

Report from the Town of Macedon Historian's Office 1st Quarter 2022

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2022 marks the 199th year of the existence of the Town of Macedon, which was incorporated in 1823, Macedon and Wayne County will be celebrating our 200th anniversary with activities beginning this year!

This report includes the information on the people, projects and time spent in the role as Historian of the Town of Macedon. In addition to requests from members of our community I have been actively involved as secretary of the Macedon Historical Society and the preservation of the Macedon Academy building. I have logged 114 hours during this three-month period.

Projects:

- **Macedon Bicentennial:** We are actively preparing for our Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie, the first Saturday in Labor Day (9/3) – PLEASE plan on joining us. We have applied for a permit with the Canal Corp. We have confirmed that *Nic and the Nice Guys* will be playing along with John Denniston's bluegrass band. We are in discussions with 2 story telling musicians. They will sing and share songs about the canal and the immigrants who helped to build it. We will have food trucks there. We are hoping to secure a craft brewery and winery. We are offering local organizations the opportunity to set up a booth to tell visitors about their organizations (religious, service and community organizations. We have secured 2 donations so far and are looking for more. I would love it if the town could help support this project financially. I am the chairperson of this committee, meeting the first Tuesday of each month. We are meeting in Macedon Town Hall at 6pm. Our Bicentennial Calendar is on sale at the clerk's office. I encourage all Trustees to purchase a copy. We are actively preparing for our festival the first Saturday in Labor Day (9/3) – PLEASE plan on joining us. Reminder that next year we look forward to the World Fife and Drum Festival the first weekend in September. Towpath Volunteers are an integral part of this project.
- **Wayne Historical Organizations (WHO)** meets on a quarterly basis. [Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023](#) committee has also actively shared historic people, places and events on a daily/weekly basis. I have provided information from Macedon to be shared in these communications. We continue to maintain a database of historical structures/places within Wayne County. It is available to the community at <http://waynehistorians.org/Places/>.
- **Public Events:** I continued to work with the 1816 Meetinghouse Museum on joint projects. This includes the planning of an event called the Quaker Days which will include a presentation at the Macedon Academy.
- **Macedon Historical Society:** The MHS is organizing the Macedon Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2022. We invite all members of the town to participate in this event. Sandy Pagano will be formally inviting the town supervisor and trustees. I continue to serve as secretary documenting minutes, agendas and correspondence. We have reapplied for a grant from the Landmark Society called the Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization grant. If awarded this money, it will be used to build an elevator/lift system and have an efficient HVAC system installed on the second floor of the Macedon Academy. It is our goal to make the Macedon Academy a useful place for all members of our community.

We are also working hard to complete a 2nd fire escape in the next month. Our "Community Chat" program was enthusiastically attended. We'll be holding an open house the last Sunday each month beginning in April.

Visitors

All of the contacts made with my office were primarily by e-mail, these contacts are noted on the attached spreadsheet. Total contacts were approximately 60.

Activities/Projects completed

- Regular review of newspapers and file obituaries and dbas.
- Meetings with Pal-Mac teachers (2) regarding Bicentennial and History Club. Field trip of 19 kids to the Macedon Academy where they enjoyed a tour and scavenger hunt.

Open Projects

- Bicentennial of Macedon and Wayne County 2023
- Pomeroy Markers: Research of Lock 61 and Wayneport – submission begins April 2022
- Continue to work at filing and organizing the materials in the office.
- Continue support of Macedon Historical Society as Secretary.
- Pursue recognition or some type of memorial for people who served in WWI.
- Goal for 2022 to create a page on the Town of Macedon's website for the Historian.

Work in the Historian's Office located inside the Macedon Public Library has continued. My hours are now Wednesdays from 4:00 - 6pm or by appointment. I hope to create a more organized space with additional shelving.

Respectfully submitted,

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