



Fulton Memoirs

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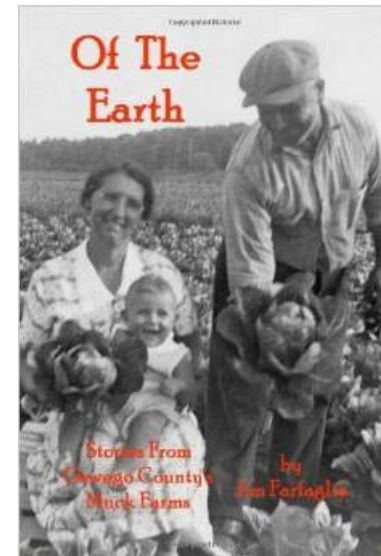
City of Fulton

- Population 11,000
- NYS municipality facing fiscal distress
- “City the Great Depression Missed”



The Beginning 2012

- Jim Farfaglia, local poet / author
- “Country Boy” collection of poems
- Invited local muck farmers & public



Spring

- Poets & Writers, Inc., with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts
- Jim wanted to help people write
- We both wanted to bring a sense of pride back to the Fulton community
- Applied for and was awarded \$1500 to author

April Outreach

- Women's Club
- Friends of Fulton History – Pratt House
- Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions
- Senior Apartments



Summer

- One group per month met for 4 writing classes in the library
- Each senior apartments had their own class
- Recruited volunteers to work one on one or type hand written memoirs
- 41 memoirs completed, new friends were made and everyone learned something
- Ages 50-100

August

- Stories were edited and approved by authors
- Release forms to signed



Free

1-Week Winter Break **Writing Camp** for ages 8-13:

Snowy Day Word Play!

When: February 17th - February 21st, 2014 • Monday - Friday
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Where: Fulton Public Library
160 S. 1st Street, Fulton, NY

Instructors: Jim Farfaglia and Karen Burke



Join us as we explore our winter world through writing with a week's worth of fun, adventuresome and delicious activities!

Writings may be published in a collection or the local paper with your permission.

Seating is limited.

All those interested should call 315-592-5159 to register.

September

- Public reading
- City of Fulton Community Center
- 90 attendees



John and Idamae

November

- Book published using Amazon's CreateSpace
- Contributing authors invited to pick up a free copy at the library – Mayor provided opening words
- Authors met, mingled and signed each other's books

What we learned

- The project MUST continue
- Annual themes would be helpful
- Recruit younger writers for diversity
- Better location needed for public reading

- Marketing would make a difference

- Need more money

2014

- Shineman Foundation grant awarded
- Education and Business Theme
- Encouraged teens to contribute
- Presentation moved to Cayuga Community College – Fulton Campus
 - Provided transport to senior housing
 - Serve only water
 - Slide show to accompany readings



FULTON: THE BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS THAT BUILT OUR COMMUNITY

September 25th, 2014

The Fulton Memoir Project



FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

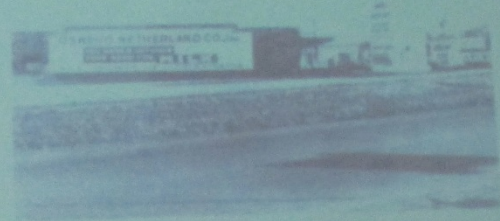


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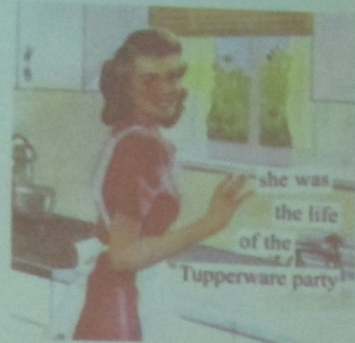


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2015

- Library as Publisher Innovator Grant from NY 3Rs Association will help with marketing
- Theme: Community service providers
- March - initiated weekly 'memory circles'

Results

- New friends
- People who never thought they could write, continue to write on their own
- Learn something about your community that you did not know
- New connections for the library
- Donations to the library

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