

NEWSLETTER

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The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton area.

It cannot be disputed that man comes into the world bringing only natural instincts with him, he must be taught, and he must learn many things. The only knowledge available to him is that gained by man in the past; and the present is soon the past, and we are not privileged to use the future until it's here.

William A. Pless

The spaghetti supper turned out very well. Not only was a restoration fund (over \$400.) started for the Old Town Hall but the business community was great with their donations. Just as important as the money was the fact that everyone seemed to enjoy the event. A special thank-you to all the planners and workers for their help.

Another thank-you to Aunt Kathy [Katherine Hampton] for her presentation at our last meeting. It was great and we now have some good tapes of early Brighton and the Eastern House.

UP-COMING DATES:

- June 4 - Bake sale at the Farmer's Market - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Flea Market in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Workers needed for both areas and items for the flea market.
- June 9 - Board of Directors meeting - 7:30 pm in the Old Town Hall.
- June 14 - General meeting at 7:30 pm in the Old Town Hall.
This will be a fun night and a chance to see our set-up in the Old Town Hall and what information has been collected so far. Refreshments.
Working on a surprise program!
There will also be a planning session for Brighton's first "State Historical Marker" (coming soon).
- July 4 - Weekend plans. We are planning a parade entry and a concession stand (if we get city approval). Hopefully, we'll know more by the June meeting.

Both the amendments to our By-Laws (published in the last newsletter), "passed" at the general meeting on May 10, 1983.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (since last newsletter)

Eugene Dahlin	Thomas Longsworth
Joe Chenoweth	Gerald & Kathryn Fuller
Marion Carney	Joseph & Toni Mullany
Ina Shannon	Rudy & Virginia Herrman
Helen Hyne	Richard Davis

COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP LIST.....

William Pless

John & Marj Lynn Korte

Fred & Mary Messerschmidt

Gary & Ruth Ann Cole

Wally & Merilyn Jollitz

Joseph & Irene Mike

Mildred Shannon

Margaret Goldstein

Paul & Alene Anderson

Doris Anderson

Charles & Janice Beach

Dwena (Susie) Braund

Kathleen (Kay) Flynn

Carolyn Busby

Mary Layton

Eugene & Judy Dahlin

Irene Teasley

Barney & Dorothy Ewald

Stanley & Adele Ozar

Irma Truance

John & Ethel Gebben

William & Barbara McCrifrie

Albert & Hazel Cole

James & Judy Murray

Helen Lanning

Will & Katherine Hampton

David & Charlene Kull

Fred & Belva Muller

Joe & B. Pauline Chenoweth

Eleanor Davis

Bert & Marieanna Bair

Harry Davis

Edna Peach

Peter & Marylou Shaw

Josephine Hyne

Alice Newcomb

Bill & Jane Tomlinson

Mary Mathias

Charles & Norma Pless

Thomas Anderson

Joseph & Georgia Romine

Arlene Jacob

Michael Cuthbert

Gerald & Kathryn Fuller

Marian Carney

Ina Shannon

Helen Hyne

Joseph & Toni Mullany

Thomas Longsworth

Rudy & Virginia Herrman

Melvin Skeman

Frieda Nauenberg

Richard Davis

Director

WE NEED HELP!!!

You can sit back and say, "I don't know anything about that"; the problem is that no one in the Society has the expertise in many areas because they're new areas to all of us. What is needed is a willingness to learn and a little time and effort to make it work.
We need your willingness in the following:

Special Projects Chairman - someone to set-up a committee to handle details for special events about four or five times per year (bake sale, flea market, etc.).

Oral History Chairman - every day that passes we run the risk of losing an interview with someone from the "old days". We now have some books and information on "how to do it" - now we need "to do it".

Microfilming Chairman - a long range plan is to the old newspapers and records. We have some information on file but more details are still needed before we can invest in a "system".

Newsletter Editor - we may have to have the newsletter printed by a company which will require advance planning and a regular basis.

Program Chairman - someone to investigate the programs that are available (and there's many) and make the arrangements to have them for our meetings.

Photography - someone(s) to take current pictures, copy old photos and do darkroom work - any or all of the above.

Board of Directors - This year (fall of 1983) we need to elect new Directors. If you have a desire to be a "policy maker", please let a current director know.

Brighton's first State Historical marker

A plaque will be erected in the fall of 1983 designating St. Paul's and the Old Town Hall as state historical sites. The cost of the plaque is around \$1100, and contributions are welcomed. If you would like to help, you can send your donations to:

Brighton Area Historical Society
c/o Mary Hesserschmidt
142 Brighton Lake Rd.
Brighton, Michigan 48116

You can also encourage your friends outside the Society to help in this project, since it will be a community endeavor.

SPECIAL ATTENTION:

The attached Amendment must be approved by the membership in order for us to obtain our Federal Non-profit Tax Exemption. Attorney Dale Cooper is doing the necessary paper work for us which is tremendous because both the State and Federal government is involved.

If you don't think you can make the June meeting, PLEASE detach this Amendment, sign and date it, and return ASAP to: John Korte

7500 Hamburg Rd.
Brighton, Mich. 48116

Society sponsors Saturday seminars

The Historical Society of Michigan is sponsoring a series of instructional and interactive workshops designed for the dedicated local historian to increase knowledge and skills. Each workshop will be taught by recognized professionals in that field.

Saturday Summer Seminars will be held in Ann Arbor and will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on the dates shown. Registration is limited to 20 to 25 participants, so early registration is advised.

Registration is open to all active HSM members and to non-members, although members will be given preference in tuition and enrollment quotas. (The tuitions in parenthesis are for non-members.)

Registration may be made by calling the HSM office at (313) 769-1828 and using your VISA or MasterCard, or by mail, by sending your check (made payable to the Historical Society of Michigan), to the HSM, 2117 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104.

All registrants will receive a complete packet of instructions, directions and suggested readings with the confirmation of their registrations.

JUNE 11

DOCUMENTING HISTORIC BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES

Instructors: Larry Massie and Peter Schmidt, Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collections.

This workshop will cover ways of using structural evidence, courthouse records, maps, photographs and published accounts to learn more about old buildings and the people who lived and worked in them. Following the 2-3 hour morning session and the luncheon break, the group will divide into two groups for field work at nearby buildings.

This seminar will be of value to experienced preservationists as well as owners of old buildings, and to those whose interest is in documenting and recording these structures. \$30 (\$40). Location: The Michigan League on the University of Michigan Campus. Enrollment is limited to 22. □

JULY 9 PRODUCING A NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR SOCIETY

Instructor:
Mary Steffek Blaske, Programs Administrator and Associate Editor, Historical Society of Michigan.

If you now publish a newsletter, or if you are planning one, you will benefit from this seminar. Ms. Blaske's experience in editing and producing the *HSM Newsletter* plus reading almost every newsletter produced by Michigan's historical societies, gives her a special viewpoint from which you can profit.

The seminar will cover writing, editing, copyfitting, organizing text and graphics, design, production and distribution.

Plan to bring your own experiences, questions and copies of your society's newsletter. This seminar will also include an "Idea Roundtable" to share thoughts from participants. \$25 (\$35).

Location: The Michigan League on the University of Michigan Campus. Enrollment is limited to 25.

AUGUST 6

MAPS AND HOW TO USE THEM FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Instructors: Jim Minton, Map Librarian of The University of Michigan and June Harris, Map Specialist, Detroit Public Library.

Where are the map resources in Michigan and nearby states? How can you use maps and map archives to best advantage? What are the various types of maps you can use for your research? What can you expect to find in these maps — and what not? How can you organize your society's map collection?

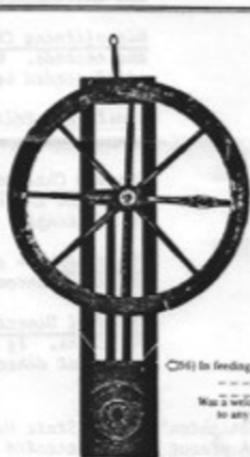
These are some of the areas to be explored in this seminar which will be held in the Map Library in the U of M Graduate Library. \$25 (\$35). Location: Map Library, 8th Floor, Graduate Library, University of Michigan Central Campus. Enrollment is limited to 20. □

WHAT'S IT

Answers to last issue.....

#1076 - A potato or apple baking utensil. Wire handle aided in placing in and removing from the stove oven.

#1278 - Pie lifter. Used to remove hot pies and similar shallow pans from the stove or oven.



(3113) You guessed it! Of course this is a: a) primitive onion scupper; b) fire bellows; c) fog horn; d) hair dryer.

