

*The Medina Sandstone Trust  
will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary in 2020!*

**WHAT IS THE SANDSTONE TRUST?**  
The Medina Sandstone Trust, as envisioned in 2010 by the Sandstone Society, is like a local “savings account” which yearly helps motivate and drive worthy local projects through grants. These grants are derived from investment of principal. In the first nine years, \$32,500 has been granted to 30 non-profit organizations.

**HOW DOES THE TRUST WORK?**  
There is no complicated mystery in the workings of a foundation, an endowment, a trust fund, or similar methods of putting hometown donations to work. Tax deductible gifts of cash or pledges are received from citizens, groups or businesses, bequests made in wills, fund-raising events, etc. These funds are then invested through careful professionalism and it is the proceeds from these investments that make possible the periodic grant awards for worthy civic programs and projects. Choosing the recipients of awards is the job of a selection committee made up from persons representing a cross section of community life.

**WHO ARE TYPICAL RECIPIENTS?**  
Although a wide range of projects may be considered, typical projects supported by other foundations include festivals, celebrations, community improvements, youth and senior citizen programs, scholarships, tourism efforts, cultural programs, etc.

**HOW CAN I HELP?**  
If this type of community endowment for our village and towns makes sense to you or to any group or organization to which you belong, You can donate online through our shopping cart or donate to the Sandstone Trust at the address below.

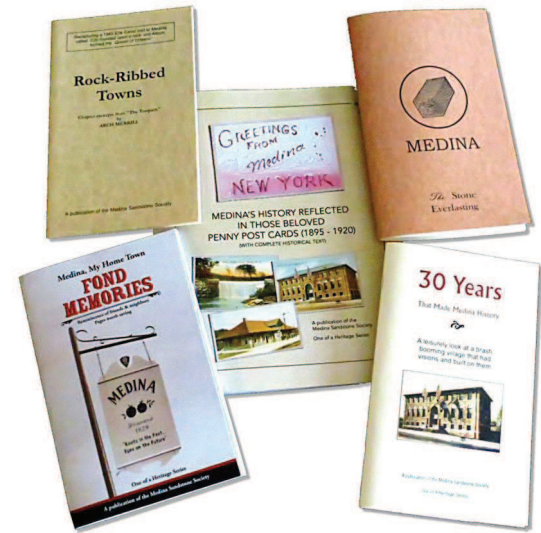
**HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A GRANT?**  
Applying for a Sandstone Trust grant is simple.

1. Download the Grant Application from the website.
2. Complete the grant application.
3. Mail to: Medina Sandstone Society, Inc. • c/o Sandstone Trust • PO Box 25 • Medina, NY 14103

THANK YOU!!!

Founded in 2004, the Medina Sandstone Society today is a New York State not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of serving as a viable community asset to aid local programs. The Sandstone Society has engaged in a wide variety of activities, including:

- Understanding the renowned stone itself.
- Fostering community support and esteem, supporting local projects and celebrations.
- Establish and maintain the Sandstone Hall of Fame.
- Encouraging historic preservation.
- Marking special sites with sandstone tablets.
- Using grants and gifts to protect structures.
- Publishing texts and books of local interest.
- Honoring special citizens with awards
- Saluting Medina’s status as an Erie Canal port.
- Sponsoring “walking tours” of historic sites.
- Recruiting associates called “Stone Cutters”
- Establishing a Medina civic endowment named the Sandstone Trust.



Consult our website to learn about and purchase books.  
They're also offered at local book stores.

**www.SandstoneSociety.org**  
**Medina Sandstone Society and Trust**  
**P.O. Box 25**  
**Medina, NY 14103**

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**Medina Sandstone Society**  
**Sandstone**  
**Hall of Fame**  
**2019**

Appreciating the  
*"extraordinary  
ordinary"* that  
surrounds us in  
western NY and  
beyond.

Quote by Bill Lattin, retired County Historian



2018 Hall of Fame inductees

The Hall of Fame is located in Medina City Hall,  
600 Main Street. Open weekdays from 8:30-4:30.

Hall of Fame plaques are manufactured and installed courtesy of  
Takeform Graphics, Medina, NY (www.takeform.net/)

**List of Nominees**

**2019 Nominees / Inductees**

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| Eberhardt Mansion in Buffalo                   | <b>St. Peter's Episcopal in Geneva, NY</b> |
| Blessed Sacrament RC Church in Buffalo         | <b>Watson-Curtze Mansion in Erie, PA</b>   |
| Trinity Episcopal Church in Buffalo            | St. Ann Catholic Church in Erie, PA        |
| Old Stone Warehouse/ Skalny Bldg. In Rochester | St. Paul Catholic Church in Erie, PA       |
| <b>St. Peter's RC Church in Rome, NY</b>       |  |

**2013-2018 Nominees / Inductees**

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| <b>Orleans County</b>                       | <b>Other Locations</b>                                    |
| First Baptist Church in Holley, NY          | <b>St. Mary's RC Church in Canandaigua, NY</b>            |
| St. Joseph's Cemetery Chapel in Albion, NY  | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church in Clifton Springs, NY</b> |
| Granchelli Home (Front porch) in Medina, NY | St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Olean NY                |
| <b>Albion Presbyterian Church</b>           | Belhurst Castle in Geneva, NY                             |
| "Robin Hill" Smith home                     | Charlotte Lighthouse                                      |
| St. Rocco's in Hulberton                    | <b>St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester</b>                |
| <b>St. Mary's R.C. in Holley</b>            | <b>Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester</b>               |
| <b>St. John's Episcopal</b>                 | "Million Dollar Staircase"                                |
| Clarendon Old Stone Store                   | Brockport Civil War Tower                                 |
| <b>Mt. Albion Monument</b>                  | Genesee County Jail, Batavia                              |
| <b>Hillside Cemetery</b>                    | Hamlin Beach Structures                                   |
| <b>Pullman Church</b>                       | <b>Sonnenberg Manor in Canandaigua, NY</b>                |
| <b>Medina Armory/YMCA</b>                   | <b>Richmond Library in Batavia</b>                        |
| <b>St. Mary's Church</b>                    | St. Mary's in Batavia, NY                                 |
| Medina Railroad Station                     | <b>First Lutheran in Jamestown, NY</b>                    |

**Buffalo**

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| <b>St. Paul's Cathedral</b>                 | St. Luke's in Jamestown                            |
| <b>H.H. Richardson Complex</b>              | <b>Prendergast Library in Jamestown, NY</b>        |
| <b>St. Louis Church</b>                     | <b>Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra, NY</b>        |
| <b>Connecticut Street Armory</b>            | <b>Emma Flower Taylor Mansion in Watertown, NY</b> |
| Buffalo Crematory                           | <b>St. Peter Cathedral in Erie</b>                 |
| Olmsted traffic circles                     | St. Peter's Lutheran in Sanborn, NY                |
| <b>Delaware-Asbury Church</b>               | Christ Church in Rochester                         |
| <b>"Martin Manor" residence</b>             | First Methodist in Dunkirk, NY                     |
| St. Patrick's Friary                        |  |
| <b>First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo</b> |  |

St. Michael's RC Church  
**Lafayette Presbyterian / Lofts**

**\* Colored text indicates a HOF Inductee**



**WATSON-CURTZE MANSION  
(THOMAS B. HAGEN HISTORY CENTER)  
356 WEST 6th STREET  
ERIE, PA**



This massive, three and one-half story Medina sandstone mansion and it's adjacent carriage house were built in 1891-1892 by Harrison Watson, the founder of the Watson roofing paper company. Architects Green and Wicks of Buffalo designed a unique, twenty-four room, Richardsonian Romanesque home with ornate stone exterior, short corner towers, rounded conservatory and decorative porte cochère.

The home was sold to Frederick Curtze, a prominent banker and patron of the arts, in 1923. After his death in 1941 the mansion was donated to the Erie school district which established a museum and planetarium. Later, merging with the Erie Historical Society, the mansion became a regional history museum and in 2014, a major re-purposing and renovation of the buildings created the Thomas B. Hagen History Complex that the community enjoys today.

Surrounded by lovely “Millionaire's Row” homes, this mansion was, and still is, the most impressive and beautiful on West 6th Street.

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
149 GENESEE STREET  
GENEVA, NY**

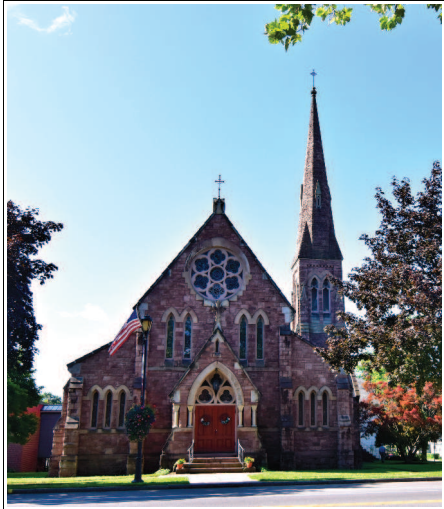


Anchoring the south end of Geneva's Genesee Park Historic District, the massive St. Peter's Episcopal Church is a Medina sandstone, Gothic Revival style church designed by the prominent architect Richard Upjohn. This elegant stone church was constructed during 1868-1870 with funds raised locally by voluntary contribution.

The church features a steeply sloped gable roof, and a rose window above the Gothic-arched entrance which is framed with gray limestone trim. Twenty years later in 1878, Upjohn's son, Richard M. Upjohn, designed a massive, four-story, square bell tower at the northwest corner of the church. The Gothic inspired bell tower features tall, arched louvers with stone trim; bold corner buttresses; a polygonal bastion on its northwest corner and an octagonal spire pierced by turrets.

In 1986 the parish began a restoration of the buildings to restore the original Gothic splendor of the church. Today the interior of the church survives virtually intact with carved trusses supporting the paneled ceiling; original pews arranged around a center aisle; and delicate stenciling.

**ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
120 EAST MAIN ST.  
PALMYRA, NY**



The Zion Episcopal Church congregation in Palmyra, Wayne County, NY was founded in 1804. The present Church was designed and built in 1872 by one of the leading East coast architects, Emlyn T. Littel. It was designed in the Late Gothic Revival style, an architectural movement popular in the Western world that began in the late 1740s in England. It is built of Medina sandstone with limestone trim. It's roof features polychrome slate shingles. The congregation is justifiably proud of the care that has been taken over the years to be true to the original design and structure of such a beautiful edifice.

Located on a prominent street corner in the heart of the historic village of Palmyra, the Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. In 2009 it was included in the Palmyra Village Historic District, and draws many visitors to the local thriving community.

**ST. PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
200 NORTH JAMES STREET  
ROME, NY**



With a history of worship beginning in 1837, St. Peter's parish erected the present church and laid the cornerstone on May 21, 1895 and it was consecrated on October 24, 1897. It is extremely rare for a new Catholic church to be consecrated on the date it is ready for services, giving St. Peter's a most unique history.

Designed by the famed architect, Archimedes Russell of Syracuse, NY, this church is a wonderful example of the use of Medina Sandstone. The architectural style is Victorian Gothic. The exterior is Medina Sandstone of the kind known as rock face ashlar, laid with broken joints. The trimmings are of brown sandstone.

This beautiful church has stood the test of time for almost 125 years and will continue to be a beacon in the community for decades to come.

*The Medina Sandstone Society is proud to induct these outstanding examples of Medina Sandstone construction into the Medina Sandstone Hall of Fame - Class of 2019.*