

MARION HISTORIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Is it Spring where you are yet?

Winter is taking its old sweet time this year. As I write this newsletter, it is trying very hard to snow and that is no joke!

Marion Elementary School Celebrates Agriculture Week!



Assemblyman Brian Manktelow



Wayne County Activity Books were given out.



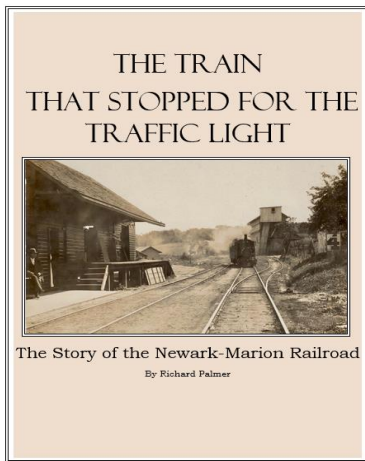
Historic items displayed.

The week of March 21-25 was Agriculture Week at the Marion Elementary School. Over 300 children from ages K-6 participated with events both inside and outside. Assemblyman Manktelow read a book to the second graders as well as checking out the displays on Friday. Displays were presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension on vermiculture (growing worms), the Wayne County 4H groups offered dissecting a bean to see the various parts and the Wayne County Dairy Ambassador Court had a display on how to feed a dairy cow. The Marion Future Farmers of America brought the class pets as well as a demo on how to make butter. Hare Brook farms brought cows and a tractor. Cummings Maple Farm also donated maple syrup which the kids were served over brussel sprouts for lunch.

I was invited to participate and took old tools and photos of Marion. I also handed out milkweed seeds and Wayne County Bicentennial Activity Books, which were happily received. The big hits of the day were the Topping apple corer, the iron cherry pitter and milk bottles from local dairies. It was surprising to many of the children that at one time you could get milk delivered several times a week to your home.

I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the children for the artifacts I had brought. Several children picked out their current house from the 100 year-old photos we had. We have been invited back to participate next year.

Thank you to Theresa Kuhn and Jenny Clark, co-leaders of the Marion Elementary Farm Club for this great look at agriculture in Marion!



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 or pick one up at our Open House on April 23 from 10:30 to 1 pm at the museum. You can also get them at our May 15 program with author Richard Palmer.

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!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM?

We recently received a donation from the family of Howard Bush that included his West Point uniform, his Army Ranger uniform as well as personal items including his photo in uniform and diploma. We are grateful to his family for this donation as there aren't many Marion graduates that can say they went to West Point.

We are also grateful to the Foundation Members who have recently increased their giving to help us complete the interior work needed at the museum. Town funding was only available for the exterior siding work this year and Ron Lonneville has been doing a fantastic job of finding the funding to help pay for the labor of hanging the drywall and other projects. We really appreciate their commitment to this project! A big THANK YOU to Doug and Celia Topping, Ron and Marcia Lonneville, Dr. and Mrs. Barry Thorne and family, Mike and Jackie Tompkins, Andrew and Marjorie Erb, and Jeff, Sandy, Jon and Jason Lonneville.

Work, Work, Work

Work continues at the museum with the help of L. and J. Smith Contractors, made possible by the additional support of the Foundation members. The new addition has been completely drywalled. The front hallway has been drywalled and painted. The lighting has been hooked up in the new addition and an installation to allow for technological exhibits has been put in place by John Lonneville. Many thanks to Peter Callahan for mudding the drywall in preparation for painting. The drywall upstairs has begun as well. Continued thanks to Duane Smeatin and Jeff Craig for their help coordinating all these activities.

The MHA will have a work day April 9 to remove lathe from the ceiling in the kitchen as well as an upstairs room in preparation for future drywall.

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."*

GORDON VANHALL

The Marion Historic Association acknowledges the recent passing of Gordon VanHall. Mr. VanHall was a significant contributor to our many projects including supporting the historic association monetarily over the years as well as offering his talents as a woodworker. He was instrumental in creating replacement parts for the parlor fireplace as well as stripping the old layers of paint off it. He donated funds towards the new porch roof construction. He also donated his scale model of the Newark-Marion Railroad depot building which will be the centerpiece of our display on the NMRR. His family has also donated a box of Marion advertising and memorabilia to the museum. We are thankful he is a part of our story.

WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PLANNING *update*



AVAILABLE FOR \$15 EACH

The calendar cover features a historical illustration of a horse-drawn carriage and people. The text on the cover includes "NEW YORK WAYNE COUNTY 1823-2023 BICENTENNIAL", "Bicentennial 2022 - 2023 Calendar", and the words "Explore Discover Visit Celebrate" at the bottom.

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 calendars are the collaborative work of all the Wayne County historians. 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 MEETING: May 12, 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.

Wishing you all the best this holiday season and into the New Year!

Caryn Devlin

Historian

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

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| April 3, Sunday | 2 pm Program “History From the Ground Up” with Paul Forsay. Local metal dectectorist Paul Forsay will share his finds and his techniques with us on the museum grounds. |
| April 9, Saturday | 9:30 am Work Day at the museum. We will be working inside to make the kitchen and one upstairs ro. om ready for future drywall. |
| April 23, Saturday | 10 am – Dedication of the Pomeroy History Marker at the Elias Durfee Farm on Marion-Walworth Rd followed by an Open House at the museum from 10:30 am to 1 pm. |
| April 30, Saturday | 10 am Spring Clean Up |
| May 12 | 6:30 pm Full Membership meeting |
| May 15, Sunday | 2 pm Program “ <i>The Train That Stopped for the Traffic Light</i> ” publication launch. Author Richard Palmer will join us and a program on the Newark-Marion Railway will be held. |
| June 16 | 6:30 pm Board of Directors and interested parties |
| July 14 | 6:30 pm Board of Directors – and interested parties |
| 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” |
| 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 four corporate sponsors and we are grateful for their support.

Membership Levels

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

Founder (\$1,000+):

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Thorne

Mike and Jackie Tompkins

Andrew and Marjorie Erb

Ron and Marcia Lonneville

Doug and Celia Topping

Jeff, Sandy, Jon, Jason Lonneville

Legacy (\$500):

Ray and Christine Lewandowski

Builder (\$250):

Jennifer and Daniel Loucks

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Patron (\$100):

Bruce Stone

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Don and Randall Bushart

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Mark Pettite

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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: \$ _____


Shipping: Add \$3.00 each book Allow 5 days for shipping Shipping: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Marion Historic Association, PO Box 330, Marion, NY 14505
 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

_____(MHA cut here)_____

MARION HISTORIC ASSOCIATION RECEIPT** MHA to fill out and retain DATE: _____**

QTY	Cost Each:	Sales Tax Each:	Total Cost Each:	TOTAL
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Book Sales: "THE TRAIN THAT STOPPED FOR THE TRAFFIC LIGHT" by Richard Palmer