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



12th Annual Hunter Arms Homecoming Weekend August 11 & 12

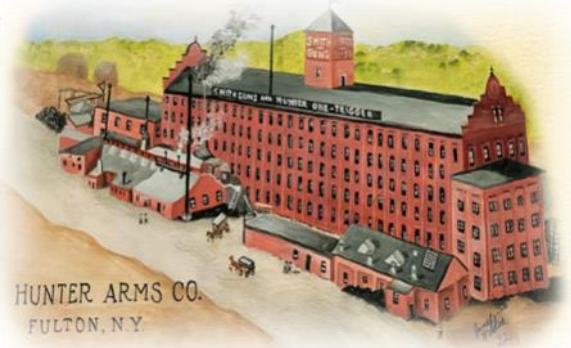
C*an you believe it?!*
The 12th Annual Hunter Arms Home-

coming is just around the corner. It's a wonderful time to bring your L.C. Smith back to its home in Fulton, NY. Meet friends from the L.C. Smith Collectors Association and family members of the esteemed Hunter family at the John Wells Pratt House Museum. Each year L.C. Smith and Fulton gun collectors, as well as history gurus from all over the country, gather in Fulton for the homecoming.

The event will be held on August 11 and 12 at Fulton's Pratt House Museum and the Pathfinder Fish and Game Club on Route 57. The first floor of the Pratt House will be transformed into a museum of shotguns individually crafted by the artisans who called Hunter Arms/L.C. Smith their home. These works of art will be on exhibit to the public on Friday from 10am-5pm and on Saturday from 8am-5pm. Donations are appreciated, but not required.

It is a combined effort to promote the history of the Hunter Arms Company, which was a mainstay of the Fulton economy from 1890-1950. The factory produced the Hunter

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2023

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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, Mid-Apr-Mid-Dec.
Opening April 13, 2022.

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

Victory on the Golf Course

Second Annual Pratt House Classic

Wow! *It was a hot one!*

July 15, the day of our second annual golf tournament, was an incredibly hot and humid day. Nonetheless, throughout the hotness, we all had a great time. There were many raffles, prizes, and good food too. Twenty-eight teams participated in this year's tournament, surpassing last year's 20 teams!

This year we honored the life of Ed Farfaglia, a board member who passed away last year. Ed was a board member extraordinaire. He put his many skills to work helping construct major improvements to the Pratt House Museum as well as other numerous contributions Ed bestowed upon us. Ed had many friends and he touched the hearts of all who knew him.

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I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play.



Greetings, Everyone!

It has been an interesting and busy time for the Friends of History. Our 2nd Annual Alan Drohan Memorial Classic at Battle Island Golf Course took place and we could not have asked for a more perfect day! This year we honored the life of Ed Farfaglia, a board member who passed away last year. We had 28 teams participate this year, surpassing last year's total of 20 teams.

The Fulton Savings Bank team won the ladies' division, Tavern-On-the-lock won the men and women division, and the men's division was won by the Mike Ambuske team. R.J. DeLisle got a hole-in-one on the sixth hole, which his two sons were able to witness. Congratulations to all the winners!

A sincere thank you to all who participated and sponsored this event. You helped to make it a success and the Friends of History board members are grateful to you.

On August 11 and 12 we will be holding our annual

Hunter Arms Reunion. During the reunion we honor Hunter Arms of Fulton who made the famous LC Smith shotguns. See the article on page 1 for more information.

A new addition to the Pratt House is the Chocolate Museum, which occupies two of the downstairs rooms. It brings back so many memories of the Nestle Chocolate Factory. As a life-long resident of Fulton I can still remember the smell of chocolate in the air.

Although Alan Drohan passed away some time ago his legacy lives on with the Alan Drohan Memorial Classic and with selling of the home that he so generously willed to the Friends of History. This generosity will help to ensure that the Pratt House Museum will be the cornerstone of Fulton's history for many years to come.

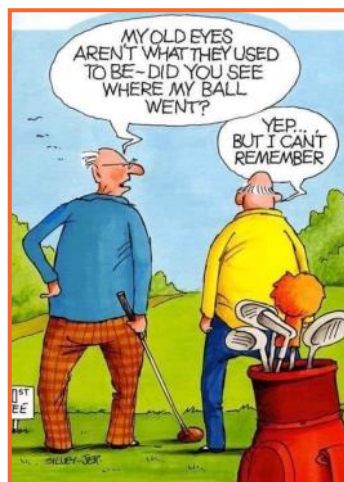
Recently a pipe burst in the upstairs sink of the Pratt House, damaging the walls and floors, upstairs and downstairs, as well as other items that were in the way of the moisture. Fortunately, the damage has been repaired. We are also continuing to make other repairs to the house including replacing lower window casings and replacing window screens. More to come...

Please visit the Pratt House and relive Fulton's rich history. Our hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am until 3pm.

Sincerely,
Thomas Brown-President



There are three ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice constantly... or start cheating.



Corporate Sponsors 2023

Silver Membership

Burke's Home Center	Johnston's Propane
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Harbor Eye Associates, (Dr. David J. Dexter)	Patterson Warehousing

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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.



Upcoming Events

friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com

Our very own board member Angela Bemat as our live chicken mascot.



**Chicken
BBQ**
Oct 1

11:30 until sold out
Fulton Polish Home



END-OF-SEASON EVENT
with Joe Cortini
November 10 at
Tavern on the Lock!

*More info to follow.
Keep watching
your emails and our website.*



Parade of Trees
Nov 27 - Dec 8



Punch Party Open House—Dec 3



12th Hunter Arms Homecoming (cont.)



Hunter Arms Homecoming Group Photo 2022

Bicycle, Hunter Fans, and both the L.C. Smith and Fulton side by side double barrel shotguns. Known for their quality, the Hunter Fans and the famous L.C. Smith guns were sold worldwide.

In addition to the L.C. Smith and Fulton shotgun displays, the exhibit will also include Hunter Arms memorabilia and Al Kraus paintings. The Fulton Mayor, Hunter family members, and the public will be able to vote on the displays. The entire museum, as well as the Hunter Gallery on the second floor, will be open for tours.

A friendly target shooting competition will be held at Pathfinder on Saturday, beginning at 9am. The participants will be using L.C. Smith or Fulton shotguns (some over 100 years old) to break flying clay birds; events in-

clude trap, skeet, 5-stand, and sporting clays.

The weekend event concludes Saturday evening with an awards banquet. This year's banquet will take place at RFH's Hide-A-Way on Route 57 in Phoenix, NY.

All activities are open to the public; it's a wonderful opportunity to explore Fulton's rich history.

You can find details and a registration form for this year's Homecoming at <http://www.pratthousemuseum.org/events/2023-hunter-arms-brochure-for-web.pdf>. For more information, contact the Pratt House at 315-598-4616 or at friendsofhistoryinfulton@gmail.com. You may also contact Les Weldin at 315-593-6848 or at weldinj@gmail.com.



Pictured here is Ed Farfaglia's wife and three sons. They are holding a large photo of Ed on the golf course which was printed in memory of Ed for this special occasion. From left is Matthew, Doug, Carole, and Tim.



Second Annual Pratt House Classic (cont.)

We thank all the teams for making this tournament an even greater success than last year. The smiles and laughter showed how much fun the team players were having in spite of the nearly intolerable temperature. Everyone was a winner that day. The flight winners were as follows:

- ◆ **MEN - The Mike Ambuske Team**
- ◆ **MEN & WOMEN (mixed) - Tavern on the Lock**
- ◆ **WOMEN - Fulton Savings Bank.**

Jim Candee won the putting contest and donated his winnings back to the Friends of History. *Thank you, Jim.*

R.J. DeLisle scored a hole-in-one!

Each member of the winning teams received a \$40 gift card to use at Battle Island.

In addition to all the winners, R.J. DeLisle scored a hole-in-one on the sixth hole! Congratulations to all the winners and to R.J. for a first-time hole-in-one for the Alan Drohan Pratt House Classic!

We have many people to thank for the success of the tournament. A special thanks goes out to our tournament sponsors and those who donated baskets that were raffled during the tournament luncheon.

We also thank Kristen Aluzzi, Mary Gregg, and their Battle Island Golf Course staff for their efficiency and cheerfulness.



A special thanks to our golf committee, especially to Theresa Jones and Carol Dexter, who dedicated much time and effort in making this year's classic another winner. Lastly, we want to thank those who helped with the tournament on Saturday, including Carol Dexter, Sarah Conley, Carole Farfaglia, Sue Brown, Angela Bernat, Mike and Theresa Jones, and Chris Schreck.

Mark your calendars for our Third Annual Alan Drohan Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for July 13, 2024!

Second Annual Pratt House Classic Sponsors

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Theresa Jones

"64 Main Street Trading Co. LTD"

Syracuse Stage

Ashley Young—The Giving Owl

2nd Annual Alan Drohan Memorial Classic



Carole Farfaglia (middle) gets in the picture with the winners of the men's division—the Mike Ambuske team.



Fulton Savings Bank wins the ladies' division.



Tavern on the Lock won the men and women (mixed) division.



Welcoming committee and sign in crew.



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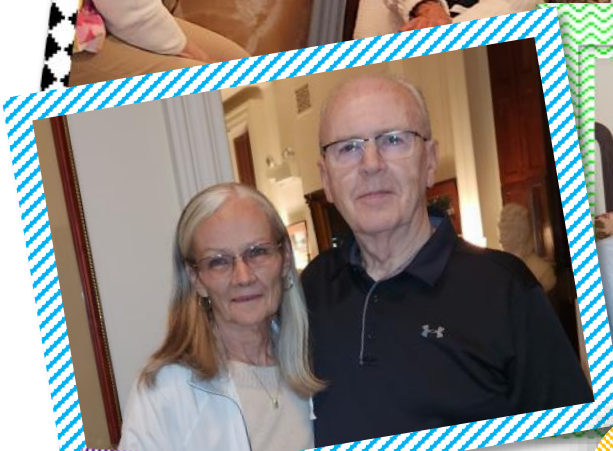
The putting contest Judges.

Chocolate Is in the Air

Porch Party 2023 Pictures!



Say cheese...
or chocolate?



Membership 2023

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
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Debra Foster
Sheila Hayden
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Exhibit

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Joyce Cook

David Coant
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Anne Grassi
Robert Hillick
Wendell Howard
Marjorie Turrell Julian
Geraldine Hogan Kasperek
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Nancy Galusha Thomas
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Senior with Spouse

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Doug & Dranee Stevens

Nancy & Jim Thomas
Stephen & Margaret Young

Senior

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Vita Chalone
John Churchill
Gladys Daniels
Marilyn Datz
Roberta Dunn
Kathleen Dyer
William Dyer
Mary Falanga
Carole Farfaglia
Teresa Ferlito
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John Snow
Fred Sumner
Dorothy Thomas

Lifetime Members

Alec & Ginny Seymour
Tom Tryniski

Each spring the grounds committee

actively gets the Pratt House gardens ready to make the house look like a "home." They purchase plants, flowers and mulch that FoH volunteers use to groom and create a beautiful scene around the outside of the museum.

We have a garden fund for which money can be donated in memory or honor

of a loved one to help us maintain our plants. It is also supported by our annual Paines Greenhouses fundraiser.

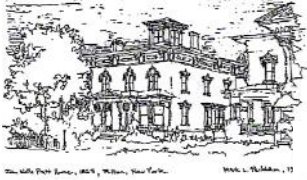
You may donate by a check made out to Friends of History in Fulton, NY or stopping by to view the gardens, roses and clematis vine in full bloom.



Gay Musumeci and Kathy DeLisle (left) are two of the grounds committee volunteers. We extend our thanks to all who help make the Pratt House lovely!

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Geraldine Garbus who passed away this year.



Summer

Pratt House Museum



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Chocolate Is in the Air
Visit us to see the **Fulton Chocolate Works Museum!**

Summer 2023

Over 43 years preserving Fulton history.

Dates to Remember

Chicken BBQ—Oct 1
Annual Nov Event with Joe Cortini—Nov 10
Punch Party Open House—Dec 3
Parade of Trees—Nov 27—Dec 8



[Check out the 2023 Classic Golf Tournament video!](http://pratthousemuseum.org/2023classic-small.mp4)

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The John Wells Pratt House Museum

Chicken BBQ

Fulton Polish Home



Sun, Oct 1
11:30 until sold out

END-OF-SEASON EVENT

with Joe Cortini
November 10!

More info to follow so keep watching your emails and our website.



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.