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Discover Local Treasures and Learn About Our Rich Heritage This Summer

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Dear Friend:

Our area has a rich heritage and I have highlighted some of the wonderful opportunities for tourism and recreation in Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga and Schenectady counties. Filled with history, architectural treasures, geological wonders and natural beauty, this area offers many interesting attractions for both tourists and residents.

I'd like to share with you some of these special places, and I encourage you to discover -- or rediscover -- many of the resources in our own backyard. Along the way, be sure to stop in and support our many fine local restaurants, shops and other attractions.

The following list contains links to websites highlighting historical sites and museums. I do recommend calling ahead to confirm the hours of operation.

For additional information about these or other sites, or about the many festivals and special events scheduled for this summer, you may wish to contact the local chambers of commerce. Their phone numbers and web links are included at the bottom of the list.

Cordially,

Senator Hugh T. Farley

FULTON COUNTY

Johnson Hall State Historic Site (City of Johnstown) - <http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/10/details.aspx>, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Johnson-Hall-State-Historic-Site/337456426283259>

Fulton County Court House (City of Johnstown) - <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/history/elecbook/fulton/pg4.htm>

Caroga Historical Museum - <http://www.carogalake.com/museums.html>

Johnstown Historical Society Museum - http://www.cityofjohnstown-ny.com/historical_society1.htm

Greater Johnstown School District Museum -

<http://www.johnstownschoools.org/district/schoolmuseum/schoolmuseum.htm>

Northville and Northampton Historical Society Museum -

<http://fulton.nygenweb.net/towns/fulnnorthampton.html>

Glove Theatre and Museum (Gloversville) - <http://www.glovetheatre.org/museum.asp>

Peck's Park Historical Society (Town of Johnstown) -

<http://www.mohawkvalleymuseums.com/peckspark.html>,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pecks-Park-Historical-Society-and-Museum/185203401556391>

Rice Homestead (Mayfield) - <http://mayfieldny.org/content/History>

The Wildlife Sports and Educational Museum (Vail Mills) -

<http://www.wildlifesportsmuseum.com/>

Fulton County Historical Society & Museum (Gloversville) -

<http://www.fultoncountymuseum.org/>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Old Fort Johnson (Village of Fort Johnson) - <http://www.oldfortjohnson.org/>,

<https://www.facebook.com/oldfortjohnson>

(The Fort is currently closed due to the 2011 flooding, but will hopefully reopen by July)

Palatine Church (Town of Palatine) - <http://oldpalatinechurch.org/>

Nellis Tavern (Town of Palatine) - <http://www.palatinesettlementsociety.org/>

Fort Klock Historic Restoration (Town of Palatine) - <http://fortklock.org/>,
<http://threerivershms.com/>

Montgomery County Department of History and Archives (Fonda) -
<http://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/historian/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Montgomery-County-Department-of-History-Archives/125329357548376>

National Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine and Mohawk Caughnawaga Indian Museum (Fonda) -
<http://www.katerishrine.com/>

Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community (Town of Mohawk) -
<http://www.mohawkcommunity.com/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/KanatsioharekeMohawkCommunity>

Canajoharie Library and Arkell Museum - <http://www.clag.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canajoharie-Library/163648117002590?v=wall>

Erie Canal - <http://www.eriecanal.org/index.html>,
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/ErieCanalway>

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site (Fort Hunter) - <http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/27/details.aspx>, <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Friends-of-Schoharie-Crossing/166001310105168>

Little Red School House Museum (Fonda) - <http://blueflower.tripod.com/school.htm>

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library and Museum (St. Johnsville) -
<http://reaneydays.org/content>

(As of early June, the museum collections are temporarily closed due to some construction, but will hopefully reopen soon.)

Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park - <http://www.fortplainmuseum.com/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Fort-Plain-Museum/109880805699881>

The Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame (City of Amsterdam) - <http://www.pwhf.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/ProWrestlingHall>

Sanford Stud Farm (Town of Amsterdam) - <http://www.sanfordstudfarm.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/FOSSF>

National Shrine of North American Martyrs (Auriesville) - <http://www.martyrshrine.org/>

Van Alstyne Homestead (Canajoharie) - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Van-Alstyne-Homestead-Society-of-Canajoharie/227312113965476>

Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley (Amsterdam) -
<http://www.walterelwoodmuseum.org/>

(Currently closed due to the flooding in 2011, but visit this site for more information or to lend your support to their efforts)

SARATOGA COUNTY

Saratoga National Historical Park - <http://www.nps.gov/sara/index.htm>,
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Saratoga-National-Historical-Park/145262188828613>

Grant Cottage (Wilton/Moreau) - <http://www.grantcottage.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ulysses-S-Grant-Cottage-State-Historic-Site/195720673826940>

National Bottle Museum (Ballston Spa) - <http://nationalbottlemuseum.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/NationalBottleMuseum>

Brookside Museum (Ballston Spa) - <http://www.brooksidemuseum.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum>

Canfield Casino (Saratoga Springs) - <http://www.saratogahistory.org/>

Charlton Historical Society Museum - <http://www.charltonnyhs.org/museum.html>

Wilton Heritage Museum - <http://www.wiltonhistorical.org/pages/museum.htm>,
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wilton-Historical-Society/108804187146>

Town of Day Museum - <http://www.townofday.com/history.cfm>

Nellie Tyrell Museum (Edinburg) - <http://www.edinburg-hist-soc.org/museums.html>

Copeland Covered Bridge (Edinburg) - <http://www.coveredbridgesite.com/ny/copeland.html>

New York State Military Museum (Saratoga Springs) - <http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/mil-hist.htm>, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-State-Military-Museum/121467901283599>

Saratoga Automobile Museum (Saratoga Springs) - <http://saratogaautomuseum.org/>,
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saratoga-Automobile-Museum/192353584030>

National Museum of Dance and Hall of Fame (Saratoga Springs) -
<http://www.dancemuseum.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/dancemuseum>

The Children's Museum at Saratoga - <http://www.childrensmuseumatsaratoga.org/>,
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Childrens-Museum-at-Saratoga/56228973327>

National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame (Saratoga Springs) -

<http://www.racingmuseum.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Museum-of-Racing-and-Hall-of-Fame/351769105314>

Saratoga Harness Hall of Fame & Museum (Saratoga Springs) -

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saratoga-Harness-Hall-of-Fame-Museum/138055476210215>

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

Edison Tech Center (formerly known as Edison Exploratorium) (Schenectady) -

<http://edisontechcenter.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Edison-Tech-Center/198384653540249>

Efner History Research Library (Schenectady) -

<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/efner.html>

Stockade Neighborhood (Schenectady) - <http://historicstockade.com/>

Mabee Farm Historic Site (Rotterdam) - <http://mabeefarm.org/>,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mabee-Farm-Historic-Site/89486543098>

Proctor's Theatre (Schenectady) - <http://www.proctors.org/>,

<https://www.facebook.com/atproctors>

GE Realty Plot (Schenectady) - <http://www.realtyplot.org/>

Union College (Schenectady) - <http://www.union.edu/>,

<https://www.facebook.com/unioncollege>

Nott Memorial (and Mandeville Gallery at Union College, Schenectady) -

<http://www.union.edu/about/history/campus/nott/index.php>

Schenectady Museum and Suits-Bueche Planetarium -

<http://www.schenectadymuseum.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/schenectadymuseum>

Schenectady County Historical Society - <http://www.schist.org/>,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Schenectady-County-Historical-Society/35464978347?ref=ts>

Flint House (Scotia) - <http://www.visitscotia.com/flinthouse.html>

Empire State Aerosciences Museum (Glenville) - <http://www.esam.org/>,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Empire-State-Aerosciences-Museum/208103179224289>

Gallery of New York Traditions: Folk Art, Folk Music and Folk Life (Schenectady) -

<http://www.nyfolklore.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/New-York-Folklore-Society/76410462500>

The American Locomotive Company (ALCO) Heritage Museum (Schenectady) -

<http://www.alcoheritagemuseum.org/>

While this list highlights several museums and historic sites which have websites, there are many more attractions, resources and activities in our community, including golf courses, swimming sites, local parks and natural areas, horse riding, campgrounds, farmers' markets, fairs festivals, scenic country roads, rodeos, horse racing, auto and moto-cross races, and even skydiving and indoor rock climbing. For more information on attractions and special events, I encourage you to contact the following Chambers of Commerce.

Fulton County Chamber: 725-0641 or (800) 676-3858. <http://www.fultoncountyny.org>,

<http://44lakes.com>, <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Visit-Fulton-County->

NY/197681430254022

Montgomery County Chamber: 842-8200 or (800) 743-7337.

<http://www.montgomerycountyny.com/>

Saratoga County Chamber: 584-3255. <http://www.saratoga.org/>

Schenectady County Chamber: 372-5656. <http://www.schenectadychamber.org/>,
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chamber-of-Schenectady-County/184275560318>

I LOVE NY TRAVEL GUIDE: (800) CALL-NYS.

<http://www.iloveny.com/Brochures.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/iloveny>