

The Fulton County Historical Society (FCHS) is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers! Do you enjoy local history? Do you want to meet people from all over the world? Do you like to give back to your community? Consider joining the FCHS Volunteers! There's something for everyone and on the job training is provided. No prior museum experience is necessary.

About the Fulton County Historical Society

The Fulton County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit, established in 1891. Our mission is to acquire, preserve and promote the history of Fulton County and to convey the significance to the public with tours, exhibits, programs, and research.

The museum is housed in the former Kingsboro school building, built in 1900 on the site of the Kingsboro Academy. Permanent exhibits explore our community's educational history, glove and leather heritage, military service, civic organizations, businesses, FJ&G Railroad, sports history, and more.

Through interactive and innovative programs and events for all ages, the FCHS encourages exploration of our past and actively participates in our community's efforts to create a vibrant center of arts, culture, and commerce to improve quality of life in our county.

Areas of Opportunity for Volunteering

Docent - Docents are usually the first person a visitor interacts with upon entering the museum. The time of greatest need for docents is during our tour season (Memorial Day to the end of June: Saturdays and Sundays, 10-4; June through Labor Day: Thursdays-Sundays, 10-4; Labor Day through Columbus Day: Saturdays and Sundays, 10-4). Docents are responsible for greeting visitors, encouraging them to sign the guest book, giving them a brief introduction to the museum, and answering any questions. Docents will work in teams of at least two. Those who are comfortable with it may be assigned opening and closing duties (training provided).

Collections - The FCHS may have specific projects relating to the museum's collections throughout the year. Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us as we begin the process of digitization of our collections records, which are currently stored in binders.

Maintenance and Grounds - The FCHS will hold regular work days annually to prepare for the tour season and/or special events. We are also in need of extra help for any small projects that might need to be addressed, such as painting and easy repairs. These projects are on an as-needed basis.

Programs and Outreach - The FCHS offers school programs and other events throughout the year. Volunteers can help lead school groups or participate in other events (jobs will vary by event). In addition, the FCHS represents itself at community events, such as Bacon Jam in Gloversville, where volunteers are needed to help promote the museum and answer questions.

Clerical/Office Work - Assistance with mailings, including that of our quarterly newsletter, and other office work on an as-needed basis.

Membership Coordinator - The Membership Coordinator will assist the Executive Director in preparing membership renewal mailings and thank you letters, as well as updating the membership database. Training provided.

Volunteer Perks

FCHS Volunteers are eligible for reduced annual membership price (FCHS Partners, \$10); invitation to spring training session and an end of season thank you reception; opportunities to visit other local historic sites as part of training; access to the FCHS Research Library; on-the-job training; and are part of a team of like-minded people who care about our community's past so that we can create a better future.

Interested?

For more information on joining the FCHS Volunteers, please fill out the volunteer form on our website (fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org) or contact Samantha at ssaladino@fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org or 518-725-2203.