay

Richard Burke

Sarah Conley

Joyce Cook

David Coant

Pat & Becky Devendorf

Mary Elliott

Anne Grassi

Robert Hillick

Wendell Howard

Marjorie Turrell Julian

Geraldine Hogan Kasperek

Dave & Marie Mankiewicz

Jerry & Beth Mirabito

Steve & Wendy Osborne

Brian J. Pederson

Alec & Ginny Seymour

Nancy Galusha Thomas

Carolyn L. Waterman

## Senior with Spouse

Robert & Susan Anderson

Verne & Cindy Bickford

Dr. Michael & Janine Botty

Gary & Alexa Carter

Steve & Cathy Chirello

Don & Marion Ciciarelli

Bill & Michelle Clark

LaVerne & Dennis DeLand

Bill & Peggy Donnelly

Roger & Sue Ebert

Bill & Pam Finocchiaro

Bob & Sandy Green

Daryl & Sharon Hayden

Harvey & Ann King

Alan & Sue Lane

Silvia & Robert Langdon

Edward & Sharon Lindo

Doc & Gloria Manitta

Dennis & Kellie Merlino

Lowell & Carol Newvine

Bill & Jean Niver

Jim & Karen Obrien

Francis & Nancy Quirk

Edward & Barbara Scerbo

Pat & Eileen Sharkey

Elma J. Smith

Doug & Dranee Stevens

Nancy & Jim Thomas

Stephen & Margaret Young

## Senior

Suzy M. Beyer

Carrie Butler

Vita Chalone

John Churchill

Gladys Daniels

Marilyn Datz

Roberta Dunn

Kathleen Dyer

William Dyer

Mary Falanga

Carole Farfaglia

Teresa Ferlito

Cindy Garrett

Anne Grassi

Sarah Hill

Robert Hillick

James Hotchkiss

Richard Johnson

Tom Kanaley

Jean Lewis

Arlene Mayne

Anne Miller

Charlene Mirabito

Agatha Musumeci

Joan Nucifora

David Phares

Karen Potter

Eleanor Pryor

Kathryn Reynolds

Roxanne Seeber

Jerry Stanard

Suzanne Stout

Robert Vayner

Floyd Wallace

Rick Wallon

Kelley Weaver

Carol Zellar

## Individual

Bev Somers Bergh

Stephen T. Burnham

Gail Chesbro

Lisa Cooper

Sarah Finocchiaro

David Guyer

Bea LaClair

John McGraw

John Snow

Fred Sumner

Dorothy Thomas

## Lifetime Members

Alec & Ginny Seymour

Tom Tryniski

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

**Elma Smith in memory of Ramsey Ludington & Bruce Phelps**



## Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to William Dyer on the passing of his wife Bea; Angela Bernat on the passing of her brother; and Alec & Ginny Seymour on the passing of their daughter.



## **Second Annual Pratt House Classic July 15, 2023 In memory of Ed Farfaglia**

**M**ark your calendars for the second annual Pratt House Classic set for July 15, 2023 at Battle Island on Route 48, Fulton, NY.

- Shotgun start at 9am
- Captain & crew
- Luncheon included
- Carts included
- Raffles
- Door prizes
- Closest-to-the-pin contest
- Skin game & putting contest for an extra fee.



**[Click here for more details and a registration form.](#)**



For a Good Cause!



**Friends of History in Fulton  
Second Annual Pratt House Classic  
The Alan S. Drohan Memorial Tournament  
Honoring the Memory of Ed Farfaglia**

**SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023**

Battle Island State Golf Course  
2150 State Route 48, Fulton, NY  
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

**PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 1, 2023**

- Captain and Crew
- 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:

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**2023 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

☐ Gold Sponsor: \$2,500

☐ Silver Sponsor: \$1,500

☐ Bronze Sponsor: \$500

☐ Golf Cart Sponsor: \$300

☐ Lunch Sponsor: \$200

☐ Hole Sponsor: \$100

☐ Gift Bag Sponsor: \$50

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

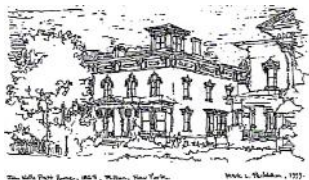
Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Pratt House Museum

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**Spring 2023**

*Visit us to see the Fulton Chocolate  
Works Museum at the Pratt House!*



**Over 43 years preserving Fulton history.**

### Dates to Remember

Chicken BBQ—Jun 4

Porch Party—Jun 9

Second Annual Pratt House Classic—  
Jul 15, Battle Island

Hunter Arms 12th Annual Homecoming—  
Aug 11 & 12

Honoring Fulton Police & Fire—Sep 8

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Annual Nov Event—Nov 3

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**Fri. Jun 9**

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[Sign up](#) a team for our Second Annual Golf  
Tournament or become a sponsor!



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.





*Friends of History In Fulton, N.Y. Inc.*

## SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

shop at Oliver B. Paine Greenhouses on  
**Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21** from 9am-4pm,  
and the *Friends of History In Fulton* will earn  
**10% of your plant purchase!**



Our business is **GROWING**...for you!

**125 South Granby Road, off Route 48,  
between Fulton & Baldwinsville  
www.OliverPaineGreenhouses.com ~ 592-2773**

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thank you for your support !**

*Friends of History In Fulton, N.Y. Inc*  
**Receives 10 % of your plant purchase**

*Thank you from everyone at Oliver Paine Greenhouses. Remember, you can plant all summer long....  
feel free to use or share this coupon with a friend.*

**Save \$5 on any purchase  
of \$20 or more**

**June 20 - June 30, 2023**

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