

Volunteers Needed: Art Festival and CoBACH Center



BAHS booth at the 2009 Brighton Fine Arts Festival. Pictured volunteers: Mindy Kinsey, Tony Ferreyra, Jim DeJohn, Jim Vichich, Larry Lawrence

Many senior or newly retired individuals are finding that they have extra time available during the week. Do you have time where you could volunteer once per month for the Brighton Area Historical Society? Your participation in our volunteer network will allow enjoyable social encounters with other members of the community.

On Saturday and Sunday August 14-15, the annual Brighton Fine Art Festival will transform Main Street into an outdoor display of art. Many Michigan artists will exhibit their works under the canopy of tents. The BAHS will have a tent and will display items for sale. Funds raised will be used to support our community projects.

Times for Saturday are 9am -

6pm. Sunday schedule is 9am - 4pm. Community volunteer support has been strong and there are several time slots still to be filled. If you have time to volunteer, please call Mindy Kinsey at (248) 660-3964.

We also have a wonderful volunteer opportunity for the Brighton area community at the new City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center. The CoBACH Center is located in the Old Town Hall, next to the beautiful millpond.

Inside you will find historical displays of period items, unique pictures and stories that relate to the history of the Brighton area. There is an adjacent section where local artists display their work. For the months of July

- October, the BAHS has Sunday and Wednesday time slots of 5pm - 8pm.

The CoBACH Center is air-conditioned and has wireless Internet access for volunteers who bring a laptop. You can work from the front desk and there is no need to leave the main floor. You do not need to be a BAHS member to volunteer. Please contact me if you would like more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jim Vichich

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Web Site Help Needed

The BAHS is currently seeking help in managing our web site. We are looking for a volunteer intern to help in site updates, planning content changes, and developing our social media campaign.

Candidates need a computer and high-speed Internet access. A candidate is also required to be reasonably proficient with a computer, using the Internet, and Microsoft Office. Prior experience with HTML or graphic design is helpful, but not required. Training will be provided.

This position would be a good fit for a student interested in gaining work experience for their resume or college application.

If you are interested in this position, please contact us.

Special points of interest:

THE ORIGIN OF BRIGHTON, FOUNDED AS ORE CREEK, IS DISCUSSED IN THIS MONTH'S HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ARTICLE.

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A FOLLOW-UP TO THE BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE IS ALSO INCLUDED.

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"With the historian it is an article of faith that knowledge of the past is a key to understanding the present."

*Kenneth Stampp
 (1912 - 2009)
 Historian and Professor of
 History Emeritus at the
 University of California,
 Berkeley*

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Recent and Future Happenings

Dates to Remember - August 2010

Aug 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29:

5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center

Aug 5, 12, 19, 26: 9am-4pm

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

Aug 15 : 1pm-4pm

Open house at Lyon School

Aug 25 : 6pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

Aug 14: 9am-6pm / Aug 15: 9am-4pm

Brighton Fine Art Festival on Main Street
in Downtown Brighton

Area Organizations

July 17-Sept 5: Weekends 12nn - 4pm

MoMS Quilts; 500 N. Main, Ann Arbor.
(734) 662-9092; washtenawhistory.org

Sept 11: 10am-3pm

Michigan Oral History Association offers
a workshop in conducting an oral history;
Harbor Springs. Registration: \$15.00
gwisckemann@arq.net

The Archives

Donations such as those made by Paul Weber, Phil & Peggy Gage and George Allen (Civil War veterans' information) continue to make the archival history of the area more complete. The Society is always looking for items relating to the area's past. Consider donating (or letting us copy) photos, letters, journals, etc. Mandi Rodery is helping until she attends CMU in the fall.

If any of our readers have access to phone books from the '30s and '40s, the Society would appreciate the donation of these books for use in our archives. Please contact us.

CoBACH Center Showcases

We are beginning an ongoing project at the CoBACH Center and we need your help. Our showcases and display areas will be organized around themes important to Brighton history. The cases and display areas will be changed throughout the year.

I am gathering materials, pictures, and artifacts for the September displays. If

you have items you would like included, please contact me. The showcases are locked and secure. Each theme will be displayed for approximately two months.

If you have any suggestions for further displays, please share them with us.

Contact Judith Coebly at greutter@comcast.net, (810) 229-4608 or (586) 872-4535.

Addendum To BFD Series

In December, 1976, the Brighton City Council recognized these firemen for their years of service: Charles Bidwell (23 years), Billy Hathaway (20), Gary Cole (19 years), Terry Watts (16 years), Jess Mack (15 years), Gene Felty and Chief Mel Sanch (13 years), Fred Dymond and Dave Sobieski (12 years), Ron Dione (9 years), Herb Wright (8 years), Robert Ash and Robert Myers (7 years), Richard Ferguson, Fred Gillespie and Bill Meisling (5 years), Brian Rowlette, Charles Sucher and Charles Thompson (4 years), Frank Fedorovich, Don Hall, Ed Hodgkins and Gary Shelters (2 years).

Thanks and Recognition

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time and energy to support the BAHS.

- Ida Bair, Jackie Damm, Jeanette Johnson for helping mail the July issue of Trail Tales.
- Paul Weber for donating a copy of "Con Weber's Brighton", a family history he has compiled.
- Phil & Peggy Gage (Ste. St. Marie) for photos of the Kensington Baptist Church, other added information and some minutes of the Cemetery Association meetings.
- Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Tom Reinke and Jim Vichich for hosting the Society booth at the Farmers' Market in July.
- Jim Vichich also attached the banners to the balcony at CoBACH Center and hosted on Independence Day.

- Judy Coebly, Larry Lawrence, Jim Miller and Gary Reutter for preparing a veterans' display at CoBACH Center.
- Bagger Dave's, Tom Leith and Sandra Willhide for donations to Society projects.
- Bill & Jackie Damm for 2010 membership to Friends of Lyon School.
- Jim DeJohn, Larry Lawrence, Joe Collins and Jim Vichich for hosting at CoBACH in July.

Memberships

We would like to thank the following members for their annual memberships:

Family

- Ed Loniewski*
- Mildred Quinn*
- Paul Weber (FL)
- Sandra Willhide (FL)

2010 Business / Professional Members

The support of our professional members

is deeply appreciated. We encourage you to support these local businesses.

- Advance Craft Home Builders, Inc.
- Archer-Huntley Financial Services**
- Bagger Dave's Restaurant
- Joe Agius/Burroughs Tavern
- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
- Patrick Financial Group, LLS**
- Promess**
- The Engravers Journal
- Yum Yum Tree

* Welcome new members

** Special thanks to these Life Members

The BAHS counts on member annual renewals. If this issue has "Complimentary Copy" stamped on it, dues for 2010 have not been received. Please continue your generous support by sending in your 2010 dues.

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

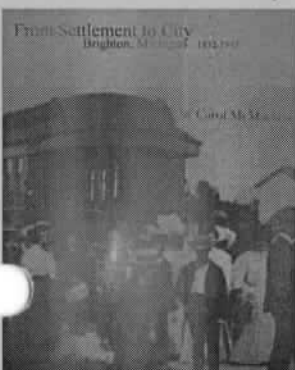
The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become member, please visit our web site at www.brightonareahistorical.com or mail in the following form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () - _____
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Membership Plan:	Friend of Lyon School:	BAHS Projects Fund:
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The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Gift Shop



Product Spotlight

From Settlement to City
Brighton, Michigan 1832 - 1945
by Carol McMacken
450+ pages; Over 300 pictures
\$65.00

Description: This large volume hardcover book contains a beautifully detailed history of Brighton from its earliest days until the mid-1940s. It contains over 300 pictures and illustrations.

This item is a must for any book collection on Michigan and its rich history.

The Brighton Area Historical Society maintains an inventory of commemorative and Brighton history memorabilia for sale as fund raisers. 100% of all sales proceeds go to fund our ongoing organization budget needs , including local history projects and Lyon School maintenance.

Our product offering includes BAHS apparel (shirts, hats, etc.), home décor (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like. To see in detail our full offering, please visit our online gift shop on our web site at brightonareahistorical.com.

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Judith Coebly

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Help us out while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

E-Mail:
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(810) 250-7276

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Lyon School

11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The Lyon School is a restored one-room schoolhouse and serves as our headquarters.

CoBACH Center

202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the former town hall building.

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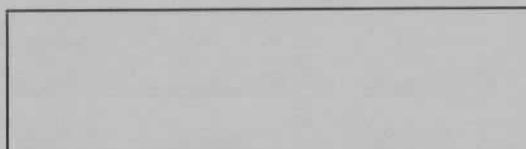
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Ore Creek (Part 1)

Brighton's merchants have always known the financial benefits of having a stream flowing through their midst. Today owing to water's efficacy in attracting shoppers; 180 years ago for its utilitarian possibilities.

Meandering along M-59, east of Howell, lies the Livingston County Watershed. On the north side, waters flow into North Ore Creek toward Flint and the Shiawassee River. South Ore Creek flows from Round and Long Lakes in Hartland Township, through Brighton and Hamburg Townships before falling into the Huron River.

It was Benjamin Blaine, a trapper, hunter and an observer of nature, who in 1832 realized the stream he explored in Brighton Township was fed by springs heavily impregnated with iron. He logically called it Ore Creek. The Grand River Indian Trail usually followed the highest, driest, easiest path. Following a westerly path from Detroit, it makes a sharp turn north in Brighton (E. Grand River/Rickett Road) crossing Ore Creek about ½ mile beyond (south of Cross Street).

Blaine, Raymond and Almon Maltby, Orson Quackenbush and others followed this same trail. The Maltby brothers immigrated from New York in 1832 seeking new opportunities. In 1833, they began construction of a sawmill on Ore Creek (east of S. Third Street). In 1838, Quackenbush built a flour and gristmill with a breast water wheel upstream from the Maltbys. The "...headrace cut along the edge of a high hill" (south of Main Street) with the mill at the corner of North and West Streets. The dam he built also formed a swimming hole for local boys. The steam and tailrace both flowed under North Street. West from the mill stood the house of "...Hugh Gordon who manufactured whiskey in a distillery which stood about ten rods south of the grist mill over the tailrace."

The proximity of both a sawmill and a flourmill was a double attraction for settlers from the east. This nucleus of a community soon became a town Maynard Maltby named Ore Creek. However, on February 13, 1838, the US Post Office Department gave it the name Brighton; the name of Sarah Maltby's home town. For many years, early area settlers continued to call it 'Ore Crick'.

The Maltbys and Quackenbushs were not the only settlers to make use of the stream. In 1837, Aaron H. Kelley installed a sawmill in the NW ¼ of Section 18 of Brighton Township. Another mill was also built above Kelley's by Rev. William A. Clark in 1839.

After leaving Clark's and Kelley's mills, the stream watered Crippen's 315 acres in Section 18 and bisected Lyman Judson's 160 acres in Section 19. Entering Section 30, it crosses the Grand River Indian Trail, becoming Quackenbush's (Brighton) millpond. Below Maltby's mill, Ore Creek makes a brief appearance in Genoa Township before heading south into Hamburg Township along the west side of Section 1, paralleling Bauer Road where Bauer intersects Hamburg Road in the valley.

Abel Peck and Bradford Campbell next make use of the stream, building the Campbellville Mill. Ore Lake is the next stop for the creek, followed by several more lakes before wedding the Huron River. To be continued...

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: 1880 History of Livingston County; Bill Pless writings and clippings. Additions/corrections requested. 810/229-6402.