

# MHS NEWSLETTER

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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 Macedon Center Meetinghouse/Macedon Grange #326  
1208 Macedon Center Rd.

## Mailing Address:

PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

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585-455-3798 leave a message

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[macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com)

## Website:

[macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://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](http://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

## Macedon Historical Society Receives Donations



These beautiful prams were donated by Cheryl Dunbar from her grandmothers estate, Virginia Murray Richardson. These are on display in the Macedon Center Meetinghouse. MHS is the steward for these precious items of days gone by.

## Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie

*By Linda Braun, Macedon Town Historian, MHS Secretary and Macedon Bicentennial Chairperson*

As we prepared for our first community event, the Macedon Bicentennial Committee, a small but mighty group of dedicated residents were busy anticipating all of the potential pitfalls and opportunities that would present themselves. For over 2 years Paul and Debbie Willson, Stacy Nisbet, Grace Mullard and I met on a monthly basis to plan our upcoming Bicentennial as well as an event that would celebrate Macedon.

In anticipation of next year's Town of Macedon Bicentennial as well as our *World Fife and Drum Festival*, we began planning for an event on Labor Day Weekend 2022. We wanted it to be an opportunity to showcase all of the different groups that make Macedon a special place to live. We wanted to use food trucks, a local winery and brewery to satisfy hungry appetites. We especially wanted to provide music for entertainment and



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## MHS OFFICERS

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### Grant Writer

Linda Braun

### Newsletter Content

Sandy Pagano  
Linda Braun  
Partners

## Members Highlight - Grace & John Mullard



Grace & John moved to Macedon in 2009, after 28 years in the village of Fairport. They loved Fairport, but needed to find something in the country to keep John occupied in his pending retirement. They both love to be outdoors, and were fortunate to find a new home where they can

go for a hike right outside their door. There is a good supply of wood which keeps John busy and our woodstove supplied.

Grace & John share an interest in local history, and when the grandchildren reached school age, joining the Macedon Historical Society seemed a good way to contribute to the community, as well as learning more of the history here. You will find John and Grace volunteering at the Academy or Meetinghouse, either dusting, vacuuming, cleaning windows, installing shelves, building shelves, moving furniture and any type of job that needs to be done, you will find Grace and John lending a helping hand.

Grace also joined the Macedon Bicentennial Committee, which is engaged with organizing events and celebrations around the town's 200th year anniversary in 2023. As this coincides with Wayne County's Bicentennial, and the Towpath Volunteers planning the World Fife and Drum Friendship Festival, there will be a lot to celebrate.

In the past, John has also volunteered with work on the Butterfly Trail here in Macedon, the Nature Conservancy trail work in the 1000 Acre Swamp in Penfield, and the trail maintenance crew the Silver Foxes in Perinton.

Grace is a lifelong member of the Rochester Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) where she is active with committee work.

## Special Thank You to Spoon Exhibit and Events



MHS is very appreciative to Spoon Exhibit and Events on Research Forest Parkway in Macedon for donating this retraceable banner. Orrie Capone & Paolo Viera were instrumental in the creation of this banner with their talented staff. Currently the banner is on display at the Macedon Town Hall.





## Macedon Heritage Festival - continued

activities for children that would satisfy the needs of most people, especially families. Most importantly we wanted to make everything but the food and beverage free to the public. We succeeded in meeting all of our goals. It was estimated that we had around 1000 people at this event. Providing a variety of music throughout the event allowed people to come, relax and enjoy for as little or as long as they wanted. We had songs of the Erie Canal with Allen Hopkins, Bluegrass/Country music from Kubick's Rubes and evening entertainment with Nik and the Nice Guys!

We had a variety of community groups and local craft vendors join us this year. The Fire Departments were set up with all of their equipment on display. Personally, that was my whole point, to show people what Macedon has to offer, and how to become part of it. I would venture a guess that every organization is looking for new volunteers. So, get involved, become a part of something special!

As the Macedon Town Historian and secretary of the Macedon Historical Society, I thank all of the many people who helped make this happen. To the vendors and organizations who took a chance on our first year, Thank You! We are accepting applications for next year's event. So, mark your calendars now 9/2/2023.

The Macedon Bicentennial Committee is continuing to prepare for all of the events that will take place in 2023. Many will be in conjunction with the Wayne County Bicentennial Committee. If you are interested in being part of our committee, come join one of our meetings. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the Aldrich Room at the Macedon Town Hall. For information contact me (Linda Braun) at [macedonbicentennial@gmail.com](mailto:macedonbicentennial@gmail.com)



### **BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:**

#### **LEADERSHIP: Co-Chairs:**

Gene Bavis, Historian Walworth

Rosa Fox, Historian, Huron

Consultant: County Historian

Peter Evans

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Peg Churchill, Retired WC IDA Dir.

Karen Dean, Reliant Credit Union

Caryn Devlin Historian, Marion

Phil Eygnor Supervisor, Huron

Bruce Farrington, former Village of

Sodus Point Historian

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Museum of Wayne County

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Historian

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Wayne County Tourism



**Mark your calendars for Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie September 2nd, 2023**



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## 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

February & March at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse  
1208 Macedon Center Rd.

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. MHS also urge all members to vote on polices 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](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)  
and click the donation button, or drop down menu to membership.

Thank you in advance  
for your continued **support**

## Happy Birthday to the Town of Macedon January 29, 1823

**COME CELEBRATE Sunday, January 29th, 2022** at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse  
2:00pm - 4:00pm,  
An OPEN HOUSE Birthday Party for our town.

Come and enjoy music, readings, fellowship and refreshments with your community on this significant day in History for the Town of Macedon.

Raffles and door prizes.

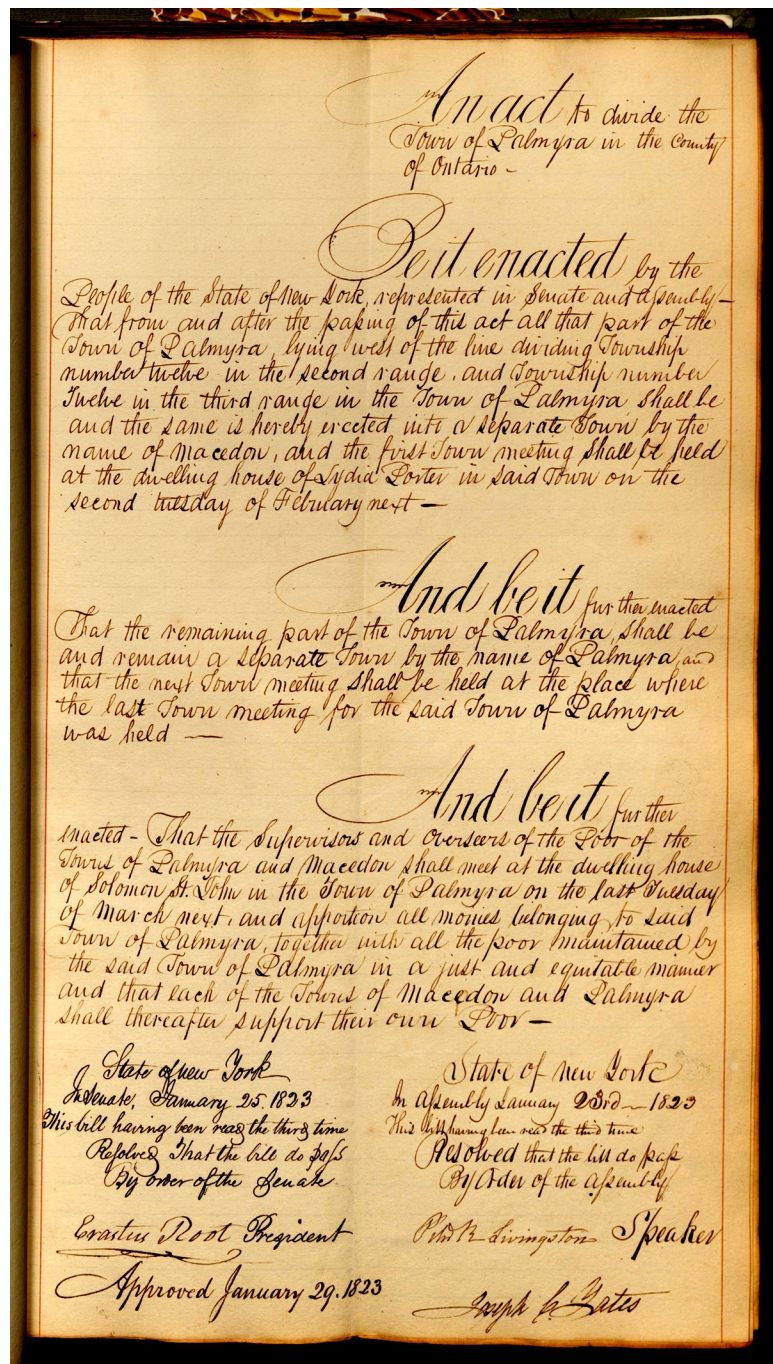
This is Macedon's Year to shine.

**Who:** You  
are invited

**What:** Celebrate Macedon's Birth

**Where:** Macedon Meetinghouse  
1208 Rt 31F

**When:** 1/29/2023  
2:00 - 4:00pm



## Meet at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse Need a place for your event?

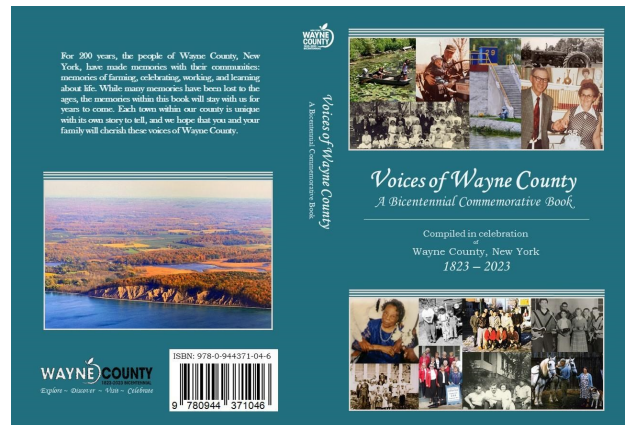
Looking for a venue to hold your party, craft show, meet and greet? Look no further. The Macedon Center Meetinghouse is your ticket to a fun time. Large main floor, Kitchen access and 2 smaller rooms for breakout sessions. Contact 585-455-3798 for information or [curatormhs@gmail.com](mailto:curatormhs@gmail.com)



## Bicentennial Dates to Remember in Macedon and around the County page 5

- **January 29, 2023** – Town of Macedon Bicentennial Birthday Celebration - Macedon Center Meeting house 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- **February 2023**  
Wine Tasting & Pairing (Feb 11th)
- **April 2023**  
Founding Day Celebration in Lyons, NY  
Official Date of WC's (April 11th) establishment as an independent county in NYS.  
Arbor Day – Tree planting
- **May 2023**  
WC Bicentennial Gala - at Carey Lake in Walworth (May 13)  
Bullis Play - Historic Macedon Academy (May 20 & 21)  
Macedon Memorial Day Parade (May 29th) Macedon Center
- **June 2023**  
Juneteenth Celebration June 17th & 18th Macedon Academy
- **July 2023**  
Independence Day Celebrations  
Cycle the Erie  
Peppermint Days in Lyons  
Walworth Festival in the Park  
Taste of Wayne County  
Boat Show at Sodus Bay
- **August 2023**  
Clyde Festival  
Wayne County Fair Bicentennial Events (Aug. 14-18) each day and **kick off** of the Torch Relay, 5 days of runners carrying the torch approx. 40 miles per day through each town in WC.  
Wayne County Fair Parade (August 18)
- **August 31-September 5, 2023** – Towpath Volunteers Host the International Fife & Drum Corp Event
- **September 2023**  
**Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie (Sept. 2)**  
Lumberjack Festival in Macedon Center  
Canaltown Days in Palmyra (including Parade)  
Sodus Harvest Festival
- **October 2023**  
Wayne County Apple Tasting Tour
- **October or November, 2023** –  
"The 200 Club" Volunteer & Sponsor Recognition Luncheon

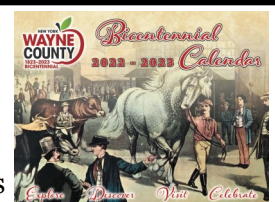
**Voices of Wayne County** commemorative book will be released in December 2022, (official date & time TBD) at a special event to be held at the Ohmann Theater in Lyons. The program will include several readings from the book, acknowledgment of the book committee, sale of the book, and refreshments. A dedication to Larry Ann Evans, Wayne County Museum of History Executive Director, and Co-Chair of the Bicentennial, who passed away in 2020, will be included in the program. Amber Linson and her memories book team have done a fantastic job and we are eager to recognize them and celebrate this fantastic volume of Wayne County history. The Bicentennial Committee is working with historical societies and other retailers to make these available for the public. The retail price is \$25 plus \$2 sales tax. Check the Bicentennial website for a list of places you can buy this great book. PS... "Voices of Wayne County" would make a GREAT



Holiday Gift! If you would like to order your own personal copy, contact [curatormhs@gmail.com](mailto:curatormhs@gmail.com) and MHS will reserve you a copy!

### COMMEMORATIVE BICENTENIAL CALENDARS

We still have a few of the Commemorative Calendars available. As you know, these were not intended to be used for keeping track of your appointments. Instead, they are fun to look at each day to see what interesting tidbit of local history occurred "today." We hope you will buy one of these keepsakes before they are all gone. - \$15 each,  
Contact - [curatormhs@gmail.com](mailto:curatormhs@gmail.com)





## Heritage Builders



## Macedon Historical Society helps save a building



The distinguishing barn on Railroad Avenue in Macedon was used to house the mules that pulled boats and cargo along the banks of the Erie Canal. The property was put up for sale. The property had no registered landmark of importance. Through the efforts of the Town Historian and the president of MHS, a resident in Macedon was able to purchase the property and save it.

The History of this building goes back to the mid 1800's. The rough beams have square nails. The lower level had the rings to tie the mules to. The contractors have placed cables on the top floor of the barn. Each day they tighten the cables a little more to pull the barn into alignment.

The new owner plans to renovate the property, maintaining its integrity. Using the lower level for a workshop. MHS was pleased to play a part in saving this historical building in the Macedon community. MHS is blessed to have people in our community that have a vested interest in their role in preserving Macedon. *If walls could talk.*



Mules along the Erie Canal History  
[You tube Video](#)

## Macedon Center Meetinghouse has a new look

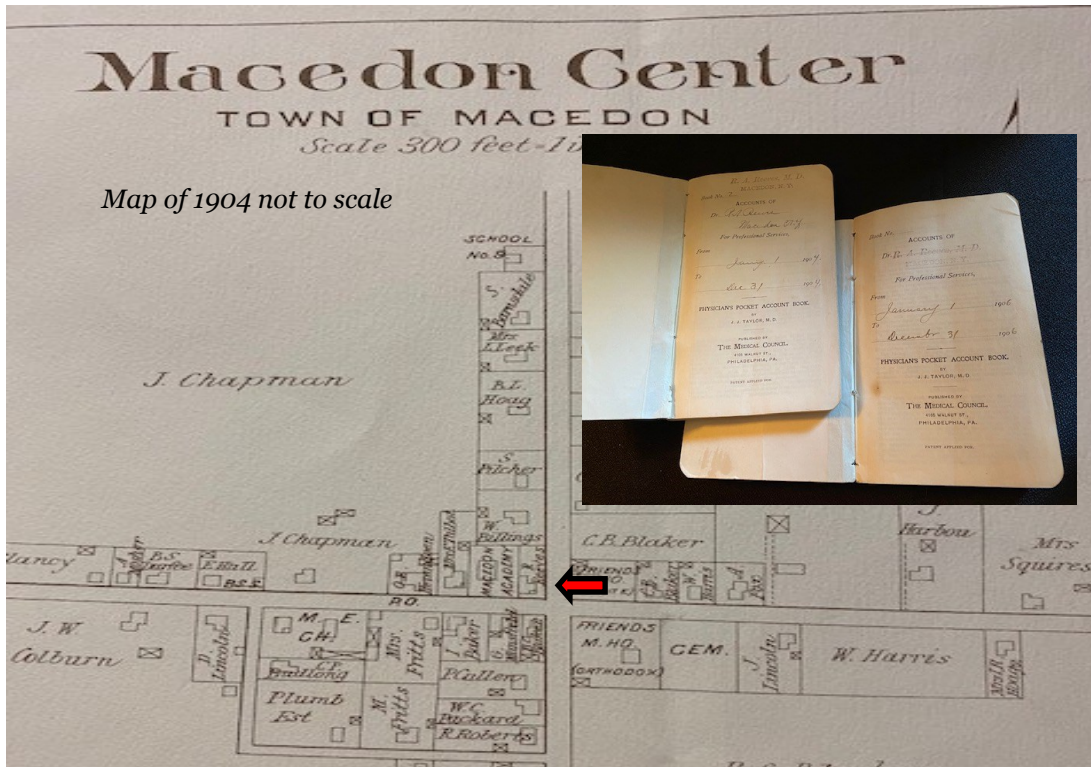


Whole hearted thank you to the Crane Foundation (Mark & Colleen Crane), Alpco Recycling (Chelsea DePoint, Tyler Hickman, Al & Jan Plumb), JaZ Trucking (John & Zack Plumb) and AEY Enterprises (Michael Young) for their generous donations in fixing up the Macedon Center Meetinghouse. If you haven't driven through Macedon Center, you will be amazed.



To become a heritage builder, make 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](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org) or click [DONATE](#)

## Dr R. A. Reeves, a physician in Macedon Center



Another wonderful donation from Laurie "Jinny" Loomis of Ontario regarding her grandfather's practice in Macedon Center. Copies of Dr. Reeves' Journals. can be found at the Academy.

R.A. Reeves's home/office was located where the little Gray house is on the corner of Canandaigua Rd and Macedon Center Rd. The Journals illustrate the fees he charged and his patients list.

## MHS President's Message - Sandy Pagano

The past few months MHS has received wonderful donations from the community. MHS is the steward in preserving the history, artifacts, and documents. MHS keeps these items in the Historic Macedon Academy and the Macedon Center Meetinghouse both located in the heart of Macedon Center. During the winter months our meetings are at the Meetinghouse (there is parking) starting at 6:00pm with refreshments. There is no meeting in December or January we begin again in February at the Meetinghouse. I hope you will make a point of attending these general meetings and the community chat series - Come for the visit, stay for the journey. You don't need to be a member of MHS. If you'd like to view these items or a tour of either building, contact [curatormhs@gmail.com](mailto:curatormhs@gmail.com) Enjoy the Holiday Season.

### COMMUNITY CHAT series continues at the MC Meetinghouse

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 2023. 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 for the visit, stay for the journey.***

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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: MHS Member Linda Braun at [macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com)

## CARD OF THANKS

**Community support is overwhelming.**

MHS appreciates the several businesses that have donated financially and also with in-kind service. There are several individuals who have donated their time and money in preserving and cultivating the history in Macedon.

**Grace & John Mullard**

**Jerry Tavormina**

**Kathy Murphy**

**Linda Braun**

**Jedd Hetherley**

**Tyler Hickman**

**Dave Gardner**

**Ann & Euan Morton**

**Carmen Pagano**

**Ken & Kathy Halloran**

**These volunteers have gone above and beyond**



The Macedon Historical Society owns 2 buildings of significant history. The Macedon Academy built in 1853 and the Macedon Center Meetinghouse. The sustainability of these buildings counts on community support financially.

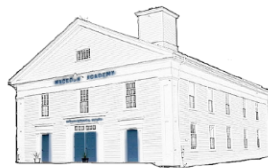
**Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society.** Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community for generations to come.

*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](http://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

**SAVE THE DATE 11/29/2022**

**WHO: YOU for**

**Macedon Historical Society**

**WHAT: ROC the DAY**

**WHERE: your computer go to**  
**Macedonhistoricalsociety.org**

**WHY: Sustainability of 2 historic**  
**buildings for your community**



Sustainability is our goal for the 2 Historic Buildings in Macedon Center. Macedon

Historical Society is in urgent need for Heating and Air Conditioning Units for the Auditorium in the Historic Academy. Macedon and Wayne County's bicentennial year is 2023- Events are scheduled for the auditorium through out the year. MHS is in need of donations to purchase 2 units. Having the ability to heat and cool the auditorium allows MHS to have more events year round for more income opportunities and provide a comfortable environment for guests.

**MHS needs YOU to make a difference.** The Greater Rochester community will come together to ROC the Day. It's 24 hours of unprecedented community giving. It is your chance to make a real difference right here in your own backyard. Get ready to ROC for the Macedon Historical Society

It is easy - donate from MHS website: [macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)  
or mail a donation to MHS, PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

<https://roctheday.org/macedonhistoricalsociety>

## Dates to Remember:

**December 4, 2022 - Holiday Open House at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse 2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Refreshments, Music, Fellowship, enjoy the new and improved Meetinghouse

**January 29, 2023 - Bicentennial Birthday Celebration for the Town of Macedon 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse - limited parking is available. Raffles, door prizes, refreshments, fellowship, readings and presentations**

**February 11, 2023 - Valentine Wine Tasting and Pairing - at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse (more information to follow)**

**February 14, 2023 - Happy Valentine's Day - General Membership meeting 6:00pm Community Chat Series at 6:30pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse**

**March 14, 2023 - General Membership meeting 6:00pm Community Chat Series at 6:30pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse**

**April 11, 2023 - General Membership meeting 6:00pm Community Chat Series at 6:30pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse**

**April 15, 2023 - Clean up Day at the Macedon Academy and MC Meetinghouse 11:00am - 2:00pm**

**April 20, 2023 - Earth Day Event - Adopt a Trail Clean up along the Erie Canal in Macedon**

**April 30, 2023 2nd Annual Authors Forum 2:00pm - 4:00pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse** Several local authors have their publications available for purchase and provide a reading from their selections

**May 9, 2023 - General Membership meeting 6:00pm Community Chat Series at 6:30pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse**