

MARION HISTORIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Marion High School Seniors Receive MHA Scholarships!

 CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!
Tanya Hernandez

Plans for next year?
College

Major:
Marketing

Destination:
SUNY - Oswego



 CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!
Alyse Buirch

Plans for next year?
College

Major:
Forensic Psychology

Destination:
Tiffin University



 CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!
Gabriel Gruttadaurio

Plans for next year?
College

Major:
Physical Therapy

Destination:
Nazareth College



 CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!
Isabela Vargas

Plans for next year?
College

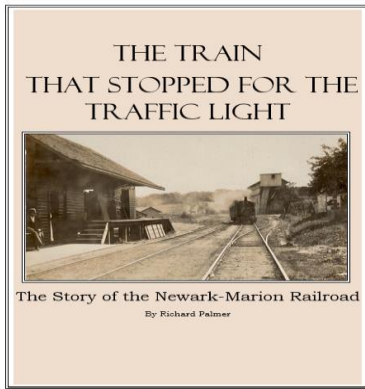
Major:
Psychology

Destination:
University at Buffalo



The Marion Historic Association awarded four \$100 scholarships this year to seniors who were going on to higher education and who had contributed to the work of the museum in some way. These four young people were a great help in 2021 working at both the museum and helping out the Marion Events Organization all day at the Marion Fall Festival.

We will continue to offer these scholarships to deserving seniors and hope that some day they will support their local museum where ever life takes them. Congratulations and much success in your future!!



THE TRAIN....THE TRAIN!!!

Our 64 page publication is finally done! We have printed 100 copies. The book is \$15 plus \$1.20 tax for non-members and \$13.50 plus \$1.08 tax for members. Shipping will be \$3 per book.

Please contact Caryn at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com or call 585-738-6577 for your copy.

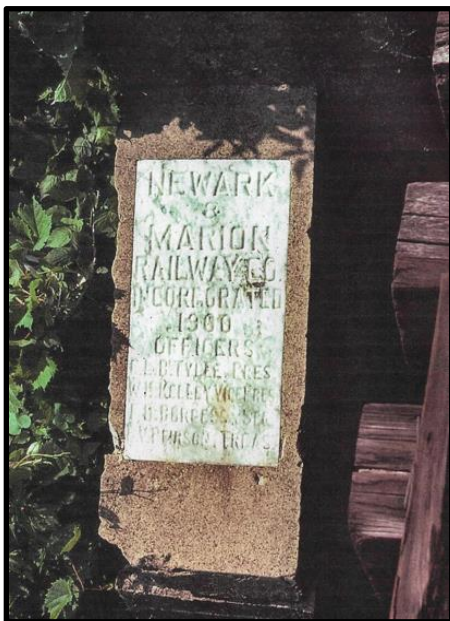
An order form will be attached to this newsletter as well. We hope that you enjoy it and share your memories with us for the next edition!

We had a great program on May 15 with Richard Palmer, author of our publication "The Train that Stopped for the Traffic Light". The museum was at capacity as Dick related a brief history of the Newark-Marion Railway and answered many great questions from the audience.

Local Williamson resident, Steve Collward, contacted me to tell me he had spotted a "W" sign next to the site of the old railroad tracks off Jagger Rd. The "W" sign told the engineer when to blow the whistle to alert oncoming traffic that the train was coming. My husband and I contacted the local landowner, asked for permission and were able to recover the white porcelain sign for the museum display on the NMRR.

Our **BIG NEWS** is that we have recovered the main section of the marble dedication plaque! Some of you may remember the Newark Courier-Gazette article about 40 years ago detailing the discovery that it was missing. A casual conversation about our train publication with Newark-Arcadia historian, Chris Davis, put me on the trail to see if I could find it. He remembered seeing it at an estate sale the previous fall but being unable to get it due to the size and weight of the plaque still embedded in concrete. I contacted the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum and also local railroad enthusiast, Ken May, for help in locating it.

I was so excited when I got an email from Adam Lloyd stating that he had our plaque! Adam is a young train enthusiast from the Pittsford area. We agreed to trade a NYC railroad lantern for the plaque, in exchange for his generous return of the long missing object. Adam is a great guy who helped my husband load the 200 lb. plus chunk of stone and concrete. We now have it in the main room at the museum and are working out the best way to display it. The plaque was embedded in concrete in the trestle abutment in the early 1900's. The inscription says "Newark & Marion Railway Co." The officers are listed as C.L.B. Tylee, President; W. H. Kelley, Vice-President; F.D. Burgess, Secretary; and E.V. Peirson, Treasurer.



Left:
Photo by Jon Snyder 1977

Right:
Adam Lloyd (left)
Mark Devlin (right)
Photo by Caryn Devlin



You may notice in the recovery photo that the top portion of the marble plaque is missing where it says "Newark". We are hoping that with the publicity generated by this newsletter and an upcoming newspaper article, that we may recover the missing portion as well.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM?

Great News!

The Marion Town Board has allocated the balance of the money to finish the interior drywall work at the museum. We will also be installing a bathroom (Hooray!), finishing up the electric and heating systems, installing security systems, and will finally be able to set up more permanent displays. The funds were allocated from ARPA funds distributed to the town by the State of New York for use in on projects. The Town Park is getting expanded parking as well as new playground equipment as a result of these funds. The town is also working on other projects to use the remaining funds. We are so grateful to our membership who has donated funds towards this project. As a result of your support we were able to prove to the town that our community does support the museum and has shown it by supporting it financially.

Work, Work, Work...

Work will continue at the museum with the help of L. and J. Smith Contractors, made possible by the additional support of the Foundation members and the Town of Marion funding. Many thanks to Peter Callahan for mudding the drywall in preparation for painting. The MHA will be scheduling a work day to continue removing the layers of flooring in the kitchen and painting when rooms are ready to be painted.

New Mission Statement

At the last meeting of the Marion Historic Association, it was decided to revise our mission statement. Member Mike Lane offered the following: *"The purpose of the Marion Historic Association is to promote the dissemination of the diverse cultural and historical heritage of the town of Marion and its connection to the history of Wayne County, the State of New York, and the United States. We are committed to educating the community and future generations through the preservation and exhibition of local historical items, artifacts and records."*

Recent Acquisitions

Our historian, and other members of the MHA, attended the May 14 auction of the Gordon VanHall estate. We made a significant purchase of items from the estate, as Gordon was a well known collector of Marion memorabilia. The auction was well attended and prices reflected it. With the help of Geneseo intern Mareasa Guiducci of Williamson, we will work on properly recording each item, labeling it and storing it appropriately. There are between 700 and 1000 items, mostly paper, postcards and news clippings. We felt it was an opportunity we could not afford to miss. We will be showing you the postcards in the coming months.

We were also given a SURECROP sign by Craig Hance that was from his father, Howard. Howard worked selling Surecrop fertilizer. Thanks to the Hance family for their donation to the museum. It will make a great addition to the Agriculture display.

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Thorne also donated coins from 1826 and 1926, celebrating both the founding year for Marion and the 100th anniversary of Marion. I have it on my calendar to be sure to get one from 2026 as we celebrate Marion's Bicentennial then. Thank you to the Thorne family for their continued support!

WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PLANNING *update*



AVAILABLE FOR \$15 EACH

This 2-year commemorative calendar contains around 800 historical facts related to Wayne County as well as over 300 images that represent all aspects of Wayne County Life.

This is a keepsake that you will enjoy looking at for many years, AND it would make a GREAT Holiday Gift.

These wonderful fact-filled publications are the collaborative work of all the Wayne County historians led by Loreen Jorgensen and Newark historian, Chris Davis. History facts galore and photos fill the pages!

Calendars are \$15 each plus \$1.20 tax and available through the Marion Historic Association by emailing me at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com or calling me at 585-738-6577 for local pickup.

If you are a member of the MHA, the calendar price is \$14.58 which includes tax. Shipping will be \$3 per book.

To have a calendar mailed out of town, send me a note c/o MHA, PO Box 330, Marion, NY 14505 and enclose a check for \$19.20 (\$15 plus \$1.20 sales tax and \$3 for shipping). The calendar is about 9" x 11".

The Marion Historic Association receives \$3 each from the sale of the calendars and we hope you will support us in this fundraising opportunity as every little bit helps us continue the project at hand.

If you would like to be involved in the Marion Bicentennial committee, please contact me either by phone or 585-738-6577 or email me at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com. We are looking for members from the Legion, local churches, school administrators/staff, businesses and any other interested folks. I appreciate your support in this wonderful celebration of our history. We are currently planning the Bicentennial Gala which will be held at Carey Lake in Walworth, the Torch Relay which will visit every town in Wayne County over five days, the Family Fun Day and the kick off celebration on April 11, 2023 in Lyons.

Look for more information to come in the coming days as well as stay current with postings that can be found on the Facebook page "Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023". This Facebook feed is chock full of history for the whole county as well as notice of coming events. Wait until you see the "Memories of Wayne County" book that will be published as well. I have heard it will be over 400 pages of memories of local residents.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: August 18, 2022 6:30 pm at the museum

Future Newsletters:

If you have any topics you would like information on, send them to me at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com. I would be happy to research an article and publish it in the newsletter for everyone OR if you have an topic you have researched and would like to include in the newsletter, I would be happy to include it.

Thank you again for your membership donations to the Marion Historic Association. It helps us bring relevant programs to our community and we appreciate your support. Enjoy your summer!

Caryn Devlin

IMPORTANT DATES 2022 – all meetings at the museum unless otherwise noted

July 16 Saturday	10:00 am “Dave Bloom, The Gravestone Guy” Hall Center Cemetery, corner of Hall Center and Goosen Rd. In conjunction with the Walworth Historical Society. PUBLIC WELCOME - FREE
July 29, 30	Pioneer Gas Engine Show – MHA booth
August 18	6:30 pm Full Membership meeting (planning for Fall Festival)
August 20	Car Show – MHA booth
September 10, Sat.	Marion Fall Festival
September 15	6:30 pm Board of Directors and all interested parties
October 13	6:30 pm Board of Directors and all interested parties
October 15	6:30 pm “Haunting in the Hamlet” cemetery walk
November 17	6:30 pm Full Membership meeting (planning for winter celebration)
December 17, Sat.	5:30 – 7 pm Holiday Parade and lighting contest, Museum Open House

With Many Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors and Members!

We can only accomplish our goals through the continued support of the community and our members. We currently have over eighty members plus corporate sponsors and we are grateful for their support.

MEMBERSHIPS

Memorial

Leslie Adriaansen

Art Stone

Margaret Curtis

Carolyn Adriaansen

Gordon and Nancy Van Hall

Sally and Bill Hoffman

Mike and Jackie Tompkins in memory of Donna Adriaansen Prentice

The Lonneville children in memory of Allen and Donna Prentice and George Lonneville

Andrew and Marjory Murphy Erb in memory of A and B Roadways, Robert G. and Alice O'Brien Erb,

William G. and Pauline Luke Tamblin and Clifton Smith.

Andrew and Marjory Murphy Erb in honor of Brian Andrew and Ashley Erb, Verdell (Paul) Jackson, Andrew (Mickey) Erb

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MEMBERSHIP

Dues can be mailed to Marion Hist. Assoc., PO Box 330, Marion, NY 14505
or paid **via PayPal** using our link **PayPalMe/marionnyhistoric** or just scan the code
to link your smartphone to our Paypal page.



Levels of Membership	
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Individual	\$15.00
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Builder	\$250.00
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We appreciate your support!



We are happy to announce our new logo! It was designed by Mady Frey, a local Marion student, who is also the daughter of our President, Jennifer Hunter. It features the Soldier's Monument from the cemetery and gives us a fresh, clean logo to use on future forms.



THE MARION MUSEUM AT JENNIE'S HOUSE

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PUBLICATION SALES ORDER FORM "The Train That Stopped for the Traffic Light"

Published by the Marion Historic Assoc. with text by Richard Palmer

(To be completed by the customer)

Quantity: _____ Price: \$ _____ 8% Tax: \$ _____ Total Each: \$ _____


Regular Price \$15.00 **MHA Member Price \$13.50** (10% off)
 Sub-total: \$ _____

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Your purchase enables us to continue to present the history of Marion in various formats for the enjoyment of our community. With thanks for your continued support,
Marion Historic Association

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Book Sales: "THE TRAIN THAT STOPPED FOR THE TRAFFIC LIGHT" by Richard Palmer