

BAHS to Host Gravestone Preservation Workshop



Gravestone Preservation Workshop
Monday, May 21 from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm

The BAHS is pleased to present a "Gravestone and Monument Preservation and Repair Workshop" that will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Old Village Cemetery. This workshop is free if you are a member of a local historical society. Nonmember donation is \$20.

Professional conservator Jonathan Appell from West Hartford, CT will be presenting a one-day workshop, which will educate all who attend on the many various aspects of

gravestone and monument preservation. This hands-on training workshop will provide how-to information and real world demonstrations.

The workshop will begin with a lecture covering many aspects of gravestone preservation. Following the lecture, the group will move to adjacent 1837 Old Village Cemetery, where a group of selected gravestones and monuments will be cleaned, repaired and conserved during the remainder of the work-

shop. Topics covered include:

- Geology related to gravestones and monuments
- Typical gravestone and monument styles; common problems associated with each
- How to clean brownstone, marble, granite and masonry
- Raising, re-leveling and re-setting gravestones
- Repairing fallen gravestones
- Repairing fractured gravestones and monuments
- Stone Epoxies, pros and cons and proper mixing and application
- Mortars, a brief overview, lime & NHL mortars, problems with Portland cement
- Mortars: creating, color matching and infilling

Each attendant will receive a folder with extensive printed materials. The workshop will be a hands-on event. All tools and materials are provided. Workshop size limited to (20). RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Contact us for questions and/or reservations.

Jim Vichich, BAHS President

POINTS OF INTEREST:

READ ABOUT THE 30-YEAR HISTORY OF THE BAHS.

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THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY CONTINUES IN THIS ISSUE'S HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

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"The strongest reason for the people to retain their right to keep and bear arms is as a last resort to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

Draft Constitution for Virginia (June 1776)

30 Year Anniversary for BAHS

By 2007, the second edition of "From Settlement to City – 1832-1945 – Brighton" was printed. Thanks to volunteers, ensure the BAHS is represented regularly at local events, such as the Farmers' Market, the Art Fair, Summerfest, etc.

The donation in 2008, of a new computer, high resolution scanner and flat screen moni-

tor plus software, training and memory backup, contributed immeasurably to the accessibility of our archives. Volunteers are scanning the BAHS ephemeral collection.

The continued preservation of the Old Village Cemetery has also become an ongoing annual project. The City of Brighton responded with major im-

provements to the east side of the cemetery. The BAHS installed a new cemetery gate in 2009 making the cemetery accessible to visitors. A concrete walk was also constructed encouraging visitors. In May 2010, a rededication of the Old Village Cemetery took place and regular guided tours conducted. (cont'd page 3)

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Thanks and Recognition

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for their contributions.

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- Muriel Armstrong for a donation to the Friends of Lyon School Fund in memory of Bill Armstrong.
- Don & Edie Leith for a donation to the Friends of Lyon School Fund.

Business / Professional Members

The support of our professional members is deeply appreciated. We encourage you to support these local businesses.

- Acorn Deck Accessories Inc.
- Advance Craft Home Builders
- Archer-Huntley Financial Services**
- Bagger Dave's Restaurant
- Davis Multimedia, Inc.
- Dr. Fred Bonine, DDS
- Dr Robert Clark, Clark Eye Center
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- Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Hands on Mind and Body Wellness Center
- Joe Agius / Burroughs Tavern
- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
- Michigan Commerce Bank
- Patrick Financial Group**
- Promess**
- Refrigeration Research **
- SOS Livingston
- Synergy Environmental Inc.
- Yum Yum Tree

Member Renewals / New Members

Thanks to our existing and new members for their annual memberships:

Life

- Larry & Kate Lawrence

Patron

- Muriel Armstrong
- David & Janice Schoewe

Family / Individual

- Bob & Shirley Knight
- Don & Edie Leith
- Paul Sawallich*

* Welcome to these new members

** Special thanks to these Life Members



In Memorium

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends sympathies to the family of:

Mark McMacken

Mark was a long-time area resident, a BAHS member, and previously served on the Brighton School board.

Dates to Remember

May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30: 5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun and Wed during May

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 9am-12nn

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

May 23: 6pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

May 21: 9:30am-4:30pm

The BAHS will sponsor a *Gravestone Preservation Workshop* at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with field work done at the adjacent Old Village Cemetery. This hands-on training will focus on gravestone and monument preservation, including appropriate repair methods. Free to members of any local historical society; nonmembers \$20 donation. (see page1)

May 5: 9am-1pm

Old Village Cemetery Fourth Annual Spring Cleanup. Reserve this date for a wonderful and rewarding opportunity. Your assistance will have these hallowed grounds looking sharp for Memorial Day,

May 28. Over 35 Civil War veterans and veterans of other wars are buried here. This is Brighton's oldest cemetery dating to an 1837 burial of Truman Worden. If you can participate in this community civic pride event, contact us to let us know that you can help.

May 28: 9am-2pm

Civil War Memorabilia Display at CoBACH Center. See two private collections (this day ONLY) featuring authentic uniforms, pistols, long guns, cannon balls and many other genuine artifacts. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to visit a local exhibit and learn about the War of Rebellion as we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of America's Civil War. Don't miss this awesome exhibit! Admission is FREE.

May 28: 10am

Brighton Memorial Day Parade.

June 9: 1pm-2:30pm

When A Rose Is Not A Rose will be presented by Judith Coebly. This special presentation focuses on women that disguised themselves to fight as men during

the Civil War. Photos and personal stories of these courageous women will be highlighted during this one hour presentation. Admission is FREE.

July 21: 1:30pm-3:00pm

The Brighton District Library will host a release party for the new historical photo book called *Brighton Area*, available early this summer. This *Images of America* book by Arcadia Press and written by local author Genal Pratt with the Brighton Area Historical Society will present 198 early Brighton area photos. Each picture includes a short description detailing the historic image. Meet Genal Pratt and members of the BAHS. Light refreshments for all; books for \$20. Admission is FREE.

This Month at CoBACH through July 15

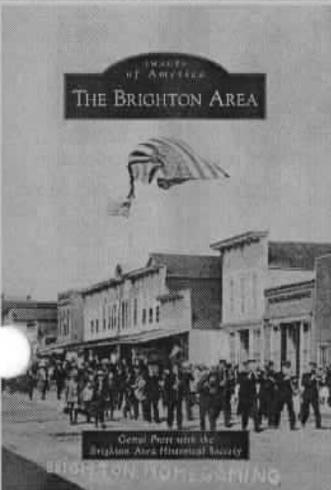
Tues-Sun, 5-8 pm also Sat 9am-12nn

Experience the *150th Anniversary of America's Civil War* with displays that feature classic battle images and artifacts on loan from local collectors. Be sure to attend the special presentation on June 9 by Judith Coebly (see above).

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 a 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: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	
		How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US mail <small>(PLEASE CHECK ONE)</small>	
Membership Plan:	Friend of Lyon School:	BAHS Projects Fund:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250	
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<small>The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.</small>			



New book release June 2012

Images of America: The Brighton Area
by Genal Pratt with the
Brighton Area Historical Society
128 pages, and includes 199 pictures
\$20.00

Description: This new book contains a treasured collection of photographs and provides a fascinating historical record of the people, farms, and businesses that drove the growth of Brighton through the 19th and 20th centuries. The architecture, landscape, and cherished character of Brighton tell the stories that embody the foundation of our community today.

30th Anniversary (from page 1)

In 2009, the city invited the BAHS to have a presence in the Old Town Hall, sharing the historic structure with the Brighton Art Guild and the Livingston Players. We also developed a program of rotating exhibits, hosted by volunteers, providing visitors an opportunity to learn of the area's history. Not only is the casual passerby intrigued to investigate, the public is aware this old building is not "off limits" and now a local destination.

2009 also saw the BAHS web site improved, and the Trail Tales newsletter professionally restyled. (To be cont'd.)

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Lyon School

11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

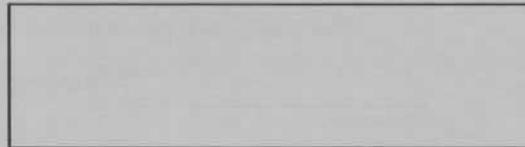
CoBACH Center

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 historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission 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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 13)

Charles E. Cushing's grandparents, John (b. 1786, Nova Scotia) and Elizabeth (b. 1789, Maine) arrived in Michigan in 1815. Elizabeth located land in Section 30 of Brighton Township, 160 acres (north of Main Street to Cross Street and from 7th Street to approximately East Street). John, in Section 23, Genoa Township, directly west of Elizabeth's purchased 240 acres.

Their children, Benjamin (b. 1814), William (b. 1819) and Lucy (b. 1822), all born in Canada following the War of 1812, were with them (this war reasserted the border between Canada and the U.S. as set in the Treaty of Paris, 1782, following the Revolutionary War).

The children all pitched in and a log cabin was built on Elizabeth's property on the west side of Ore Creek. John, a farmer, (d. 3-13-1856) and Elizabeth (d. 6-30-1863) are both buried in the Old Village Cemetery.

Son Benjamin was a hotel keeper for Robert D. Power, who had a tavern on the southeast corner of Grand River and Spencer. In 1850, Benjamin built the Brighton House, (northeast corner of Grand River and Main), prospering on the newly planked road between Detroit and Lansing, site of the new Michigan State Capitol. He married Louisa. They had William b. 1839 (who moved to Nebraska and died in Colorado February, 1921); Frances b. 1843 (she died at 12 years); Charles E. b. 1846, and George b. 1850.

Charles E. became an apprentice harness maker. Following the death of his father, Benjamin in 1860, we find Charles with his mother until her death in 1886. At age 19, Charles E. began his service in the Civil War March 17, 1865, as a Private in Co. F., 11th Michigan Cavalry, serving until September 22, 1865. What he hadn't learned earlier about horses, harnesses, etc., he surely learned while in the cavalry. Following his discharge, he ran a store supplying local owners of horses. Charles' shop was lo-

cated approximately at 307 W. Main. He made, repaired and sold harnesses, horse blankets, whips, saddles, bridles, bits, etc. Sporting goods: guns, fishing tackles, shot, powder, shells, etc., were also available. He was a member of the Brighton Gun Club; the Brighton Fire Department and served as a Village trustee in 1877.

Charles married Sarah E. Case September 28, 1868, daughter of M.C. Case, a local merchant. He built their home on the west side of Ann Arbor Road (Whitmore Lake Road) about ¾ miles south of Maltby Road. An infant son died in 1872. Daughter Carrie (b. 6-19-1880) an 1896 Brighton High School graduate, married Frank P. Hacker August 2, 1902. Frank owned a service station on the corner of W. Grand River and Flint Road.

Charles E. (d. 11-11-1910) and Sarah (d. 3-22-1909) and ten others by the name of Cushing are buried at the Old Village Cemetery.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from Bill Pless writings; "From Settlement to City - 1832-1945 - Brighton" by Carol McMacken; census records; S. Leith genealogy; 1880 History of Livingston County; Old Village Cemetery transcription by John & Janice Field. Corrections/additions, requested. 810-229-6402.

Help Needed

Can you volunteer a few hours a month to serve in some capacity within the BAHS? We are in need of people with professional skills willing to pitch in and do their part in order to shoulder to burden of running our organization. We currently are seeking a treasurer, web site administrator, and editor for this newsletter. Please contact us for more details.