



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Farley Promotes New York State History Month

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Senator Hugh T. Farley (R, C, I - Schenectady) is offering a fun and educational quiz in honor of New York State History Month, a time to celebrate the history of New York State and recognize the contributions of State and local historians.

"November is a great time to reflect on our State's unique history. New York has played a pivotal role in our nation's history since its earliest days as a Dutch and British colony. Our State was the scene of many battles fought in the American Revolution, including the crucial victory at Saratoga," Senator Farley said.

Since 1997, November has been officially designated as New York State History Month.

"This is an opportunity to study our past, and to recognize that history is more than a collection of dates. History is about people and how they shaped the State we live in. It is important to study their example so we can continue to make the Empire State a better place for us and future generations," Senator Farley said.

Senator Farley offers many historical brochures to interested citizens, including a quiz that highlights the local history of Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. A copy of the quiz is attached below in a PDF file format. Also attached is a publication on Johnstown native and women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Senator Farley also has available "Women of Distinction" booklets that honor New York State women who have contributed to the state and nation's history. Honorees include Leonora Barry, an Amsterdam, Montgomery County, factory worker and first female labor organizer; Rose Knox of Johnstown, a successful business woman; Schenectady's General Electric scientist Katharine Burr Blodgett who invented nonreflective glass; social reformer and Mohawk Native American Kateri Tekakwitha of Montgomery County; and Schenectady's Shirley Muldowney, the first woman to be licensed by the National Hot Rod Association to drive a Top Fuel Dragster. The full list of inductees can be located at

<http://www.nysenate.gov/2011WomenOfDistinction>

"Snapshot New York" is a booklet offered by Senator Farley that also highlights some interesting New York State facts and history. For example, the potato chip was invented in Saratoga Springs.

For copies of "Snapshot" along with printed copies of the quiz, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton brochure and "Women of Distinction" booklets, call Senator Farley's office at

455-2181 (Albany,) 843-2188 (Amsterdam), or Johnstown (762-3733).