

MHS NEWSLETTER

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Macedon Historical Society (MHS)

MHS is a 501(3)c non-profit organization. We proudly undertake stewardship of preserving and keeping the vast historic moments captured from our community of Macedon relevant.

Historic Sites Owned by the MHS

The Historic Macedon Academy
- Home of the Macedon Historical Society

The Historic Macedon Grange
- Home of the Marketplace & Galleria at the Macedon Grange

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a year in review

This has been a year of many wins for the Macedon Historical Society and our Community, which we serve. We want to share some of these wins with you our community, donors, volunteers, friends, and family.



photos courtesy of M. Breed

FLAG DAY

This year MHS celebrated FLAG DAY with an open house event and outdoor concert and presentation. Our special guest presenters from American Legion Post 494; the Sons of the American Legion, with heartfelt emotion shared the wonderful history of the American flag, the why's behind the folding technique and the patriotism for which it represents. They then graciously and patriotically gave a demonstration of this tradition we so live by today. All whilst our special guest performers; the amazing Towpath Volunteer Fife & Drum Corp, immersed us with patriotic music in honor of the occasion.



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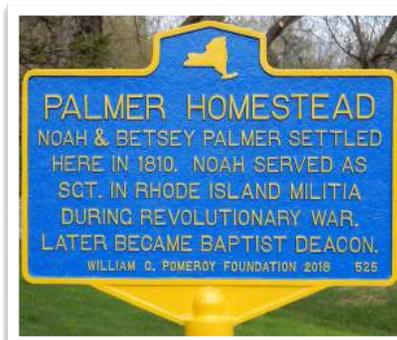
a year in review (cont)

HISTORIC MARKERS

This year we worked and continue our efforts in acquiring several historic markers for our community. Our Town Historian Linda Braun diligently researches, submits, and organizes the days event for these marker recognitions. A special Thank You to Linda Braun for her commitment and continued initiatives in preserving and bringing awareness to Macedon's history.

One that stands out from 2019 is the Palmer Homestead currently owned by Mr. & Mrs. O'Conner. Noah Palmer, Revolutionary War veteran, settled here with his wife in 1810. Initially, he built a cabin and then the current house around 1820, in which they raised 13 children. Family descendants lived in the home until the mid-1900s. The marker presentation drew a large number of spectators. Special guests included the great grandson of Noah Palmer; Mr. Jim Smith and a commemorative musical performance by the C.A. Palmer Fife & Drum Corp.

Mr. & Mrs. O'Conner graciously gave a tour of the home; which they have rehabilitated in effort to preserve it. We then had an opportunity to tour the spectacular gardens Mrs. O'Conner has curated with so much love, followed by an outdoor social which the O'Connors then hosted.



OTHER HAPPENINGS

Even though COVID has impacted all community efforts around the world, we have been able to still host guests and events at the Macedon Academy, minimizing the number of attendants. Musicians have shared their talents, special guest readers, children's events (for those young at heart as well), presentations, and most importantly special guests from our very own community; who honored us by sharing the stories of yesteryear and of their ancestors. All of this with one common voice "sharing our past," for all things of today reflect all things that have come to past...

As COVID continues to restrain us from a social distance perspective we must begin to look at these events and how we can continue these offerings to the public. This being one of the primary reasons for the sense of urgency to install the additional fire escape. The second floor's auditorium/stage area's open concept, allows for adequate social distancing. With your support we will have the opportunity to expand on these events and allow more attendants to enjoy them.

a year in review (cont)

VOLUNTEERS HARD AT WORK

This year we have held several events that were supported by many of our friends, neighbors, and even from our bordering communities. These volunteers supported in many ways. We can't thank you all enough for your time and commitment in supporting the community and our efforts here at the Macedon Historical Society. These are just a few of the events from this year: MHS's "Clean-Up Day," "Save a book -Paint a Shelf Event," MHS's "A day of Archiving & Waxing," and "Performances on the Porch." We hope to see you all in the coming year as we have some great events which can only happen with your support and commitment to our community.

Once again **THANK YOU to all our AMAZING VOLUNTEERS; THE ROTARY, STUDENTS FROM GANANDA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT and OUR MEMBERS!!!**

Here are some pics of some of these events:



Photo taken pre COVID mask mandate.



what tomorrow holds

A SNEAK PEEK AS TO WHAT'S COMING

We are super excited and have been brainstorming on possible events, fundraising ideas, potential concerts, and much more. The MHS in partnership with the Marketplace & Galleria will be working very closely to bring entertainment for all ages to enjoy. This to expand one of our largest efforts, of bringing visitors and business to our area. Together we are working on expanding our outreach and impact. As an example the MHS "Clean-Up Day" will now become a "Community Clean-Up Day" in conjunction with Earth Day. So don't be shocked if you see us at your curbside with a broom in hand.

We are also working together on expanding our very own social responsibilities, the building of collaborative efforts with other non profit organizations for greater impact, fundraising events, and our newest initiative we are calling "volunteer for a cause days" this to help those in need in our and surrounding communities (ie "a sleepwear drive" for local nursing homes, "feed a family" food drives, and so much more. As excited as we are, please remember we can only do this with your support!

Another very important and needed initiative is the changes we are making to the museum/exhibits at the Macedon Academy. Changes include updates to our presentations, creating an immerse experience for those visiting/touring the academy. We are always looking for donations of any kind that tell the story of our communities past. From business signs, photos, books, maps, pottery, clothing, furniture, farm equipment, etc. So please keep us in mind before you discard or do away with said items... We will look at it even if in need of repair. Contact Otto Roman at 212.255.8111.

what tomorrow holds (cont)

The Macedon Grange has a new occupant and he plans to restore its true intentions of; “Bringing Community Together.”

A local resident breaths life back to our community. Otto W. Roman; a native New Yorker is bringing his love for art, culture, history, and awareness to our community. His vision of what community should be and his philanthropic beliefs are by far commendable. It is through this common effort to preserve the history of our community through education, art, culture and the desire to enrich and support the lives of the people that make our community; that the Macedon Historical Society welcomes and supports this initiative.

Introducing “The Market Place & Galleria” at the Historic Macedon Grange. The Macedon Grange originally a Quaker Meeting House, then later a church; will now have yet another community driven purpose.

M&G Mission Statement

Bringing community together through; art, culture, locally sourced products & goods, social responsibility and historical preservation.

Our Objective

To drive awareness of the vast history of the Town of Macedon and the surrounding Communities. Through this awareness we strive to ensure the preservation of historical sites, buildings, and findings whilst educating the community and gaining their support.

By creating a localized business built by the community for the community ensures that we are able to give back from a social responsibility aspect through donations, voluntarism, and generating continued support for a multitude of charitable organizations.

Community

“WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE NEED TO LOOK TO OUR HISTORY FOR COURAGE, COMFORT AND INSPIRATION.” - Otto Roman

We aim to enrich lives by saving our past, and now more than ever, we look to our history for courage, comfort, and inspiration. Our goal is to connect people to the places that reflect our history, our culture, and our communities; we must—and we will—continue that essential purpose through this challenging period by creating a space for the community by the community.

The Marketplace & Galleria plans to open its doors early Spring 2021. But keep an eye out for they plan some pop-up shops and exhibits as they transform and preserve this historic building. In addition the Marketplace & Galleria will also host many fundraisers including an outdoor movie night, outdoor concerts, a winter market and also bring us a local farmers market, showcasing the products from local farms that make up our community.

For questions, volunteerism, art donations, gift donations, or information on monthly boutique space rental, please send inquires to Otto@MacedonGrange.com

***Didi you know...**

For approximately 20 years the Macedon Grange was occupied by “Sew What” (who offered tailoring and dress making).



It was around 1868 that the current building at the corners of Canandaigua Rd and Macedon Center Road was first built by the Quakers. The Grange was used by the Orthodox Friends until it was sold in 1905 to the Trustees of Grange No. 326. This when it officially became known as the Macedon Grange. In turn it was sold to the Macedon Historical Society in 1970.

Celebrating You

We at the Macedon Historical Society hope that you've had a wonderful Holiday Season. May your New Year be filled with friends & family who bring peace and joy into your lives. We hope to see you soon.

helping hands

MESSAGE FROM THE MHS PRESIDENT:

I am pleased to announce that the Macedon Historical Society is the recipient of the BULLIS FUND GRANT (this the legacy of local resident Jeanette 'Nettie' Bullis) in the amount of \$10,000. This funding will help make the 2nd Floor of the Macedon Academy accessible to larger audiences; with the installation of an additional fire escape. In addition, we look forward to making improvements to our restroom facilities. These funds will only cover half of the costs associated with the installation of the additional fire escape and restroom upgrades. MHS is responsible for the additional dollars needed. Both of these efforts are to ensure the safety and well being of visitors and are required by State Building Code. Grants such as this one are restricted to specific projects requiring that the additional funds be of donations given to the MHS in support of these and the many projects that come about to maintain the buildings.

As a reminder the MHS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. we invite you, our community; to contribute in any aspect that you can. Whether donating time through voluntarism and/or financial donations, we greatly appreciate your support.

*A special thank you to
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of the greater Rochester area, for
the Bullis Fund Grant Received.*



Your dollars hard at work...

Over the past 4 years the Historical Society has made great headway on preserving the Historic Macedon Academy and all the priceless artifacts that have been collected over the years. Built in 1853 with the first students arriving in 1854 and the last graduating class of 1901, we are proud to be the stewards, upholding such a remarkable and historic building. In 2020 we applied and received grants from a number of organizations and foundations such as the William C. Pomeroy foundation, Museum Association of NY, the Hoffman Foundation, and the Bullis Fund. These grants used to maintain and expand on the story telling and preservation of our past by means of acquiring many of these said artifacts. This year we have focused on the urgency of archiving and inventory logging. With the purchase of a laptop, software, archival boxes and supplies needed in order to preserve, record, and log the collection housed and displayed in the Academy. In addition we received many donations from you our community as well as from local businesses. And for that we are truly grateful. For without these donations and contributions none of this would be possible.

Our Mission Statement

to promote and encourage historical research and preservation regarding the community of Macedon, NY and to disseminate that information.

Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

From January through March at the Macedon Town Complex Aldrich Room

From April through November at the Historic Macedon Academy 1185 Macedon Center Rd

All are welcomed as MHS meetings are open to everyone. **All Members** are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of the MHS. We also urge all Members to vote on policies and procedures as well as during Board Member nominations & elections.

We abide by all COVID regulations to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Masks are required and social distancing is enforced.

Thank you in advance

helping hands (cont)

Recently part of the Academy (Library) had suffered from water damage. We want to thank all those who immediately reacted in the clean up and recovery efforts. A special thank you to Otto Roman for securing donations from Lowes in Macedon of just over \$4,000 in materials and supplies needed to deal with the damage and now continued recovery of this space. Items donated included COVID safety supplies, cleaning supplies, lumber, dehumidifiers, moisture control supplies, emergency exit lighting, and much more. But it just doesn't stop there, He was also able to acquire as part of this donation package, material needed to help secure and stabilize both the floor in the Library at the Academy as well as the floor in the Macedon Grange building. Otto Roman has also made many donations this year himself. From his beautification efforts as recently seen with the planters at both the Academy and the Grange, the seasonal flowers and plants that adorned the buildings this fall & winter, to his renovation/restoration projects underway to preserve the Historic Macedon Grange building.

The Impact of COVID

As many of you know, with COVID, the cost of contractual work has escalated drastically. Unfortunately to make matters much more difficult, fundraising across all sectors of non-profit organizations such as ourselves, has been put on hold. Now more than ever, we look to you our community for support. We the individuals that make up the MHS Board, volunteer our time and efforts because of the passion, commitment, and pride we have of our Town and the many kind, courageous, and historic moments that have been created by those from the past. We are not paid by any means, we do it

because we believe that in order to have a tomorrow we need to remember our past... That being said, it is through your kindness and generosity that we continue these efforts of preserving our past. Your donations and contributions, support the daily needs of operating & maintaining these historic sites. It is you who help keep the lights on for these buildings, that shine on our flag. It is you who help make possible the summer concerts and open houses held at the Academy. Without your contributions the education, awareness, and values we share from our towns history would cease to exist, and our past would fade away. Like many of the Historic Sites lost to commercialism, their stories erased and memories destroyed; this would hold true for the last of these sites without your continued support.

Become a Macedon Heritage Builder

As a Heritage Builder YOU make it possible for these vast improvements to become reality. Your donations help improve and maintain these Historic Sites and the grounds. You can become any one of these six types of Heritage Builders or make a general donation of any amount larger or smaller, for we are grateful for all efforts.

- *Platinum Heritage Builder > \$1000 or more
- *Gold Heritage Builder > \$500
- *Silver Heritage Builder > \$250
- *Bronze Heritage Builder > \$100
- Patron Builder > \$50
- Page Builder > \$25

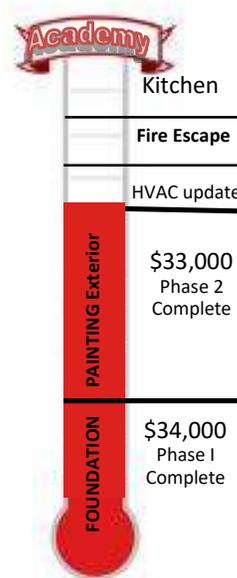
***Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels, displayed on the Wall of Honor at the Macedon Academy.**

A prime example of one of the beautiful artifacts that can be seen at the Macedon Academy is this Radio Hutch. Imagine that in 1939 The Jeering family buddled around this radio, listening in as to the happenings around the world...

Donated by Debbie Jeerings



Your dollars hard at work... (cont)



We have come so far!!! **Thanks to YOU our donors and sponsors.** As with all preservations, we still have way to go... From basic utility bills to new initiatives that drive traffic and awareness to our community...

Fun Fact: Did you know the Annual expense to just maintain both sites is approx. \$7,000. This is just for day to day expenses.

To request a copy of the Architects Report Email MHS or contact us at 585-455-3798

thank you!!!

We can't thank you enough for all that you contribute. We once again invite you OUR COMMUNITY; to contribute in any aspect that you can. Whether donating your time through voluntarism and/or by means of the much needed financial donations/contributions, we greatly appreciate your support to these needed efforts in support of the Macedon Historical Society's commitment to preserve the heritage and stories of our community. Help us keep the past from being forgotten, for without the past we would not have today...

MAKE A DONATION TODAY, we now offer many ways to make it convenient for you:

For Debit or Credit Card donations visit our website at: www.macedonhistoricalsociety.org Then simply click the donation button on the homepage. Or click here: **DONATE TODAY (digital readers only)**

Or Request a pick-up/drop-off - Call Otto Roman at 212.255.8111 for cash donations, artifact donations, art donations, gift donations, etc. We take your health seriously! Pick-ups are made wearing masks, disposable gloves, and prior disinfecting.

Sponsors

We are always in need of sponsors. Sponsors make newsletters like this and all our marketing efforts possible. We offer four sponsorship options. These options can be a one time option or quarterly option. In addition to these, we also offer Event Sponsorships. Event sponsorships can be found on our website under the "Events Sponsor Tab" and are sent out via email to our list of vendors and local businesses.

Sponsorship breakdown:

Platinum Heritage Builder Sponsor \$2,000 - ad preferred choice for the quarter on homepage (includes choice of sidebar, bottom, or center page banner with one floating banner on donation page and **full page Ad centerfold** of Newsletter)

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Business Heritage Builder Sponsor \$100 - floating Business Card ad for the quarter on homepage (includes business card Ad and one business card Ad on page 7 of Newsletter)

Send all marketing assets to Otto Roman at otto@macedongrange.com Assets must be submitted one month prior to start of quarter. Only full color hi-res digital files will be accepted.

Please complete all information on this card and include it with your donation today.

Name: _____
Address: _____

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Heritage Builder
Donation Amount \$ _____

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Donation Amount \$ _____

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**Please make donations payable to: Macedon Historical Society
MAIL TO: Macedon Historical Society, PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502**

THE MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all of us here at the Macedon Historical Society;
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. We
hope to see you and your loved ones in the New Year
at one of our events, concerts, or an open house.
We hope you enjoy the contents of this newsletter.

open house

Open House is held the last Sunday of the month From April through September
2pm-4pm
To reserve a School/Private Tour
Call 585-455-3798 or email macedonacademy@gmail.com

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