

Pratt House News

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

A Musical History Lesson from one of Fulton's Own

Have you wondered how Jazz music got its beginnings? You will find out on November 4 at the

Tavern on The Lock! Joe Cortini, Fulton's very own celebrity musician, will entertain and educate us on the history of Jazz.

Joe, on drums, will be joined by the members of his Jazz Mafia Trio and by vocalist Vanessa Vacanti. The trio, with Matt Vacanti on bass and Dave Solazzo on piano, will take you on a journey of jazz styles spanning 100 years. Vanessa's expressive vocal stylings will showcase each style.



Pictured is Joe Cortini of Fulton, NY.

Join The Friends of History in Fulton for an evening that you are not going to

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Hunter Arms Homecoming Celebrates World Famous Guns

Warm temperatures and blue skies welcomed L C Smith Collectors Association (LCSCA) members, Hunter family members, and the public to the 11th annual Hunter Arms Homecoming on August 19 and 20.

In addition to preparing and practicing for Saturday's activities, members of the LCSCA and the Friends of History greeted one another at the Phoenix Sports Restaurant on Friday evening. Those in attendance discussed possible enhancements to the event and ways to encourage more participation. Suggestions are welcome and should be directed to Les Weldin at weldinj@gmail.com or 315-593-6848.

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2022

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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.

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

Parade of Trees 2022... It's back! For more information **see page 3** or call 315-598-4616.



Greetings from the President of the Board

As 2022 rapidly approaches its end, it is gratifying to realize what a productive year it has been for the Friends of History.

Our first Annual Golf Tournament was more successful than we ever could have imagined. The weather was picture perfect and the golfers raved about how much fun that they had; it was a fitting tribute to the memory of Alan Drohan. We are looking forward to next year's tournament so mark your calendars for July 15, 2023.

As many of you already may know, the Friends of History was bequeathed Alan's house and the accompanying lot; this is another testimony to Alan's commitment to and love of Fulton's history.

We had two successful chicken BBQs in 2022. Board members and volunteers have been a key to the continued success of the BBQ's.

L.C. Smith gun owners and enthusiasts contributed to making the 11th Annual Hunter Arms Reunion an

enjoyable event. Thanks to Les Weldin for his work in making this weekend a time to remember.

We recently purchased both a storage shed and an event tent. The tent was used at the Fulton Fall Festival and received several compliments on the way it looks.

A special thank you to Alec Seymour for the design and installation of our exhibits. During 2022 our exhibits highlight the churches of Fulton.

The Friends of History is a key to keeping the history of Fulton alive. We invite you to visit the Pratt House, which is open Wednesday through Friday from 10am to 3 pm.

Best regards-Thomas Brown



Corporate Sponsors 2022

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Association

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Century 21 Leah's Signature
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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.

Halloween Costume Contest

You could win
a \$20 gift
card to Lakeview Lanes



where you can bowl,
play miniature golf, billiards, have a
party, eat, and more! It's your one-
stop place for fun!



All you need to
do is show us
your best Hal-
loween cos-
tume.

Send us a picture of yourself
dressed in your costume at friendsof-historyinfulton@gmail.com, or better
yet, visit us at the Pratt House and
we'll take your picture here.

For more info go here [Halloween Costume Contest.](#)



want to miss. The cash bar will open at 5:30 with a buffet dinner served at 6:30. Be prepared to listen to some of your favorite music and to learn more about it.

Begin your holiday season early with us on November 4 at the Tavern on The Lock, 24 South First Street, Fulton, NY. Advance sale reservations please (\$30 per person).

Contact Friends of History at 315-598-4616 for more information.



Vocalist Vanessa Vacanti.



*Top: Bass player Matt Vacanti
Bottom: Pianist Dave Solazzo*



It's Back...Parade of Trees 2022

It's that

wonderful time of year again! This is the 32nd year of the Friends of History in Fulton's Parade of Trees, after missing two years because of the pandemic! It all began in 1988 when the mortgage on the John Wells Pratt House was paid off and the Board of Directors felt that it was time to show the community how much they were appreciated for all their hard work and effort in saving the Pratt House. That decision marked the birth of the Parade of Trees. Ever since the halls of the Pratt House are decked with trees every year that are brought in and decorated by participating schools, non-profit organizations and businesses in the community. Those who visit to view the amazing showcase of trees vote on their favorite one. The non-profit winners receive a cash prize.

We invite you to this year's Parade of Trees which will take place November 28 – December 9, from 10 a.m. – 3 pm.. Our Punch Party Open House is Sunday, December 4 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The J.W. Pratt House Museum is located at 177 South First Street, Fulton, NY 13069. For more information, call 315-598-4616.



Punch Party Open House—Dec 4





On Saturday a group photo was taken at the Pathfinder Fish and Game Club. Shooting of the beloved “Elises” soon began as the squads assembled at the trap, skeet, 5-stand, and sporting clay venues. The sounds of the Fulton-made L C Smiths filled the air as they broke the clay birds, signifying that the L C Smiths had returned home to Fulton for their annual visit.

Four displays of L C Smith guns, Hunter Arms Co. memorabilia, and Al Kraus paintings were

set up throughout the first floor of the Pratt House Museum. On Friday and Saturday, the visiting public could vote for the People’s Choice Award while they toured the other

historical exhibits and the Hunter Gallery. The Fulton Mayor cast her vote for the Mayor’s Award and the Hunter family members (who traveled from Michigan) voted for the Hunter’s Award.

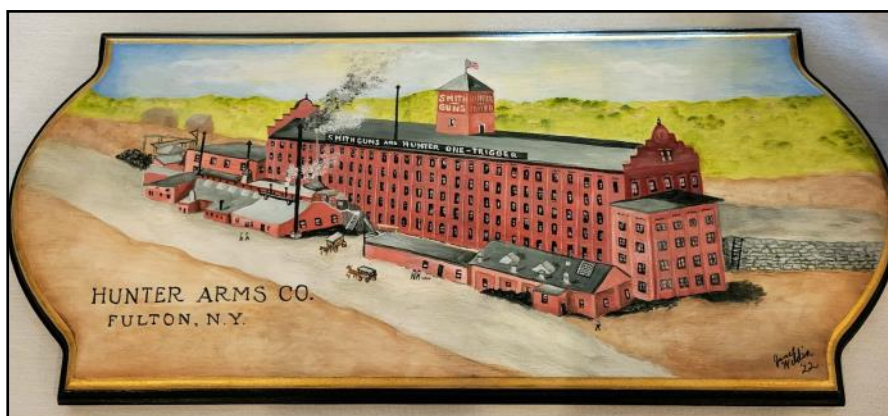
The Saturday evening awards banquet was held at the Tavern on

dent of the Friends of History, LCSCA members Frank Finch Jr. and Tom Garver, and Friends of History member Alec Seymour.

Dan May of CLASSIC GUN-STOCKS and owner of the Miller Single Trigger was the main speaker. Dan gave a very informative

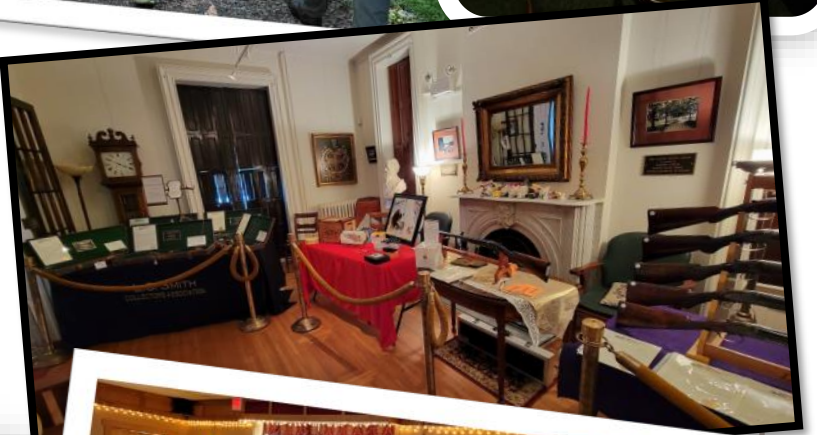
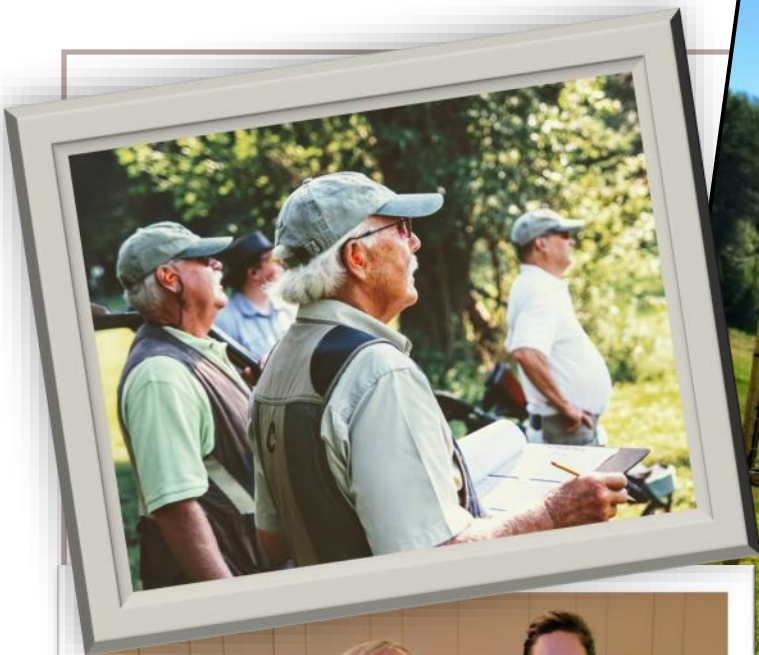
lecture on single trigger assemblies that are used by various gun manufactures. Following Dan’s talk, awards were presented, the raffle winners were announced, and a full table of door prizes were distributed.

Many thanks to all of those who gave their time and talents to ensure that the Friends of History hosted another successful Hunter Arms Homecoming.



Pictured above is a painting done by Janet Weldin. It was one of the items raffled off at this year’s homecoming.

The Lock Restaurant. Fulton Mayor Deana Michaels presented a proclamation declaring August 20 to be Hunter Arms Homecoming Day. Other speakers included Tom Brown, board presi-



Sponsor Spotlight

Pathfinder Bank: Committed to Customer Service and Community

Did you know that the Pathfinder Bank is older than the Pratt House Museum? Originating as the Oswego City Savings Bank in 1859, it has steadily grown throughout the Central New York community. Its hallmarks are its commitment to customer service and its community involvement.

Pathfinder strives to provide all the advanced conveniences that national banks offer, but without the hassles. The decision makers are dedicated, local people who are eager to serve the communities in which they live, work, and play. They try to establish personal relationships with their customers and they are eager to invest in the Fulton community. This is evidenced by the fact that Pathfinder has been Fulton Block Builders' largest corporate sponsor for six years in a row.



Pathfinder Bank, 5 W 1st St S, Fulton, NY 13069

Pathfinder tries to support non-profits and businesses that serve the health, economic, education, cultural and critical services needs of the community. They recognize the rich history of Fulton and this recognition is demonstrated by their generous sponsorship of the Friends of History in Fulton. Thank you, Pathfinder!



Karen Obrien, a former FOH board member and still very active volunteer, recently did a re-enactment of Mrs. Pratt at the Women's Club of Fulton luncheon. It was very well received. Carol Dexter who was in attendance said, "It was so moving." Thank you, Karen, for supporting the Friends of History and the Pratt House Museum.

Pictured above is Karen dressed as Mrs. Pratt when she brought her granddaughters in for a tour and a little history lesson this past summer. Pictured from left is Lila, Karen (Mrs. Pratt), and Fiona.

Pictured here are individuals from the Friends of History and the Fulton Chocolate Museum Committee. From left is Tom Brown, FOH president and Fulton Chocolate Museum Committee member, Bob MacMartin, Mike Malash, and Ed McCormick of the Fulton Chocolate Museum. They are all standing under FOH's brand new tent!



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

In memory of Faith Morin: Hargrave's Pharmacy
and John Finocchiaro.



Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to
Howard Wilson on the passing of his mother, Faith Morin,;

Elma Smith on the passing of her sister;
and Floyd Wallace on the passing of his brother,
Gary Wallace.



Second Annual Pratt House Classic July 15, 2023

Mark 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.](#)



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End-of-Season Event with Joe Cortini—November 4!

Over 42 years preserving Fulton history.

Fall 2022

Dates to Remember

Joe Cortini & His Jazz Mafia Trio—Nov 4

Punch Party Open House—Dec 4

Parade of Trees—Nov 28—Dec 9



**Parade of Trees
Nov 28 - Dec 9**



Punch Party Open House—Dec 4



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.