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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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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



NOW is the time to make a donation to the Macedon Historical Society
MHS was awarded a MATCHING GRANT

The Macedon Grange Preservation application for the Wayne County Community Endowment 2022 of Rochester Area Community Foundation has been approved for a



The Grange Building 2022 and Temperance Monument 1848

matching grant up to the amount of \$25,000. The intent behind this matching grant is to help establish an endowed fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation to create a sustainable source of grant funding in the future.

The fundraising efforts will be matched dollar for dollar for all monies raised from individuals or families, and 10% of any dollars raised from businesses up to \$25,000.

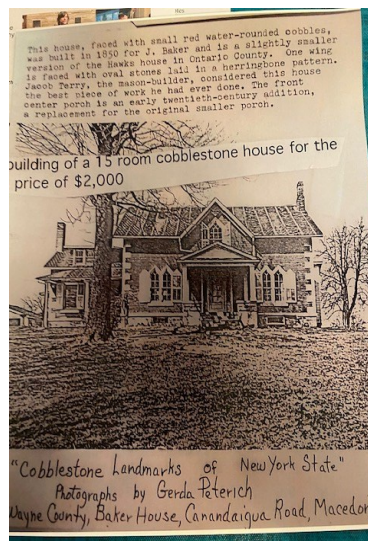
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\$ for \$ match
from individuals or families

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From Businesses

COMMUNITY CHAT with the BAKER Family



Anne Baker
Gilson

Kenn Baker



On July 12, 2022, the Macedon Historical Society was host to the Baker Family. Anne Gilson and her brother Kenn Baker joined several others at the Macedon Academy to share some history and stories of their family. Anne provided us with pictures of their homes and both she and Kenn shared special remembrances of their family.

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QUAKER DAYS - partnering with 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse June 18th & June 19th 2022

The Historic Macedon Academy was originally built by Quakers in 1853. The town of Macedon is rich in history, as it was settled in 1789 by Quakers from Adams, Massachusetts. The foundation of many of the communities were built on the ethics and moral compass of the Quaker beliefs. Farmington and Macedon are rich in Quaker History. It was a privilege to partner with the 1816 Farmington Friends Quaker Meetinghouse organization for this weekend.



Sandy Pagano,
President of MHS
and Mary-Kay
Belant from the
1816

Farmington
Friends Quaker
Meetinghouse

Open houses were available at both location during the weekend. Many people with admiration of these two organizations stepped through the doors to learn about Quakers and the work that goes into preserving the history of our communities.

Peter Evans, Wayne County Historian, kicked off the Academy's presentations, followed by a panel discussion.

Sunday, events were at the Farmington location.

Tap on the descriptions in the box and the presentations will open up into a you tube video (maybe) if not google You tube video and search for 1816 Farmington Friends.



Peter Evans, General
Gordan Grander
presentation

Panel discussion: Contemporary Quaker Witness to Peace and Justice



Rebecca Conklin (Syracuse Friends) Nick
Leykin (Rochester Friends), Jill McClellan,
(Buffalo Friends), Mary-Kay Belant (1816)

Farmington Friends Church on June 19th



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



Macedon Historical Society
was co-host of this event.

MACEDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL ON THE ERIE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - September 3rd 2022 - Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie at the Macedon Canal Park, Lock 30, 2:00pm - 8:00pm.

Event is FREE. Craft Booths, Food Trucks, Beer and Wine, games for kids and young at heart. Oh YES, Music through out the event.



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



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SAVE THE DATES in 2023

April 11 - Dedication Ceremony Lyons, NY (TBA)

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

2022 LINE DANCING at the Academy

Summer Line Dancing is back!!

Macedon Academy Auditorium (with A/C)

1185 Macedon Center Rd., (Route 31F)

Macedon NY 14502

Summer Session II – Line Dance

Thursday nights 6:30 – 8:30 pm August 4– September 8
(6 weeks)

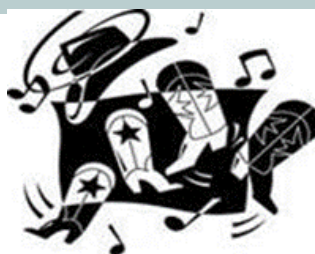
6:45 – 7:45 pm: New Beginner to Beginner

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

Join us in Macedon Center for Summer Session II of Line Dance starting on Thursday, August 4th– for 6 weeks!! 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



Our Mission Statement

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

Membership

Update Meeting

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 Membership updates 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 provide suggestions on procedures 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:

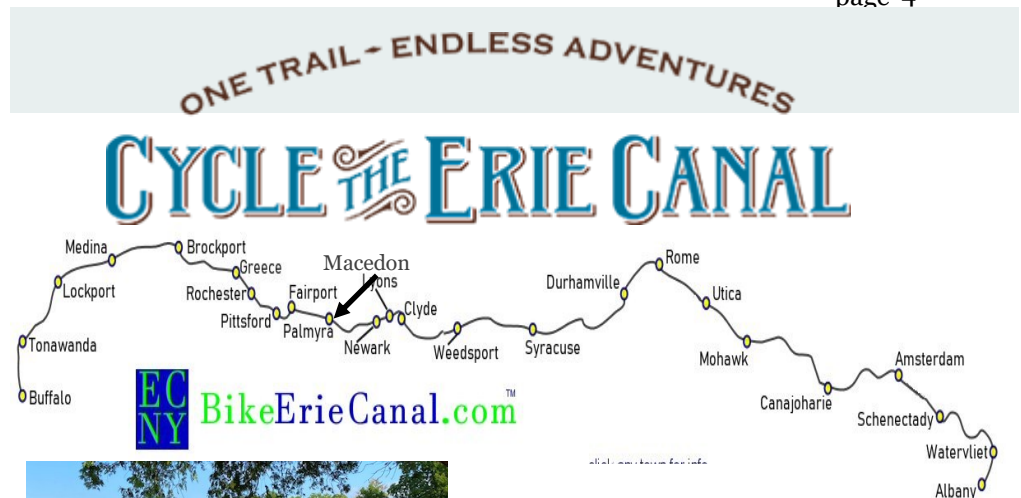
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| Individuals | \$25 |
| Family | \$30 |

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:
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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.



The Macedon Historical Society partnered with Gananda Rotary to set up a watering station for the Cyclists that came through on July 12th, through Macedon. It was thrilling to see and hear the stories from these cyclists. They came from all over the state, CA, Texas, South and North Carolina, Virginia, New Hampshire. to name a few. It is an annual event. See you next year on July 11, 2023.

Meet at the Academy - need a place to meet?

In July the Western Wayne Chamber of Commerce had their meeting at the Academy. They served a buffet dinner from the academy's kitchen and met in the meeting room. The Academy has 2 rooms on the lower level and a Kitchen available.



The Second floor features a large Auditorium with Stage. Currently Line Dancing is taught in the Auditorium.

If your organization needs a meeting place, please contact the Macedon Historical Society

**585-455-3798 or email
macedonacademy@gmail.com**



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How often have you driven down Canandaigua Rd, directly across from Magog and noticed the beautiful quaint cobblestone with a barn beside it and pond out front? Well, you can thank the Bakers. When they immigrated to our area in the 1840's they settled on land at what is now 815 Canandaigua Rd. Known as the Baker Homestead.



**2022 Picture
Baker Homestead on
Canandaigua Rd. sold in 1933**

In 1840 the Bakers purchased the 102 acres of land for \$2660. Gathering cobblestones from Lake Ontario, it took 10 years to build. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

This house was home to several generations of Bakers. Following the Bakers, Henry Marsh (Macedon Town Supervisor from 1958-1961 lived there with his family. Alfred E. Ernest Family, former owners of the Manhattan Restaurant

(Rochester) pur-

chased the property in 1964. It remains in the Ernest family today.

Kenn and Anne's father grew up in the cobblestone. He went to school at District Schoolhouse #2, known as "Trapbrook". It was located on Magog Rd, right near the creek known as Trapbrook. Kenn shared how multiple generations grew up in the homestead. At least 2 generations were together most of the time.



(Portion of the Wayne County Map of Macedon 1904)

The Bakers also made their mark in Pumpkin Hook. Before High Peaks Contractors of WNY, and Townsend Grocery, there was a general store owned by Albert Baker. That building has gone through many changes, there is so much history in "the Hook."

In the 1930's, the Baker's sold the home they had lovingly built and moved to "The Farm" at on Route 31 in Macedon. It is across from the old Mobil Tech Center. This property had 104 acres. The farm was primarily a dairy farm, but there were 12 acres of muck used to grow potatoes, carrots and celery.

Anne shared that their cousin Don Baker owns a plane and was able to capture this terrific aerial photo of the property.

Stories were told about the school bus stopping during harvesting season and a load of kids would get off. Almost 2 dozen – "that is what you did." Kids were paid 10 cents a bushel to pick potatoes. Kenn shared that it was away for his dad to supplement his income.

Story telling continued during our chat, one had to do with the barns that were built on "The Farm". The farm had a barn facing east-west. It was built from salvaged lumber from the old East Rochester Car Docks (Merchants Despatch Transportation Company). They used to disassemble old train box cars. The wood was about 8' long, so when you look at the walls, you'll notice they overlap. Like many of those days, their parents were very frugal. Another funny story was that in 1977 the family had contracted with Agway to build a 3-sided barn. "It had just been built, facing south when a "freak wind" lifted it up and turned the building - "Wizard of Oz" style, took it over the shop and dropped it into the yard where it sits today. Since the building hadn't been signed over yet, Agway returned and rebuilt it facing east!" Luckily it is still in the same spot

Remember "party lines?" The Bakers were on a party line with the Powers. When you picked up the phone, if someone else was talking, you set it down and tried again later!

The Macedon Historical Society was thrilled to have the Bakers join us and share their story. Would you like to chat about your family? We'd love to hear from you.



**Baker Farm purchased in 1933 on
Route 31**

Heritage Builders**2022-2023**

To become a heritage builder, a generous monetary donation or in-kind service 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 - Carol Elaine & Dick Deys

They Deys' family is deeply rooted in our communities. They have advocated for the history of the Macedon Community as well as the Farmington Community.

"I am Carol Elaine Deys and my husband, Richard W. Deys Sr. and I created our own Homestead on the family lands of Richard's grandfather, Raymond DeMay in 1972. Dick's grandpa owned this farm and many others in the area. Dick's father came to America as a six month old baby, and his mother's roots have been here for a long time.



My personal family was one of the first settlers here, and went on to become Supervisors, Teachers, Highway builders, leaders. They married into families who did the same.

When I first moved to the Macedon-Palmyra area, I had no idea that I had roots here. Growing up in Rochester, New York and traveling to Texas, Europe (for three years) and then back home to America was my history. In many ways these experiences have touched my life and one of the most expansive one has been the development of The Macedon Butterfly/Nature Trail and the expansion of its joy by adding our Story Book Trail. I have been asked by this Bicentennial Committee to add a more personal explanation as to the how and why all of my experiences in this area have been so important to me. I could write a book or more about them. One of the most interesting one was the night that I dreamed of three sisters - Chloe (Robinson), Rowena (Comstock) and Sarah (Robinson). All three girls' maiden names were Bradish. Actually I didn't know who they were, but through edification by my genealogist cousin, Barbara Bradish Decker, I was able to track them down. I found their graves in Palmyra and beyond. They would have been cousins (back in time) to me. There was a time why I wondered why the compilation of the history of this area was so important to me. During this time, the first written Minutes of Macedon proper was found in a secluded place at the Macedon Historical Society. On the Minutes were three of my family's names. Believe what you will. It is my thought that "there is nothing new under the sun, only a reflection of its intensity." Am I connected to this land by heart or heritage? One never knows - I just know that this is true.

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.*

"The Graveyard Guy" makes a presentation at the Academy

David Bloom is well known around the community for his passion to educate the preservation, cleaning and repair of headstones.

"NO BLEACH" was a similar cry and "DO NO HARM"

David suggested that you always get permission from the owner of the Cemetery plot and from the organization that maintains the cemetery.

He also reminds people not to use bleach, Dawn dish detergent, acids, ammonia, wire brushes, pressure washers or powered brushes. A suggestion of what to use is D2 a Biological solution - (Atlas Preservation), Enviro Klean Revive, Biowash (Revive), Orvus (at Tractor Supply Co.), and Vulpex Spirit Soap (Conservationresources.com)

Once you receive permission, safety protection for eyes, hands and wear long sleeve shirts and pants is your next step. A hat is a good idea too. Gather supplies which would include lots of water, soft brushes, soft plastic scrapers, wooden tools, sprayer and the D2 solution.

Step I:

If stone has growth that can be scraped:

Soak thoroughly with water, wait 10 minutes for water to be absorbed, use a soft plastic scraper to remove the growth. Re-soak with water and then scrub in a circular motion with the brush, then thoroughly rinse.

Step II:

Apply D2, if scrubbing, let D2 sit for 15 minutes, spritz with water and scrub with appropriate brushes, rinse thoroughly then re-apply D2 if necessary.

An important consideration is to clean the entire headstone. Every physical cleaning removes small particles of stone. Maintain by respraying D2 every 2 years with a 50/50 solution.

Go [here on the MHS website](#) for historical resources .

You can contact David Bloom directly at davecat469@gmail.com



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

CARD OF THANKS **Community support is overwhelming.**

Mike Breed for widening the door frame in the main hallway, to make it accessible for wheel chairs

Jedd Hetherly for designing our matching grant thermometer for the Grange.

Alpco recycling crew for removing the worn out carpeting at the Grange and a multitude of other projects.

The community support for the Historic Buildings in Macedon Center is very much appreciated.



KEEP UP TO DATE
with the Macedon Historical Society
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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.

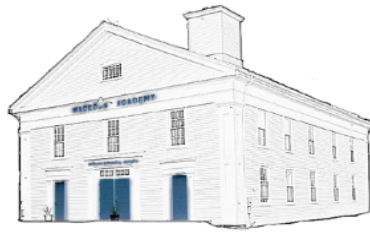
Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society. Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community for generations to come.

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

August 28th, 2022 Tours of the Academy 2:00pm - 4:00pm Petition available to sign to put a traffic device at the intersection of Macedon Center and Canandaigua Rd.

September 3rd 2:00 - 8:00pm Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie

September 13th 6:00pm at the Macedon Academy Membership updates and Community Chat all are welcome

September 17th & 18th Purple Painted Lady Art Festival, proceeds benefit the community. Many non-profit organizations help with this event.

September 25th - 2022 Tours of the Academy 2:00pm - 4:00pm Petition available to sign to put a traffic device at the intersection of Macedon Center and Canandaigua Rd.

October 11th, 2022 - 6:00pm at the Macedon Academy Membership updates and Community Chat all are welcome

October 16th 2022 - 3:00pm- Authors Forum, come to this Novel event and meet local authors, book signing and presentations. Free admission, donations welcome. (and donations would be doubled)

October 23, 2022 - Last scheduled tours of the Academy and Grange 2:00 - 4:00pm



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