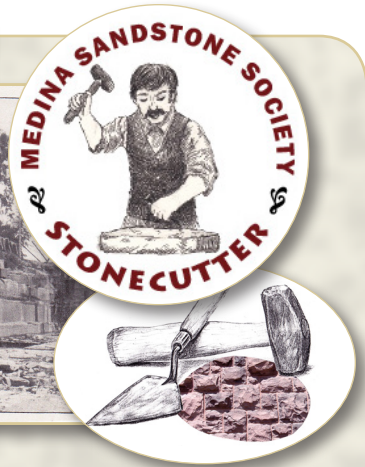


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The annual report from the Medina Sandstone Society
to its "Stone Cutter Supporters"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this as my first President's letter for our Sandstone Society newsletter. I'm a 1966 graduate of Medina H.S. and after college I worked for many years near NY City in R&D management for a large paper manufacturer, only moving back to Medina in 2005 with my wife Gail. That timing brought us back just as Medina was beginning the revitalization of downtown with the renovation of the old Newell Shirt Factory building, 509 Main (now Creekside Floral), and the acquisition and promotion of Bent's Opera House by the Orleans Renaissance Group. Gail and I were definitely caught up in the enthusiasm and optimism of those days.

Early on I became involved in volunteer work with the Orleans Habitat for Humanity and I really value the friendship of all the people with whom I built new homes and rebuilt and improved older homes. I was also fortunate around 2010 when Bob Waters recruited me to help him in his efforts to promote the Sandstone Society. He had noticed that I was producing videos of various community events and he wanted to do the same for some of the Society's activities. So I got to watch from behind the camera as the Sandstone Trust, the John Ryan Society and other initiatives were born from Bob's vision for promoting community pride in Medina. In 2012 I was invited to join the Society's board.

Bob's passing in 2015 was a seismic change for the

Society and we're all grateful that Jim Hancock so capably took over the President's role and continued our forward progress. I move into this role at a time when the Sandstone Society's efforts are steadily growing. Our Sandstone Trust continues to grow thanks to the generous contributions of our Stonecutters and others in the community and that means our annual Grant awards increasingly contribute to local non-profits. Our Sandstone Hall of Fame (HOF) housed in City Hall continues to draw public attention to Medina. Last Spring's first sandstone bus tour to visit Orleans County HOF buildings was so popular that participants asked for more and they got it with the just completed and much more ambitious bus tour to view and tour HOF buildings in Buffalo (see article in this newsletter). You will find more on these and other activities as you read on.

Finally, I'd like to sincerely thank our Stonecutters who stand by us and so generously support the Society. We are actively looking at ways to improve our website, Facebook and other communication with you so that you're more aware of our activities and accomplishments during the year. There's a 'Contact Us' form at SandstoneSociety.org to ask questions or give us your thoughts. Thanks again! MEDINA ROCKS!

Sincerely,

Dave Miller - President

JOHN RYAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The Medina Sandstone Society, Inc., organized under the not-for-profit laws of New York State, calls focus on the village's notable industrial past and especially the affection of the world's builders for our native sandstone. We use that image to build local pride, to support hometown initiatives, to embrace historic preservation and to help the Medina area in modern times to reach its full potential.



Hannah Sones is our John Ryan scholarship winner from last year. Hannah will be entering her 2nd year of college at R.I.T. majoring in Industrial Engineering. She has put the John Ryan Scholarship to good use!

Shown with Hannah are members of the Medina Sandstone Society, L to R, Rob Klino, Barbara Waters, Sue Holland, Hannah, Mary Zangerle, Gabe Barone & Jim Hancock, standing beneath the John Ryan Scholars wall at the Medina High School. In addition to having their names on this permanent Wall, each John Ryan Scholar will get a special medallion affixed to their Diploma.

SANDSTONE HALL OF FAME

The Medina Sandstone Hall of Fame expanded to include three new members at the 2018 induction ceremony on October 19. A total of 25 outstanding structures have been recognized since the beginning of the Hall of Fame in 2013.

2018 Sandstone Hall of Fame inductees were:

- ❶ Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church / Lafayette Lofts in Buffalo, NY
- ❷ St. John's Episcopal Church in Clifton Springs, NY
- ❸ James Prendergast Free Library in Jamestown, NY

You can read more about each structure on the 2018 Hall of Fame page at SandstoneSociety.org

The Hall of Fame wall was given a complete makeover in 2018 thanks to the continuing generosity of Takeform. We were rapidly running out of wall space using the large mounting board system that was originally installed. Takeform had developed a mounting system with uniformly spaced mounting holes (similar in appearance to perforated board) which allowed individual plaques to be moved and spacing for more positioning flexibility. At the same time Takeform offered to remake all the plaques (which had been a sepia color) in full color. The result is a wall that should work for us for another five years and a brighter, more appealing overall look. Thank you Takeform! (www.takeform.net)



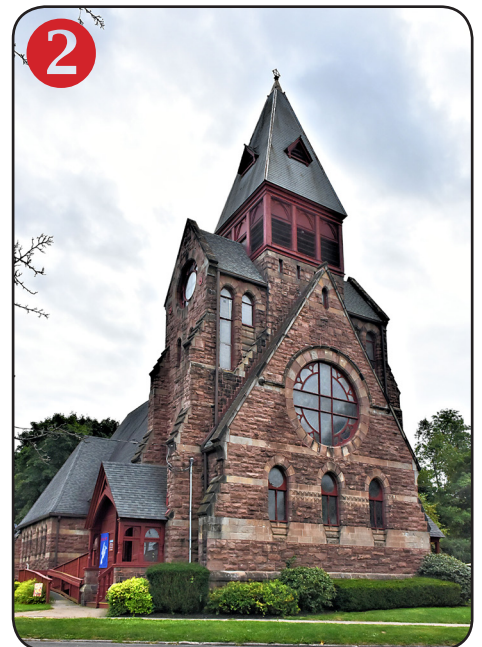
2018 Sandstone Hall of Fame Recipients

Pictured in back from left representing St. John's Episcopal Church in Clifton Springs is Andrew VanBuren, the church's rector and representing Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church/Lafayette Lofts in Buffalo are Paul Meyer, a member of the Session, and Diane Poleon, a member of the church.

In the front row representing the James Prendergast Free Library in Jamestown are Tina Scott, library director, and Ned Lindstrom, a member of the library's board of trustees.

Call for 2019 Hall of Fame Nominations

If you would like to nominate a structure for the 2019 Sandstone Hall of Fame, contact Jim Hancock at 585-798-2118 or submit the form at: www.sandstonesociety.org/hof-nomination.



A special thank you to the following businesses for their contributions and support:

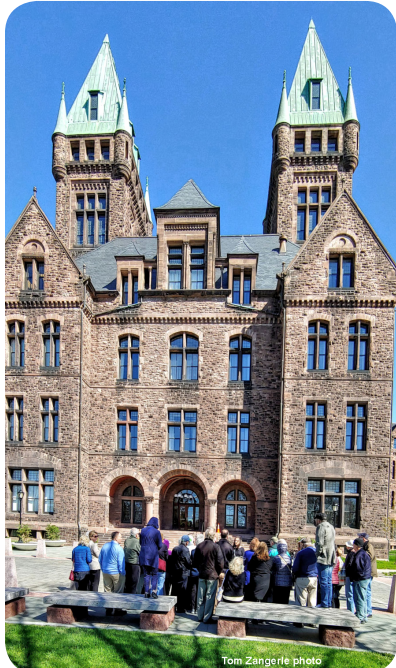
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SANDSTONE HALL OF FAME BUS TOUR



Hotel Henry in the Richardson Olmsted Complex



100 Acres in Hotel Henry



St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

On May 8th, the Medina Sandstone Society sponsored a day long tour of distinguished sandstone acclaimed buildings in Buffalo. The sites chosen to tour had previously been inducted into the Sandstone Hall of Fame.

Forty participants from Medina, Albion, Lockport, Pavilion, Bergen, Wilson, Middleport and Batavia gathered at the Medina City Hall which houses the Sandstone Hall of Fame. Guests were greeted by Medina mayor Michael Sidari and Sandstone president, David Miller. President Miller traced the history of the formation of the Hall of Fame which originated in 2013 and recognizes outstanding sandstone architecture in the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

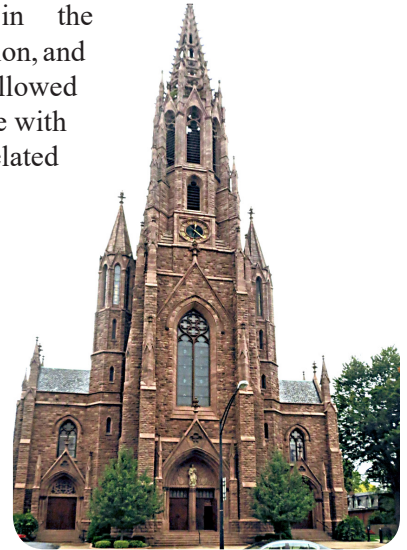
This tour focused on sandstone architecture in Buffalo and included site visits to the Hotel Henry, St. Louis Roman Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. The group disembarked for a narrated tour of the Hotel Henry located on the acclaimed Richardson Olmsted campus. Originally built in 1871 the complex was formerly the Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane. The group gathered for lunch at the 100 Acres restaurant located in the Hotel Henry. The Richardson Olmsted historian, Corey Fabian Barrett remarked the name 100 acres was selected to acknowledge that for many years, patients of the asylum planted and harvested gardens as part of "enlightened treatment" therapy originally introduced by Dr. Thomas Story Kirkbride. Dr. Story Kirkbride strongly supported the belief that nature was an integral role in the rehabilitation of those suffering from mental illness. The restoration of the mixed use campus includes a boutique hotel, event and conference space, gardens, walkways and also houses the Lipsey Architecture Center/ Buffalo.

After lunch, drive by highlights of other Sandstone Hall of Fame inductees including, the Lafayette Lofts, Buffalo Connecticut Street Armory, and First Presbyterian Church were pointed out by president Miller. The group disembarked and toured St. Louis Church where historian Michael Riester presented a narrative of the church and its significance to the early religious development of the community.

The group was then driven by Asbury Hall/Babeville and on to St. Paul's Episcopal

Cathedral. At Saint Paul's, docent Del Milander spoke to the resilience of Medina sandstone after the cathedral was "nearly vanquished in a gas explosion and resulting fire". While the interior was destroyed, the exterior walls of Medina sandstone remained solid.

The trip, designed as a first time venture outside of Orleans County, was well received and intended as a way to leisurely acquaint sandstone enthusiasts with remarkable treasures in the Buffalo region, and will be followed in the future with other related programs.



St. Louis Roman Catholic Church



Connecticut Street Armory



Entering Hotel Henry

What a year it's been! In early July, members of the Company F Memorial committee accompanied chairman Bill Menz to the University of Buffalo's foundry where they got to see components of the statue's castings (right). Sadly, 11 days later, Chairman Menz lost his battle with congestive heart/respiratory failure. We were fortunate to have him see and touch the castings prior to his passing (along with a final group luncheon at his favorite spot — Ted's Hot Dogs!).



In November, just days before the annual Olde Tyme Christmas Festival and Parade of Lights, the 7' 1400 lbs. bronze statue was delivered to Medina with the assistance of John Brown, a friend of the Menz family and owner of Select Collision in Batavia. The Town of Shelby DPW assisted with erecting the statue and securing it to Brown's trailer in preparation for it to be unveiled and lead the Parade of Lights.

Committee members and friends created an ethereal float featuring the spotlighted statue, a slideshow of vintage and current photos, Company F veterans' memorial flag boxes and personal mementos from their service such as a bugle, wooden cane, hat and Company F guidon (left). The slideshow was accompanied by Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan's version of "God Bless America". The float made it's way down Park Avenue to Main Street and past the Medina Armory (YMCA) which ironically was the reverse direction the soldiers marched 78 years prior when they

were mustered into service months before WWII started. The float was the recipient of the Community Spirit award given by the parade judges.

Following the parade, the statue was moved into the YMCA's vestibule where it was on display next to Company F historical panels and stored for the winter. In April, with the help of the Village of Medina's DPW and several volunteers, the statue was placed in it's final resting place - on top of the sandstone monument at the former armory. Moments before it was lowered onto the sandstone structure, I placed a "Legacy Card" (right) containing a small amount of my father's cremains sealed between his picture and prayer verse and placed on top of the monument below the statue—an historic icon that he passionately pushed for, so future generations have a permanent reminder of the men who fought for the liberties and freedoms that we enjoy today.



A new 25' flag pole for the American flag was added along with five sandstone memorial benches encircling the monument. A few more details are being completed such as landscaping, lighting, dedication plaques and replacing roster plaques before the dedication is to be scheduled later this summer.

We are very grateful to a long list of people who made this possible including sculptor Brian Porter, UB foundry director Chris Siano, contractors John Fuller, Jordan Rath and John Kage and especially the community for supporting my father's mission.

View our blog, videos, photos and an extensive list of contributors at www.companyfmemorial.com.



2019 MEDINA SANDSTONE TRUST COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Grant Committee of Mike Zelazny, Chairman, and members Mark Kruzynski, Cindy Robinson, Kelly Kiebala and Cal Tuohey met on November 29, 2018. This year there were nine grants:

- Arc of Genesee Orleans to purchase services and supplies to open and close the pool at Camp Rainbow in 2019.
- The Medina Historical Society for speaker fees and publicity for future programming.
- Lee-Whedon Memorial Library to help with the cost to continue digitizing the Medina Journal-Register.
- Hospice of Orleans, Inc. to purchase a Samsung Galaxy tablet for mobile use.
- Orleans Recovery Hope Begins Here, Inc. to purchase promotional materials for awareness, office equipment and supplies to create awareness materials.
- The Village of Medina to purchase an outdoor light for the porch at City Hall.
- Genesee Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (GCASA) to purchase Project Sticker Shock (PSS) T-shirts and stickers.
- Senior Citizens of Western Orleans to purchase new vinyl flooring and miscellaneous accessories for the women's restroom.
- Orleans County Community Action DBA Leadership Orleans for the 2019 Leadership Orleans Program.

2018 Memorials & Honors

In memory of Bill Menz

John and Janet Albright
Sheri Baumes, Nancy Dalton,
Donna Whitbeck & Mona Tilt
Dawn Borchert
Barbara Filipiak
Brian and Norma Jean Foster
Cathleen Fox
Ronald and Roberta Furness
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Lynn Sterling
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Barbara B Waters
Joanne Whitney
Tom and Mary Zangerle
Wednesday Night Club
Friends and Neighbors

In memory of Robert E Waters

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Alan and Susan Cobb
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Robert & Maureen Sanderson
David Schubel
Barbara B Waters

In memory of Charles Benson

Jean Benson

In memory of Patricia Jane Gilsinan

Robert Gilsinan

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Aaron Hill

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In memory of Filbert & Nancy Monacelli

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In memory of the Stonecut- ters of Brockville NY

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In memory of Lois Entrekin

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES IN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Starting with our May 2019 meeting we welcome two new Directors to our Board!

Scott Robinson is a Medina native with a very long family history of service to our community going back at least 100 years. After years working in the Alexandria, VA area, in 2016 Scott (and fiancée Alix, also a Medina native) fulfilled their dream of returning to Fox Cross Farm in Medina where they were married in 2017. Scott still manages public affairs for a national association located in Washington, DC, but closer to home, he (and other family members) own and operate the Shirt Factory cafe and cocktail bar and he and Alix still have a very popular online presence with their blog "In a DC Minute". An enthusiastic promoter of our village, Scott has arranged visits to Medina by Step Out Buffalo and others that have resulted in increased press coverage for many of our local businesses.

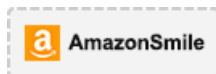
Kellie Schrader-Hurrell is also a Medina native and she brings to our board a wealth of administrative and operations experience, much of that with the local Iroquois Job Corps where she is currently the Workforce Development Manager. In addition Kellie has worked with the Grafton Job Corps in Massachusetts and back in this area at Baxter Healthcare and the Orleans County Job Development Agency. In addition to her career accomplishments, Kellie has been an active contributor to the United Way, GoArt, Orleans County Chamber of Commerce and the ARC of Orleans.

Sadly our Board is also losing a long time, 2nd generation Director. Lynne Menz is stepping down to allow more time for her work with Orleans County Tourism and very personal projects like the completion of the Company F statue installation. Lynne has been a valuable contributor to our Society for 5 years and we'll greatly miss her involvement.

We enthusiastically welcome Scott and Kellie and look forward to their contributions to our Sandstone Society. And we wish Lynne continued success in all her work to promote Medina and Orleans County.

How Can You Support the Medina Sandstone Society?

- 👉 Select the Medina Sandstone Society as your charity of choice when you shop <http://smile.Amazon.com>
- 👉 \$25 support as a "Stone Cutter"
- 👉 Special gifts to Sandstone Trust
- 👉 A bequest in your will helps Medina
- 👉 Our books make great reading and gifts. Available at The Book Shoppe in Medina or on our website, www.sandstonesociety.org



In Memorium *William A. Menz* 1932-2018



The Medina Sandstone Society lost a founding director and significant contributor to the community this past year, William Menz. Bill was instrumental in finding a new purpose for the Medina Armory after it was decommissioned in 1977, organizing roller skating events with the newly formed Armory Action Committee. Under the leadership of Robert E. Waters, he became a charter member of the Medina Sandstone Society lending his expertise as a skilled plasterer and stone mason.

In 2006, Bill assembled a group of veterans, Company F family members and representatives from the Sandstone Society to provide a permanent tribute to the 550 soldiers from Orleans County who joined and served in Company F. Not only did he raise the necessary funding, but also built the monument with friend and contractor, John Fuller. He then persevered and raised additional funds to have the monument completed with the creation of a bronze statue.

Bill was recognized as a Heritage Hero in 2015 by GCC; he received a commendation from the Orleans County Legislature in 2016 and was deemed an Outstanding Citizen by the Orleans Hub in 2017.

Bill leaves behind a lasting legacy that honors ALL veterans and can be used to teach future generations what the Medina Armory once was. The Medina Sandstone Society is grateful for his passion towards our military history, preserving a significant structure and contribution to our community. Read more at www.companyfmemorial.com.

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