

# MHS NEWSLETTER

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(MHS)

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1185 Macedon Center Rd.  
and the Macedon Center  
Meetinghouse/Macedon Grange  
#326  
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MHS, PO Box 303,  
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## Reflections on the Macedon Grange and Macedon Academy: Pillars of Community Heritage composed

*submitted by Sandy Pagano, President MHS*

My father, Don Niven, was a member of the Macedon Grange #326 in Macedon Center, and I remember vividly how essential the Grange was to our community. In an era when churches were the primary sources of information, the Grange stood out as the farmers' hub for exchanging ideas and organizing collective action. It was more than just a building; it was the lifeblood of local agriculture, where farmers would discuss strategies, send lobbyists to the capitol, and work together to secure better prices for cash crops and dairy products. Through these efforts, the Grange not only improved livelihoods but also fostered a sense of solidarity among neighbors.



The Grange played a vital role beyond agriculture. One of its most significant contributions was facilitating the arrival of Dr. Loeb, a physician whose thick accent mystified me as a child. Despite the language barrier, Dr. Loeb's commitment to the community was evident in his house calls—a practice that sparked mixed feelings of curiosity and trepidation among my siblings and me. The Grange's efforts in bringing essential services like healthcare to Macedon Center exemplify its dedication to the community's well-being.

Today, the Grange building stands as the Macedon Center Meetinghouse, owned by the Macedon Historical Society. Its transformation is a testament to the enduring legacy of the Grange as a gathering place and as a beacon of community organization. Preserving this building is not just about honoring the past; it is about maintaining a space where community spirit can continue to thrive.

Another cornerstone of Macedon Center is the Historic Macedon Academy, constructed in 1853 by Quakers. For over sixty years, the Academy served as a school, nurturing generations of students. When state funding dwindled and local school districts were consolidated, the Academy's role shifted, but its importance did not diminish. The Methodist Church acquired the building from the Quakers and transformed it into a social meeting hall, extending its life as a venue for community gatherings and events. The Academy was a place where townspeople came together, strengthening bonds through education and shared experiences.

In 1968, stewardship of the Academy passed to the Macedon Historical Society, ensuring its preservation for future generations. For many years, the Lumberjack Festival—an annual community event—helped fund the maintenance of the Academy, the Methodist Church, and the Macedon Center Fire Department. This festival became a symbol of the community's commitment to sustaining its historic institutions and keeping Macedon Center vibrant and well-cared-for.



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## A Passion for Preservation; Sustaining our Foundation

### TENTATIVE EVENTS for 2026

#### Concerts at the CANAL PARK

3rd Thursday of June, July, August and September. Under the South Macedon Fire & Rescue Pavilion

6:00 to 8:00pm

Working out the details

#### Sunday, February 8th

2:00 at the

Macedon Center Meetinghouse

**Brandon W. Brooks** Curator

John L. Wehle Gallery at the Genesee Village Country Museum

Presentation on Textiles & Displays \$10 donation

#### Sunday, March 15th 2:00

Tentative

Mark Osterman, Eastman

Glass Photography

Historic Macedon Academy

#### May 17th (Tentative)

Partnering with 1816 Farmington Friends Quaker Meetinghouse

Marj Perez

#### Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day

10:00AM at the Erie St. Cemetery

Hosted by the American Legion

POST 494

#### Saturday, June 6th 2:00pm

The Buskers - The Biscuit

Brothers

Historic Macedon Academy

*Link onto FB Macedon NY History*

*For up to date information*

Our family farm once sprawled across the land where the Gananda Carwash (our home pictured in the spot) and the Station now stand. It's hard to picture the land before these developments, but back then, Windward Lake was actually just a swamp—a wild, untamed patch of earth, teeming with life and possibility. The transformation from swamp to lake was monumental: a massive "Muck Sucker" machine arrived from Michigan, tirelessly digging and draining the land until the swamp gave way to what would eventually become Windward Lake.



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As a child, I explored every nook and cranny of our property, often riding my horse along the ridge of the now area of the Fairways in Gananda. The landscape was my playground, especially in wintertime. We'd climb the steep hills, our toboggan ready for adventure, and my dad would hook it up to his John Deere B tractor. Bumping up and down those snowy slopes as he pulled us along remains one of my fondest memories.

My passion for the Macedon Center Meetinghouse (Grange #326) and the Macedon Academy runs deep, rooted in their essential roles as the heart of our community. These buildings aren't just structures—they are the living foundation of Macedon spirit. Over the generations, they have been home to schools, agricultural gatherings, religious services, and countless moments of hard work and celebration.

Within their walls, generations of neighbors lived, worked, and played. Traditions were born, friendships were forged, and a shared sense of identity blossomed. The Meetinghouse and Academy are reminders of the resilience and values that define Macedon: collaboration, perseverance, and a commitment to one another.

To safeguard the Macedon Center Meetinghouse (Grange) and the Macedon Academy is to honor our community's legacy. The responsibility falls on all of us—to ensure these historic buildings remain vibrant spaces for gathering, learning, and celebration. By sustaining them, we pay tribute to those who came before us and guarantee that the ideals they cherished will endure for generations to come.

As we reflect on the transformation of our land and the steadfastness of our community, it becomes clear: our heritage is woven from the memories of the past and the hopes for the future. Through collective effort and shared stewardship, Macedon's story continues, enriched by the traditions, places, and people who call it home.

My siblings and me (me petting our Irish wolfhound) at the property that is now Baldwin Richardsons. This is looking east down Prober Rd. (Gananda Parkway now)



Submitted by Sandy Pagano, President MHS

## Macedon Makes a Splash at the World Canal Conference 2025

The World Canal Conference was held in Buffalo, NY from September 21st through the 24th. Several hundred people from around the world came to see what people in the United States were doing with their canals. And what better time to hold this event than during the year that we celebrate the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal.

The conference included a variety of special tours, exhibits and workshops. Two of these events were especially important to me as the Macedon Town Historian. The important role that the canal played in helping with the westward expansion of people, along with the engineering marvel itself was a cause to celebrate. It's hard to imagine the impact the Erie Canal had on the economies of our state and region. The time it took to ship goods and people was well as the cost decreased dramatically. "Clinton's Ditch" was an extraordinary accomplishment!



The Conference was held in downtown Buffalo. However, the launch of the 1825 Seneca Chief occurred at what is referred to as Canalside. It is an old commercial port that has been revitalized. The Buffalo & Erie County Naval and Military Park is on the same property. Here you can visit and tour the USS Little Rock, USS Sullivan and the USS Croaker.

Also, on the site is the Buffalo Maritime Center and Museum. It is at this location that the replica of the 1825 Seneca Chief was built. The boat is 73 foot long and 44 ton. Its bright yellow with white, green and brown trim makes it a sight to see on the water. The boat was built by a volunteer crew

of 218 people who wanted to be part of this extraordinary project! They worked under the tutelage of the Buffalo Maritime Center.

*By Linda Braun*



The Unveiling of a historic transportation marker for Lock 61 on the Erie Canal was on December 7th, 2025. Lock 61 is behind ABX across from the entrance of the Canal Park.

Another Historic Marker for Macedon, identifying Historic sites..



## SPECIAL THANK YOUS TO:



**MURPHY**  
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For sponsoring the Macedon Historical Society's Holiday Appreciation Open House on December 7th, 2025

Featuring Merlyn Fuller & Merry MissChiefs



With Santa and Mrs. Claus  
Sing a longs and story telling

Thank you to the Friends of the Macedon Public Library



These two programs were sponsored by the grant from the

Friends Endowment for the Macedon Public Library



## THIS and THAT



During a side trip at the Canal Conference, it was learned that the Culvert Road in Medina is the only road under the Erie Canal. Featured in Ripley's Believe it or Not.

Culvert built in 1823



2026 America is celebrating 250 years.

Watch for events throughout Wayne County. Events will be posted on MHS Facebook; Macedon NY History and macedonhistoricalsociety.org

## SENECA CHIEF'S VOYAGE

On September 24th, 2025, the Seneca Chief was launched with great fanfare. The celebration began with speeches from many different



representatives. It included those involved in building and those involved in promoting the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal. It also included representatives from the Haudenosaunee and African American cultures. The importance of remembering our past and the impact on our local Native American population as well

as the impact the canal had on African Americans trying to escape slavery was shared.

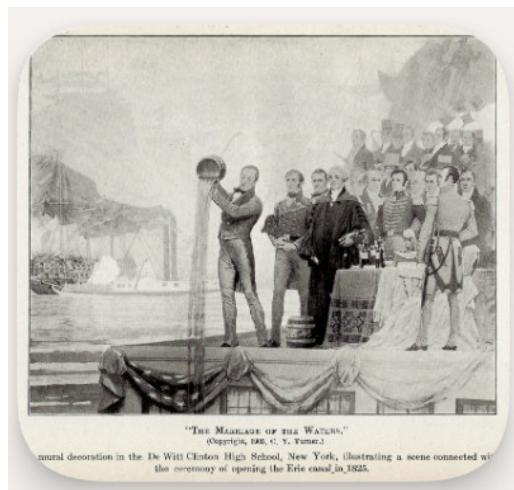
The boat was soon launched on its journey to New York City. Not only is the Seneca Chief a replica of the original boat that celebrated the opening of the Canal in 1825, but it

is also on a journey to recreate the *Wedding of the Waters* event that took place in 1825 when waters from the Lake Erie were merged with the waters from the



Atlantic Ocean. On Wednesday, the Seneca Chief was launched with great fanfare.

*Submitted by Town Historian  
Linda Braun*



## UNVELILING OF LOCK 61 MARKER



The Lock 61 Pomeroy Historic Transportation Marker, was dedicated on December 7th 2025. It is located across from the Canal Park, behind ABX. on the east side of Routes 31F/350. The marker was sponsored by the Town of Macedon Historian, Linda Braun and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. The site still exists as a spillway for the NYS Erie Canal Lock 30. Since the mid-20th century, the lock had a covered bridge over it. This was removed exposing the double locks. There are no doors on them, but the cuts in the stone where the doors were are visible. The original wheels to open the gates of the spillway are still there and functional. Water remains and it is a spillway to Lock 30. Braun gave a special shout out to the Macedon Parks Department for installing the marker. These included Myke Bueg, Peter Knapp and Zach Farver. Pictured at the dedication are (L to R): Town Councilwomen Dianne Dorfner, WC Historical Museum Director Deb Hall, Wayne County Historian, Jane Milem, Macedon Town Historian, Linda Braun and Walworth Town Historian and APHNYs Director for Region 11, Gene Bavis. By recognizing the community's historic Erie Canal Lock with this Pomeroy Marker, Macedon highlights an important part of local history. The Upper Macedon double lock on the Erie Canal was completed in 1842 and later would be replaced by the Barge Canal Lock 30, (TIMES of WAYNE COUNTY December 14, 2025 issue)

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Become a member of the Macedon Historical Society - Chartered in 1968. See page 2 for the upcoming events. As a member, you will have a front row seat. [Website - Membership](#) Members are the backbone to MHS.
- Volunteer your time as an Academy Museum volunteer or on a committee
- Donate artifacts to the Academy Museum that pertain to Macedon
- Donate to the MHS through state bequests, planned giving, IRA charitable giving, memorial and honor gifts, employer matching contributions and

Please take note MHS no longer has the phone at the academy.

Delete from your data 315-538-0051  
 Spectrum kept increasing their fees. For information-  
 call 585-455-3798 or  
 president@macedonhistoricalsociety.org

**You never know  
when the  
opportunity arises**

During the Macedon Town Board meeting on December 11th, 2025 Councilwomen Dianne Dorfner who attended the unveiling of the LOCK 61 marker shared a story.



As the ceremony began at Lock 61, out of curiosity, a gentleman stopped by on his way to the Buffalo Bills game.

He approached the group and shared his story. On October 1, 1898, Captain John Boardway (32 yrs. old) and his son John Jr. (12 yrs. old) of Oswego were headed west on Boardway's boat. When leaving Lock 61 in the dark of night, there was a horrible accident. John Jr. was on a horse which was tied to a mule. The mule got anxious, bucked and fell into the canal, pulling the boy and his horse in. Captain John went in after his son. They were found the next day in just 6 feet of water.

**WHAT'S YOUR  
STORY?**



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Linda Braun

THE OLEAN EVENING TIMES. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1925.

# Schoolboy's Letter Tells of Life in Old Macedon Academy as He Learned a Trade in '48

(due to fact that this publication is not very legible, it has been copied)

**Caledonia**, December 24 - From an attic among some old letters in an ancient homestead at Arlington, Vermont a letter nearly seventy-eight years old was rescued from a musty pile, yellowed with age and dated at Macedon Center. Wayne County, New York, January 27th, 1818. (1848?) It was written by a young lad of 22 years to a relative in Vermont describing his situation.

"I am now attending school at Macedon Center (which was an academy) and rooming with Cousin Therson. There was no school suitable in Palmyra, so I was obliged to do as I have done."

### **Roomed with Two Others.**

"There are three of us who room together. WE occupy the northern room in sight of the Academy and have to ascend one flight of stairs. The room is 12 by 16 feet. It contains one table one bed, one book shelf; also out of this we have a large closet to put our clothes, etc. in."

"So far we have gotten along exceedingly well and hope that nothing will occur that will interrupt our peace and happiness."

"The expense of our room, board, and tuition amounts to \$2 a week, washing extra. Books, papers etc. amount in the course of the term to a considerable sum."

### **Intended to Be Carpenter**

I think of working at the carpenter's trade next summer, but if I had the

wherewith I should prefer going to school. The carpenter's trade connected with the occupation I intend to follow I think will be worth learning and the trade itself is worth a thousand dollars and is much better than to be cast on one's own hook without education or money."

"We have now entered upon a new year with all its majesty and beauty and to me it brings forth thoughts that cause me to look back on the past year with an eye of pleasure and think that to me it was one of the mosts eventful seasons of my life, a year in which my enjoyments privileges and intellectual improvement far exceeded that of any others: and I take upon myself the moto of continued progressiveness. In the coming year I hope to be able to advance more both morally and intellectually, than in any previous one.

"Your affectionate nephew, E.W. II"

The letter shows something of the times when a young man went to Macedon Academy. This boy was left fatherless at the age of 4 years and his mother marrying again, he was left to shift for himself."

What a find. This leads to more investigation, since the Macedon Academy's first class was in 1841 in the Hollister House. A tavern that was purchased by the Quakers. The large homes around Macedon Center were used as dorms for students. I wonder which one he stayed in??

## Making Macedon Great

Macedon was also on display during the Canal Conference when Michael Cocquyt, MBA, CPRP with LaBella Associates, shared the accomplishments that Macedon has achieved by highlighting and promoting this historic waterway that runs right through the middle of our town! In the session titled “Historic Downtown Revitalization Through Canal Connectivity” Mr. Cocquyt shared the ways that Macedon received grants (with his assistance and expertise) to support projects that benefit our whole community. He highlighted the grants the Town of Macedon received to create Trolley Square, building a new playground at Gravino Park, new sidewalks to access the parks at Gravino as well as Bullis Park. The repurposing of the O’Neil Rd. Bridge to pedestrian bridge and the creation of a small park with a bike repair station, benches. He shared the changes made to Bullis Park with accessible trails leading to multiple soccer fields and Pickleball Courts. All of these projects help people to enjoy the outdoors and access the Erie Canal Trail whether by foot or by bicycle. Cocquyt also shared how these projects have directly impacted additional investments being made by businesses in new housing and refurbishment of our downtown buildings.



Find time to check the wonderful asset in our own backyard. If you haven’t visited Lock 30 be sure to notice the enlarged canal or spillway to the south of the current canal. If you walk towards the west of this peninsula you will walk on the Butterfly Trail. At the end you will notice only one of very few places where you can see the original canal, the enlarged Canal and the current Erie Canal, formerly the Barge Canal. You will find a boat launch and a kayak/canoe launch available for free! Take a hike to see old Lock 60.

Continue learning about the Erie Canal at the Historic Macedon Academy/Museum where there is a display of the Erie Canal and plenty of opportunity to learn more about the Erie Canal and the way it changed the course of our community.

For more information check out facebook: Macedon NY History or contact the

Macedon Town Historian, Linda Braun at [historian@macedontown.net](mailto:historian@macedontown.net)

*Article Submitted by Town Historian, Linda Braun*

Hands on Display created by Summer Intern Danni Kuntz Danni was instrumental in creating this Erie Canal display.

MHS has added interactive activities for the school tours that are schedule at the Historic Macedon Academy and Museum. Come and enjoy the Museum at the Academy open by

appointment 585-455-3798 or

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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

Quarterly

#### Board of Directors Meetings

(all members are welcome)

#### Membership Meetings & Community Chat

February 10th, May 12th,

August, 11th, November 10th

#### Membership

All Members are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of MHS.

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.

[macedonhistoricalsociedad.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociedad.org) and click the donation button, or drop down menu to membership.

**Phone Number for MHS at the Academy has been canceled**  
**315-538-0054**  
**You can call**  
**585-455-3798**  
**for information**

## Pal-Mac Intermediate School History Fair



It was an evening that went down in History. On November 20th, 2025.

The fair featured research projects from 17 students across grades 3-5, with each setup covering a different topic from throughout history. Displays included everything from D-Day to Amelia Earhart to the creation of the crayon, among others. To add to the historic nature of the event, the fair was held at the historic Macedon Academy, which was built in 1853. Third grade teacher Mrs. Karin Thomas arranged the entire event, which included working with both Macedon and Palmyra historians.



But the real inspiration, she says, came from one of her former students, Lucille, a sixth grader at Pal-Mac Middle School. Mrs. Thomas says the whole idea started because Lucille approached her last year with a simple question.. "It makes me really happy that Mrs. Thomas started it, and it was a success," Lucille said. "I thought it would be really fun, so I was wondering if we could do it."

In addition to the fair display, there was also a scavenger hunt around the academy grounds, as well as a basket raffle. There were also specially decorated cookies provided by former Pal-Mac teacher Marcia Liberatore. To make the evening



more accessible, the [entire fair was live streamed on the District's YouTube page](#), courtesy of high school teacher, Mr. Kevin

Schlegel. During the stream, students introduced themselves and their projects.

Mrs. Thomas said Macedon Historian Linda Braun and Walworth Historian/Co-Director of the Wayne County Bicentennial Gene Bavis judged the projects. Bavis is Thomas's retired high school social studies teacher. Thomas also credits the President of the Macedon Historical Society, Sandy Pagano, and Jeff Orsburn for their efforts to coordinate the event.

If grandparents and parents missed the Thursday evening event. the Academy was open all weekend for the community to view the projects.

This wasn't the first School History event at the Academy. Back in 1973 the first Wayne County History Jamboree was held at the Academy.

## Jamboree Set Friday At Academy

Marion — on Friday, June 1, the Wayne County Sesquicentennial Student Jamboree will be held at the Macedon Academy in Macedon Center from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

To date the schools that will be participating include, the Williamson Junior and Senior High schools, the Wayne Central Elementary and Middle schools, the Newark Junior High School, the Sodus Junior High School, the Clyde-Savannah Junior High School, the Pal-Mac Elementary and Junior High schools and the North Rose-Wolcott schools.

The theme is the Wayne County Sesquicentennial and awards will be presented in several categories of competition including, school exhibit competition, individual exhibit competition, individual photography, painting, and history bowl team competition.

## What's happening in Macedon Center

Looking for a venue to hold your parties, graduation, craft show, weddings or a place to hold lessons, meet and greet? Look no further. The Macedon Center Meetinghouse is your ticket. Large main floor, Kitchen access, heated, A/C and ample parking. Call 585-455-3798 or email [president@macedonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:president@macedonhistoricalsociety.org). Check out MHS website under Facility Use, or click: [\*\*Facility use form and Reservation Request form\*\*](#)

Is your organization looking for a place to hold their meetings? The Macedon Center Meeting House is the perfect location.



## CONDOLENCES TO THE DEYS FAMILY



Our friend and mentor Carol Elaine Deys passed away on October 17th, 2025 at the age of 90. Carol and Richard established many great relationships and connections through their small engine repair service "ParaDeys Tools" for over 30 years. The connections they made were instrumental in all the organizations Carol Elaine & Richard were members of. They were the driving force behind the Story Brook trail that is intertwined at the Butterfly Trail at the Canal Park in Macedon. She was also a huge supporter of the 1816 Farmington Friends Quaker Meetinghouse Museum at the corner of Canandaigua and Sheldon Roads. The Deys commitment to the community has passed down through generations. Their sons, daughter in laws and grandchildren have helped their causes in many ways.

Carol Elaine was a resource of information when it came to the history of our communities, Farmington and Macedon. An active member of the Macedon Historical Society, she, Richard and David came to the rescue at the Academy many times to foster ideas on how to preserve the building. Carol Elaine's loving smile and strong spiritual sense will be truly be missed.

### Eastside Scottish Dancers

Dancing classes each Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00 at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse  
1208 Macedon Center Rd.  
Macedon NY 14502 (for GPS)

RSCDS certified Scot Graham-Raad leads beginner classes  
Singles and couples welcome  
Kick up your heels and have fun

Requested donation \$5.00 per dancer per evening to cover the cost of the hall.

For more Information contact [psb@rochester.rr.com](mailto:psb@rochester.rr.com)

Email [psb@rochester.rr.com](mailto:psb@rochester.rr.com) to keep informed if classes have been cancelled.

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Mike Breed

Volunteer to help, be it a 1 hour project, or manning a booth, anytime you can spare is appreciated.

Thank you to Travel Alliance Partnership (TAP) for assisting with information on tourism and why it is so important in a community. TAP also sponsored a representative from MHS to attend the Canal Conference. Give a listen to the [\*\*Podcast Destination on the Left\*\*](#)

**AND a Big Thank you to Jeff Orsburn for maintaining the ever moving parts of MHS's Website.**

*Membership is the backbone to our organization  
There is NO PAID STAFF  
All Volunteers*

*Welcome our newest Heritage Builder*



*Member. The logo has been placed in the Foyer in the Heritage Display Board  
Local Electrician Charlie Holvey 585-668-2068*

## Your Historic Macedon Academy built in 1853

### DONATION

**3**  
**Paint**  
**\$18K**

**2**  
**HVAC**  
**\$25K**

**1**  
**Pillars**  
**\$18K**

Over the past five years, the Macedon Academy has undergone a series of significant improvements aimed at enhancing both functionality and historical value. The building now features new bathrooms designed to accommodate all visitors, an upgraded electrical system including a new service panel and wiring in the kitchen, and an eastside fire escape for improved safety. The auditorium benefits from a modern HVAC system, ensuring comfort during events, while technology upgrades—such as enhanced WIFI and a new TV donated by Parkwood Heights, allow performances to be streamed from the second floor to the first. Additionally, the Macedon Historical Society has received and cataloged numerous historical items from community members, integrating them into both current and future displays to enrich the Academy's historical narrative.

Despite these advancements, several preservation needs remain. These include installing a new HVAC system on the first floor (estimated at \$25,000), replacing and adding new pillars to reinforce the west side of the building (estimated at (\$18,000), and addressing exterior maintenance through painting or siding, as the last paint job was completed in 2018.



Looking ahead, the Macedon Historical Society's wish list for the Academy includes ambitious projects such as installing an elevator, remodeling the kitchen, replacing floors throughout the first floor, upgrading the lighting, repainting walls and ceiling and polishing the auditorium floor, and acquiring a new hot water heater. These enhancements aim to further modernize the facility while preserving its historic charm for future generations. Fundraising is essential to our organization, and we appreciate the support of our volunteers and board members. Through the dedication of our community, we can sustain vital programs and initiatives that safeguard our heritage for future generations.



Welcome New MHS  
Members  
Debbie & Keith Howie  
Jeff Henley

New Heritage Builder  
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Each year we invite our members, sponsors and friends to consider an additional donation toward a special project that enhances the preservation of the buildings owned by the Macedon Historical Society. These generous contributions allow us to undertake important restoration work and maintain the historical integrity of our properties.

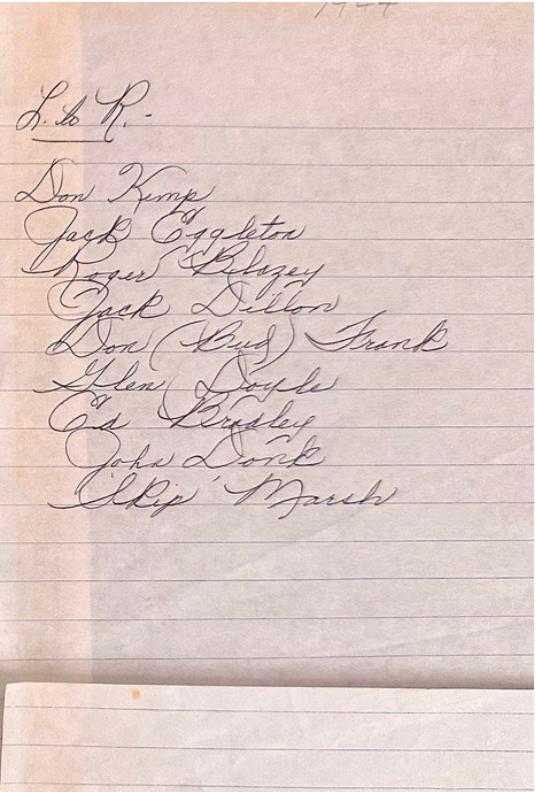
To make a donation, open the hyperlink at the top of the thermometer that links into our Pay Pal giving account (No fees are charged) or Mail a donation to: MHS PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502-0303

## What's New at the Academy/Museum

Thank you to the Walworth Historical Society for donating this picture to the Macedon Historical Society. They found it in a donated book at the Walworth Seely Library Book Sale. Thank you for recognizing that it belonged in the Macedon Museum.



L to R - Don Kemp, Jack Eggleston, Roger Blazey, Jack Dillon, Don (Bud) Frank, Glen Doyle, Ed Bradley, John Donk & Skip Marsh 1944



Jim Dyson, a descendent of the Packard Family, donated several items that came from his collection. Here is a portrait of Minerva Packard, Philander Packards wife. Philander's diaries are at the Macedon Public Library.

Also in the collection are Minerva's glasses, bonnet and several picture. MHS would like to find a portrait of Philander Packard to hang beside his wife. They are both buried in the Quaker Cemetery in Macedon Center.



Charles (Buddy) Kemp and his son Charlie, donated a Trunk full of treasures from Betty May Patterson Conant. MHS is still digging through these artifacts. There is a uniform, a birth announcement, dolls, teddy bears and an Ocarina, to name a few items.



An ocarina is a wind instrument with ancient roots.. Known for its unique shape and soulful sound. One of the challenging aspects when receiving such a treasure is putting names on pictures. Please if you haven't already, put names, dates and place on your photographs, start now. Your family will appreciate it, when they are searching for clues.



**Macedon Academy Alma Mater**

"May the wreath you have won never wither, nor the star of your glory dim."

Published in the 1841-1891  
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Join Brandon W. Brooks, Curator of the John L. Wehle Gallery at Genesee Village Country Museum, on **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse** for a discussion on effectively exhibiting and handling textile collections on a budget. Learn the basics about handling textile collections, and what materials may be used to exhibit them safely, all while staying within the perimeters of efficient cost. This presentation will explore some of



**Macedon Center Meetinghouse**  
1208 Macedon Center Road  
Sunday, February 8th, 2:00 p.m.

Brandon W. Brooks  
Textile & Fine Art Curator

the pieces from the textile collections of the Meetinghouse itself, as well as give hands-on access to exhibition and storage materials.

Brandon has been Curator of the John L. Wehle Gallery at the Genesee Country Village

Museum since March 2020.

Brandon works with over 450 years of European and American sporting and wildlife art and over 300 years of fashion and textile material culture notably, the Bruce & Susan Greene Costume Collection house in the John L Wehle Gallery.

Macedon Town Historian, Linda Braun and MHS President, Sandy Pagano had the privilege of touring the archives of the John Wehle Gallery with Brandon at the GVCM.

***This is a hands on presentation. Material will be available for demonstrations. The appropriate donation for this event is \$10 payable to MHS. Reservations at curatormhs@gmail.com and payment through***

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