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From Gas Station, via Restaurant to the New Corvette Showroom

Macedon Historical Society (MHS)

MHS is a 501c3 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 MHS

The Historic Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd.
and
the Historic Quaker Meeting House/Macedon Grange #326
1208 Macedon Center Rd.

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PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

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585-455-3798 leave a message

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macedonhistoricalsociety.org

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Macedon NY History

If you'd like to make a donation to help keep the lights on, check out our Website at macedonhistoricalsociety.org and click the [DONATE](#) button. When using the website to make a donation, please check the box to share your information. MHS would like to thank you.

Or mail a donation to:

MHS, PO Box 303,
Macedon, NY 14502



demolition began in June 2022



Gaetano's Restaurant



New Showroom plans

VanBortel Auto Group purchased McLouth Chevrolet, after many months of renovations, the Chevrolet facility opened in January 2013. The Corvette business opened in May 2013. As the Corvette business started to grow, the corvettes moved into Macedon Commons in November 2014. This was a way to keep the used Corvettes inside in the winter. This location became known as the Corvette home. The need for a larger facility for the corvettes was inevitable. The former Gridley/Delyser's/Gaetano's was the perfect location.

Prior to demolition, the Town Historian went through the building to see if anything was salvageable as a memento of past history. The memories and stories of Delysers, Gaetano's is what can be held on to.

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Annual Flag Day Ceremony Sunday, June 12th NOON

The Annual Flag Day Ceremony will take place at the Historic Macedon Academy on Sunday, June 12th, 2022 at NOON. Parking will be at the Methodist Church. Limited parking at the Academy 1185 Macedon Center Rd.

The American Legion Post 494 and the Sons of the American Legion Squad 494, will be demonstrating the proper way to fold an American Flag and what each fold means. Towpath Vol. Fife and Drum Corp will be performing several patriotic songs.

Hosted by the Macedon Historical Society, refreshments will be available. This is a FREE event, donations are always welcome.





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Juneteenth Independence Day

Juneteenth commemorates when the last enslaved African Americans in the United States learned they were free. More than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, Union General Gordon Granger and approximately 1,800 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865. Their mission? They planned to take control of the state and enforce what President Lincoln had implemented two years prior.



Photo credit: Bettmann - Getty Images

I know what you're thinking. How is that possible that a whole state, especially one as large as Texas, wouldn't have heard of the groundbreaking law, especially when it had been "in action" for two years? The reason: Texas was one of the few states in the South that had yet to be claimed by the Union army.

Since it was one of the few states left untouched, a *ton* of slave owners since the capture of New Orleans in 1862 from Mississippi, Louisiana, and other points East had been migrating to Texas to escape the Union Army. Wild, I know.

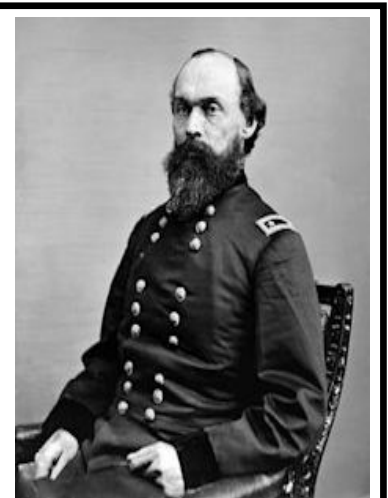
Join other history enthusiasts at the Historic Macedon Academy for a presentation on General Gordon Granger, by Wayne County Historian Peter Evans.



**June 18th
during
Quaker Days**

1:00PM

Historic
Macedon
Academy
1185 Route 31F
Parking is at the
Methodist
Church Parking
lot



Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and issued General Order Number 3, effectively freeing slaves in the South

Quaker's were the first settlers in Macedon. The Historic Macedon Academy was originally formed by Quakers. Macedon is rich in history.

BICENTENNIAL - 2023 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie**September 3rd, 2022 2-8pm - Canal Park at Lock 30

1. Music by *Allen Hopkins, Kubick's Rubes, and Nic and the Nice Guys, Towpath Volunteers Fife and Drum Corp.*
2. Food Trucks, Local Beer and Wine
3. Children's Activities for all ages
4. Booths for local civic, social and religious organizations no charge.
5. Booths for craft vendors \$25.
6. We are looking for booth participants.

Like our Facebook page: Macedon Bicentennial 2023

Contact: Linda Braun at macedonbicentennial@gmail for more information.

Macedon Committee: Linda Braun, Grace Mullard, Stacy Nisbett, Paul and Debbie Willson



These keep-sakes are available and 2 year Calendars

2022 LINE DANCING season**Summer Line Dancing is back!!****Macedon Academy Auditorium (with A/C)****1185 Macedon Center Rd., (Route 31F)****Macedon NY 14502****Summer Session I – Line Dance****Thursday nights 6:30 – 8:30 pm June 16 – July 21 (6 weeks)**

6:45 – 7:45 pm: New Beginner to Beginner

7:45 – 8:45 pm: Beginner-Plus to Improver

Join us in Macedon Center for Summer Session I of

Line Dance starting on Thursday, June 16 – for 6

weeks!! Two classes again – like last summer!! In each time frame, we will have new lessons, some reteaches or reviews at that level!!

Join us for a FUN night of dancing with a little bit of everything for everybody – new dancers and experienced dancers welcome!! Bring your dancing feet and smiling faces!!

Please note... since "the virus" is still around, you may wear a mask if you are more comfortable, but not necessary. Please DO stay home if you are not feeling well or have been exposed!!

Drop-in Cost: \$10 per person, per evening – payable to **Terri Anderson...or**

Paid in Advance on first night: \$50 for the full 6-wk session

**BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:****LEADERSHIP: Co-Chairs:**

Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian
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Consultant:

County Historian – Peter Evans

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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County Youth

Advocacy Program

Linda Stevenson Wayne County

Historical Society

Christine Worth, Director

Wayne County Tourism

SAVE THE DATES in 2023

April 11 - Dedication Ceremony Lyons, NY (TBA)

May 13 Bicentennial Gala at Carey Lake

August 14–18 Two hundred mile Torch Relay through each Town in Wayne County. Details will be announced as they are developed

August 31 – Sept 05 World Fife and Drum Festival

More Events listed on the bicentennial website:

Visit <https://www.waynehistory.org/bicentennial>

Our Mission Statement

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

General Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00pm
April - November at the Historic
Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd. (31F)

February & March at the Macedon
Town Hall - 32 Main St., Macedon

Community Chat is held directly after
the General Meetings at
approx. 6:30pm. Please contact MHS
if you'd like to share your Macedon
Stories. MHS records these stories.

All are welcomed at MHS meetings .
Members are able to vote on proce-
dures and projects. We encourage
you to become a member.

Membership

All Members are encouraged
to partake in contributing
suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in
support of the continued efforts of
MHS. We also urge all members to
vote on policies and procedures and
projects.

Membership dues:

Individuals	\$25
Family	\$30

Dues and donations are used to
maintain the buildings. MHS
applies for grants for projects, such
as painting the buildings, shoring up
foundations, ADA Bathrooms, etc.

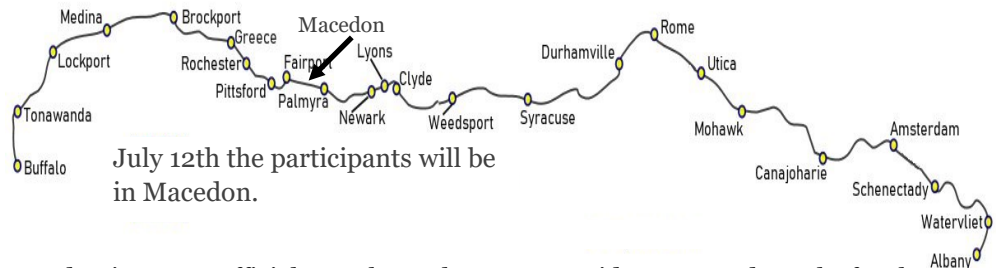
If you'd like to donate or become a
member you can mail a check to:
Macedon Historical Society
PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

Or use the donation/membership
buttons on our website .

macedonhistoricalsociety.org and
click the donation button, or drop
down menu to membership.

*Thank you in advance for your
continued support*

ONE TRAIL - ENDLESS ADVENTURES CYCLE THE ERIE CANAL



July 12th the participants will be
in Macedon.

Macedon is not an official stop, but volunteers provide water and snacks for the cyclists. The Erie Canalway Bike Path stretches across over 350 miles of upstate New York, from Buffalo to Albany. Most of the Erie Canal Trail uses gravel paths along the route of the Erie Canal, although some sections use local roads. The trail will take you across almost the entire state of New York, including through the cities of Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica, plus many small towns and beautiful New York countryside.

Click for more [information](#)

McLouth Chevrolet to VanBortel Auto Group

"Since we opened we have been lucky enough to have great support of both the local community and Corvette community to where we have become the Largest Corvette dealership in all of New York State and one of the largest in the country. We are proud to continue the Van Bortel legacy here in Macedon as Kitty Van Bortel grew up right down the road in Palmyra with her Father's Corvette dealership. This new State of the Art Corvette dealership is something we are very proud of and hope Macedon is proud to have it as part of their Community as well!"
Matt Fagenbaum, Van Bortel Corvette

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BELL RINGERS

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1964 Convertible	'3845	1963 Convertible	'3595
1964 Impala 4 door Hardtop	'2695	1963 Oldsmobile Cutlass F85	'2145
1964 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible	'2695	1963 Oldsmobile 88 Sedan	'2495
1964 98 Holiday 4 door Hardtop	'3195	1963 98 Luxury Sedan	'2695
1964 98 Holiday Coupe	'3245	1963 Cutlass F85 Coupe	'2095
1962 Convertible	'2945	1961 Convertible	'2695
1962 Impala Super Sport Convertible	'1995	1961 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday	'1895
1962 Monza Coupe	'1595	1961 Impala 4 door Hardtop	'1295
1962 Monza Convertible	'1695	1961 98 Oldsmobile Holiday Sedan	'1495
1962 Impala 4 door Hardtop	'1695	1961 Chevrolet 4 door Sedan	'1195

Palmyra Motor's, Inc.
Wayne County's Largest Auto Dealer
PALMYRA, NEW YORK (716) 7-4881

Folks Come From A Long Way To Deal At McLouth's

Together These People Represent Over A Century & One Half (150 years)
Of Sales & Service To The Automobile Buying Public In This Area.

Competitive Pricing Competent Service & Sales People Fair & Honest Business Practice
Courteous Attention Service After The Sale And Many More Reasons

If You Haven't - Try Us, You'll Like Us *This Picture Taken May 1972*

McLouth Chevrolet Inc. Macedon

QUAKER DAY CELEBRATIONS

2022

QUAKER DAYS CELEBRATION

On I Love NY's Path Through History

Saturday, June 18

10:00 a.m.

Begin your weekend at the Courthouse at 27 North Main St., Canandaigua, for installation of a historic marker commemorating Susan B. Anthony's trial for voting in the 1872 Presidential election!



Then drive to nearby Macedon Center on Rt. 31 F and visit the historic Academy (pictured above) where Macedon Historical Society hosts an open house, tours, book sale, lectures, and bake sale.

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open house with tours, bake sale/refreshments, and sale of contemporary books relating to program themes.

1:00 p.m.

General Gordon Granger and Juneteenth

Presentation by Peter Evans, Wayne County Historian. Granger issued General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, TX, informing residents of Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation freeing all enslaved people in the states of the Confederacy.

2:30 p.m.

Panel discussion:

Contemporary Quaker Witness to Peace and Justice.

Linda Braun, Macedon Historical Society Secretary and town historian, moderator. Panelists: Willie Bontrager (Farmington Friends, contemporary peacemaking initiatives); Nick Leykin (Rochester Friends, Alternatives to Violence Project); Rebecca Conklin (Syracuse Friends, Good Trouble); Jill McClellan (Buffalo Friends, Quaker programs in NYS prison system).

Learn more – visit our website:

<https://www.macedonhistoricalsociety.org>

Admission is free. Donations are always welcome.

2022

QUAKER DAYS CELEBRATION

On I Love NY's Path Through History

Sunday, June 19

Here, individuals of conscience and courage acted on behalf of equality for all, inspiring us to act for equality and justice today.



Join us!

Sunday's events will occur at the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse (230 Sheldon Rd.), and Farmington Friends Meetinghouse (187 County Rd. 8). These locations are across the road from each other.

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Children's activities, a new nature trail, sale of historic driving tour booklets, and complimentary light lunch at 1816 site. Used book sale at Farmington Friends Meetinghouse.

1:00 p.m.

Dedication of new nature trail behind 1816 Meetinghouse.

2:00 p.m.

"The Promotion of Truth and Practical Goodness: Seneca Falls, Quakers, and Race"

Historian Judith Wellman, President, 1816 Board, speaks at Farmington Friends Meetinghouse.

4:00 p.m.

Peace vigil at 1816 site.

Quaker Days and other events in our program series are supported by Humanities New York, our community partners, and individual donations from folks like you!

Learn more – visit our website:

<https://www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org>

Admission is free. Donations are always welcome.

Heritage Builders**2022-2023**

To become a heritage builder, donate \$500 or more to MHS. Your name will be posted on our Heritage Builder Wall of Fame at the Macedon Academy and posted on our website as a sponsor macedonhistoricalsociety.org

or click [DONATE](#)

MHS Member Highlight - Linda Braun**Meet the MHS Secretary, Linda Braun**

Hi! My name is Linda Braun, I am currently the Macedon Town Historian and the secretary of the Macedon Historical Society. I have many other hats I wear as well. Bottom line, I like to be involved, I like to make a difference, I like to help others and I love history!

I was born in Webster, NY and lived there until 4th grade when my family moved to Canandaigua. We were not there long before my parents Jean Isobell (Izzie) and Paul Braun bought an appliance store in Palmyra from George Contant. We called it Braun's Appliances.

Soon after arriving, my sister and I became members of the CA Palmer Fife and Drum Corp. In school I began on the clarinet, then bassoon. I attended Nazareth with a double major in Music Ed. and Management Science. Following graduation, my first "real" job... outside of the Palmyra Big M, was with Wendell Harrison Music in Rochester. I began playing bassoon with several organizations. The Parks Band was the best. We travelled to Europe and played all over Monroe County.

A few years later I chose to change careers. I worked in the business operations of Xerox. While there I earned my Master's degree in Career and Human Resource Development from RIT. After 15 years, I decided to leave corporate life and try my hand in education. I began a Master's degree at Nazareth College in Special Education. I teach at WFL BOCES, working with children with severe disabilities.

My faith is also important. I attend St. John's Lutheran Church in Pumpkin Hook. I currently serve as choir director, Sunday School director and teacher.

My involvement with history began when every vacation my family took involved some type of park or museum! In 2008 I built a house in the then Village of Macedon. Soon after, I be was appointed to the Village Planning Board and then Village Historian. I took on the role of town historian after the village dissolution and the retirement of June Hamell. Macedon has such a rich history. I invite everyone to come and learn more about it. The Macedon Academy is an excellent place to start!

It was my pleasure to share a little bit about myself. I look forward to meeting and working with more members of our special community. I can be contacted at macedon.academy@gmail.com or my historian email: historian@macedontown.net.

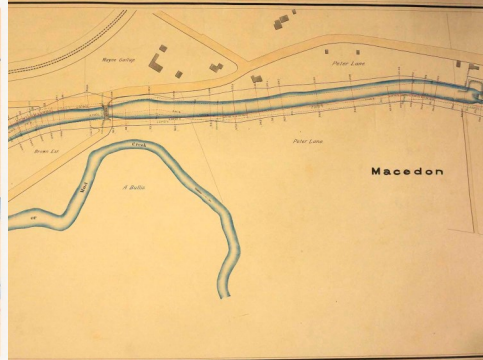
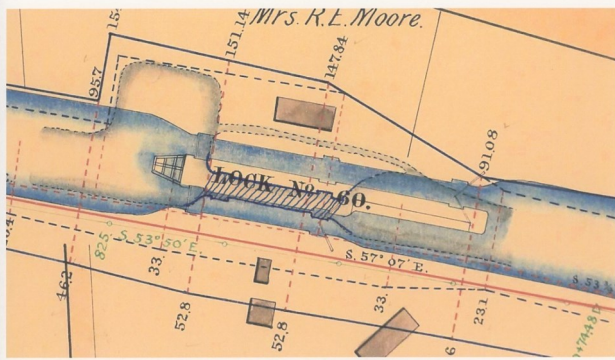
**COMMUNITY CHAT** series continues at the Macedon Academy.

Would you like to know more about the history of your community? MHS invites you to join your neighbors and friends at the "Community Chat" Series in 2022. In 2021 the series began. Information you don't find in the text books. This is a casual setting with people who are excited about sharing their stories.

Community Chat's are scheduled after the General meeting at 6:30pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month. This series is recorded and uploaded to our website. *Come and enjoy many stories and tales from your neighbors from the community.*

MACEDON LOCKS - 6 Lock Town?

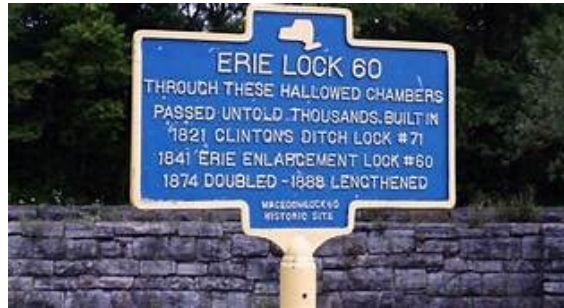
Most travelers know about Locks 29 (Pal-Mac Aqueduct Park) Lock 30 (off Route 350 in the Canal Park) Lock 60 (off Quaker Road) and Lock 61 (behind ABX) Did you know there was a lock 71 & 72? These locks were repaired and renamed Lock 60 & 61.



Lock 71 obliterated by Lock 60

more information on the Erie Canal
<https://www.eriecanal.org>

Illustration from Dave Gardner



CONDOLENCES



With heavy hearts Macedon Historical Society extends condolences to a couple members that have lost someone in their family.

Sandra Elaine "Anderson" Gardner, January 12, 1947 - May 29th, 2022. Sandra is the wife to MHS member David Gardner of just shy 54 years of marriage. Memorial services are private. www.murphyfuneralservices.com

John F. "Jack" Thiele, January 2, 1934-June 4, 2022 Jack is the father to MHS member Kathy Murphy. Jack was 88 years young. He had a quick wit and took humor in saying his birthdate as 1-2-34. Arrangements with Farrell-Ryan Funeral Home

Macedon Historical Society, hopes Dave and Kathy find comfort in knowing their MHS family is nearby to help during this time.

Interested in History? SCHOOL BREAK

Macedon Historical Society is looking for students, High School or College /Interns that would like to dip their hands and minds into the archives of Macedon.

Volunteers needed for:

- ◆ Data entry into the software program Past Perfect
- ◆ Scanning material
- ◆ Categorizing
- ◆ Developing displays
- ◆ Developing programs

If interested contact:

Sandy Pagano,
curatormhs@gmail.com or
 text 585-455-3798

CARD OF THANKS

Community support is overwhelming.

Thank You to Jedd Hetherly & his daughter. As a team they painted the **Backwalls of the Stage in the Auditorium.**

Thank you to Dave Hyland for stump grinding the tree that NYSDOT cut down. We hope to have a replacement soon.

An enormous Thank you to Baldwin Richardson, Don Reeners, Jared Suwyn, Ray Kubishin, Dale Milkey and Al Plumb for working on the Fire Escape project. To be completed June 2022.

Thank you so much.

The Macedon Historical Society owns 2 buildings of significant history. The Macedon Academy and the Macedon Grange. The survival of these buildings counts on community support financially.

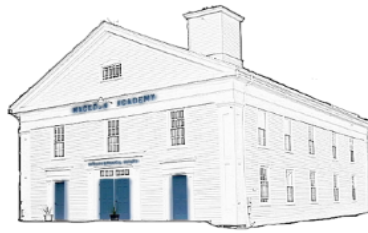
Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society. Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community for generations to come.

Every generation leaves behind a legacy. What that legacy will be is determined by the people of that generation. What legacy do you want to leave behind.
John Lewis

There are several ways to donate:

- 1) directly using the donation button on our website: macedonhistoricalsociety.org
- 2) mailing a donation to:
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Donations are appreciated throughout the year, please consider a donation to the Macedon Historical Society, a 501c3 non-profit org. [DONATE](#)



Macedon Historical Society
PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF MACEDON, NY

2022 Flag Day Ceremony, Sunday, June 12th Noon at the Historic Macedon Academy

2022 Line Dancing Classes begin Thursday, June 16th 6:30pm

Quaker Days Festival Saturday, June 18th at Macedon Academy and June 19th at the 1816 Friends Meeting Museum (Flyer inside)



July 12th, 2022 Cycling on the Erie Canal Path. Cyclists come through Macedon between 7:00AM and 10:00AM.

**July 31st, 2022. 2:00pm at the Academy
“Caring for Cemetery Gravestones”
presentation by David Bloom**



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