



Grand River Trail

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BRIGHTON AREA PRESERVATION NEWS

THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS TO PRESERVE, ADVANCE AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA.

THE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE WHO FEEL THIS PURPOSE IS WORTHWHILE AND SHOULD BE PROMOTED.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- *JULY 8, 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVES ACTIVITIES.
22, 9A.M./3P.M. ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP,
BAY VIEW, MI 517/221-1746.
- * 24, 7:30P.M. BOARD MEETING WELCOME.
- **AUG 12, NOON/4P.M. 20TH ANNUAL GREEN
OAK DAY.
- SEPT. 16-17, 121ST ANNUAL MEETING AND
STATE HISTORY CONFERENCE, MEADOW
BROOK HALL, ROCHESTER.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN,
2117 WASHTENAW AVE., ANN ARBOR
48104.
- 16-17, MILFORD HOME TOUR.
- 23-24, QUILT SHOW/FOLK ART FAIR,
RICHARDSON CENTER AT OAKLEY PARK
AND S. COMMERCE RD., COMMERCE
TWP. 810/363-0934
- ** 29, BAHS SPAGHETTI SUPPER, 1ST PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH, 300 E. GRAND
RIVER. (CONT.)

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

PRESENT SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALL INVOLVED WITH A PROJECT, FOR WHICH MUCH GRATITUDE IS EXTENDED. FOR SOME TIME THE BOARD HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING WITHOUT A VICE PRESIDENT. THIS IS NOT A GOOD WAY FOR A ORGANIZATION TO BE CONDUCTING ITS BUSINESS. A TREASURER IS ALSO NEEDED. THIS SHOULD NOT BECOME A CHORE FOR MARGE WHITE. SHE'S BEEN AT THIS JOB FOR YEARS. SHE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. SEVERAL HOURS A MONTH AND ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE TIME REQUISITES.

BOARD MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS SERVING BECAUSE THE SOCIETY IS IMPORTANT TO THEM. IF TOO MUCH IS EXPECTED IT'S NOT FUN ANYMORE.

THERE ARE MANY CAPABLE PEOPLE IN THE AREA WHO CAN ASSUME EITHER OF THESE POSITIONS. CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.

LOCAL FAIR RESEARCH HELP NEEDED

RESEARCH MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE VERY LIMITED. (SEE P.4) MARIEANNA HAS MANY QUESTIONS TO WHICH SHE CAN'T FIND ANSWERS.

- A. WHEN WAS THE LAST LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR HELD IN BRIGHTON?
- B. WHERE WAS IT LOCATED?
- C. WHEN WAS THE BRIGHTON MARKET FAIR ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED AND WHERE WERE THESE HELD?
- D. SINCE WHEN HAVE AGRICULTURAL FAIRS NOT BEEN HELD IN BRIGHTON? WERE THEY STILL HELD DURING THE 1930s?

CALL HER, 810/229-6402 OR WRITE

OCT. 14, MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION FALL CONV., MICHIGAN HISTORY CENTER, 717 W. ALLEGAN, LANSING. 517/321-1746

*AT 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS. WELCOME.

**SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

BUS/PROF: TIMBERLANE HOMES, INC.,
THE FENCE SPOT.

PATRON: ELSA STEGENGA (AZ, 96).

COUPLE/INDIV: BILL & JACQUE ARMSTRONG,
MILDRED BENDER (96), GENIEVE BURT (FL,
A GIFT FROM PAULINE CHENOWETH), FLOYD &
IAL FULLER (96), TOM KAMINSKI, JAMES
& JUDY MURRAY (DEXTER), MIKE & JANET
WOODFORD.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...THOSE WHO SO GENEROUSLY RENEW THEIR
MEMBERSHIP. ALL INCOME FROM FUND RAISING
EVENTS GOES TO PRESERVATION AND RESTO-
RATION PROJECTS. NEWSLETTER EXPENSE
(PRINTING/POSTAGE) AND ADMINISTRATION
EXPENSES ARE PAID BY MEMBERSHIP DUES.
BOTH PRINTING AND POSTAGE HAVE GONE UP IN
PRICE. THE MONTHLY BILL IS WELL OVER \$200.
BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL/PATRON DUES ARE
MAJOR INCOME FOR TRAIL TALES. CONSIDER
ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES WHEN RENEWING.
WITHOUT COMMUNITY SUPPORT THE SOCIETY
COULD NOT EXIST.

...FLOYD AND IAL FULLER FOR THE 1946
VICTORY HOMECOMING PROGRAM, A POLAROID
CAMERA, c.1938 EASTMAN KODAK 8 MM MOVIE
CAMERA, FIRE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS 1938,
AND "SIMPLIFIED HYDRAULICS" FIRE DEPART-
MENT BOOKLET.

...LOIS GREGORY KRAUSMAN FOR c. 1986
PHOTOS HIGH SCHOOL BAND, JULY 4TH PARADE
FLOAT, THEIR HOME ON 2ND STREET WHERE
MILL POND MANOR NOW STANDS, 1955 FRON-
TIER DAYS, SEVERAL SERVICE STATIONS c.
1951/54, GREG'S GRILL AND c. 1947/51
CUB SCOUTS (WITH I.D.), AN EARLY INTERIOR
VIEW OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL ALTAR. SHE
IS ALSO MAKING NOTES OF HER BRIGHTON
RECOLLECTIONS. (HOPE OTHERS WILL CONSIDER
DOING THIS OR MAKING A TAPE RECORDING.)

...FRANC CRAWFORD STOKES FOR HER FINE
COOPERATION IN THE MAKING OF A VIDEO OF
HER RECOLLECTIONS.

...CAROL, MARK AND PAT McMACKEN FOR
PREPARING THE VIDEO OF MRS. STOKES.

CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY OF
KENNETH CHAPPEL

FOR OVER A QUARTER CENTURY THE
MANAGER OF THE D & C STORE,
A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF BRIGHTON,
A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY.

ARCHIVES: IN THE "THANKS" COLUMN CAN
BE FOUND A LISTING OF THE SEVERAL WHO
HAVE DONATED ITEMS TO HELP MAKE A MORE
COMPLETE RECORD OF THE AREA'S PAST.

DONATIONS TO THE \$800. + BILL FOR MICRO-
FILMING THE EARLY ISSUES OF THE BRIGHTON
ARGUS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. THE
READER, DONATED BY THE NORTHVILL HISTORI-
CAL SOCIETY IS A BIG HELP AND SAVES A
LOT OF MONEY.

EACH SECOND SATURDAY, 9-11 A.M., WORK
IS UNDERWAY, IDENTIFYING, COMPILING AND
FILING VARIOUS ITEMS. HELP IS WELCOME
AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN.
ALSO ANY PICTURES, DIARIES, LETTERS, ETC.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: WINDOWS, IN
THE AUTHENTIC STYLE, HAVE ARRIVED AT
132 E. GRAND RIVER. THIS 100 + YEAR
OLD BUILDING WILL HAVE ALL NEW UTILI-
TIES AND A NEW I BEAM TO HELP CARRY THE
LOAD. IT IS FELT THE JOISTS SUPPORTING
THE FIRST FLOOR COVER TOO LONG A SPAN.
MANY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HAVE
BEEN CONTRIBUTING LABOR, MATERIALS AND
CASH. SEVERAL FUND RAISING EVENTS ARE
PLANNED. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE A
MEMBER TO DONATE. THE LYONS SCHOOL
PROJECT WILL RECEIVE 5% OF ALL CASH
CONTRIBUTION WHICH ARE MADE THROUGH THE
BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ORAL HISTORY: THERE IS A LONG LIST OF
LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF THE AREA WHICH
SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A VIDEO OR TAPE
INTERVIEW. IN THE FUTURE THESE HISTORIES
WILL BE INVALUABLE TO RESEARCHERS. IF
YOU'D LIKE TO HELP BY INTERVIEWING OR
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED
BE SURE TO CONTACT THE SOCIETY.

HISTORY BOOK: THIS COMMITTEE MEETS
EVERY 4TH THURSDAY. PEOPLE, WHETHER
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OR NOT, ARE
NEEDED TO HELP CHRMN. CAROL McMACKEN,
231-2957 AND ASSISTANT SHIRLEY KNIGHT,
229-9288. CONTACT THEM WITH YOUR OFFER
OF PICTURES, COMMENTS, STORIES, WRITERS,
TYPISTS, GOFERS, ETC. THIS WILL BE A
HISTORY OF THE AREA - YOU SHOULD BE
INVOLVED AND INCLUDED.

1870 FEDERAL CENSUS AVAILABLE

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
IS PREPARING THE 1870 FEDERAL CENSUS OF
LIVINGSTON COUNTY AND MORTALITY SCHEDULE.
THE SOFT BOUND, 8.5"x11", 348 PAGE, INDEXED
PUBLICATION WILL INCLUDE 1875 TOWNSHIP PLAT
MAPS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. L.C.G.S., DEPT. F,
Box 1073, HOWELL, 48844-1073. PRE AUGUST 3,
PRICE, \$28. PPD, POST AUGUST 3, \$32. PPD.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

SIGNATURE QUILT: JUDY MURRAY, DAUGHTER OF AL AND HAZEL COLE, HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ADDITION OF THEIR SIGNATURES TO THE QUILT. BOTH OF THESE PEOPLE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THEIR LIFETIME. SIGNATURES OF MANY EARLY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE IN THE SOCIETY FILES. YOU CAN SELECT ONE, OR MORE, IF YOU WISH, OR ONE OF YOUR OWN CHOOSING. THE DONATION OF \$10. IS A PAINLESS, YET ENDURING CONTRIBUTION.

UBER'S DRUGS STOCKS EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, POST CARDS OF BRIGHTON SCENES, AND TILES DEPICTING LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES. THE BOOK NOOK ALSO STOCKS THE POSTCARDS AND SOMEWHERE IN TIME AND SOCIETY BANK HAVE THE TILES AVAILABLE ALSO.

PURCHASES OF THESE ITEMS HELPS THE SOCIETY KEEP ADVANCING ITS PURPOSES.

FOLK ART FAIR IN AUGUST

CHUCK AND JANICE BEACH WILL BE CHAIRING THE SOCIETY'S PARTICIPATION AGAIN. THEY ARE REALLY GETTING GOOD AT THIS. THIS IS BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS. SAVE THEM HAVING TO MAKE CALLS; CALL THEM, 229-9678, AND LET THEM KNOW YOU'LL HELP.

ALL RECEIPTS FROM FUND RAISING PROJECTS GO TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION EFFORTS OF THE SOCIETY.

SPAGHETTI DINNER, SEPTEMBER 29

ENJOY AN EVENING IN ITALY!

THIS IS THE SLOGAN WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY ENTICE MANY TO ATTEND. PLANS INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM A COMPLETE SPAGHETTI DINNER TO ENTERTAINMENT-ITALIAN STYLE.

THESE PLANS CANNOT COME TO FRUITION WITHOUT EVERYONE'S SUPPORT. THERE IS A JOB FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF STRENGTHS OR WEAKNESS. JUST CALL THAT YOU'D LIKE TO HELP AND THE CHAIRMAN WILL FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO!

DECORATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT, TICKETS, COOKS, SERVERS, HOSTS, PUBLICITY ALL NEED WORKERS.

CALL CAROLINA DELUCA, 546-4518, TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND EXPERTISE.

GREEN OAK DAY AUGUST 12

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY. TO CELEBRATE THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO GREEN OAK DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, NOON TO 4 P.M. AT THE GAGE HOUSE MUSEUM, 6440 KENSINGTON RD.

PLAN A FAMILY PICNIC ON THE MUSEUM GROUNDS (SEE THE ELEPHANT TREE). PUNCH WILL BE FURNISHED. TOUR THE MUSEUM - LEARN ABOUT THE VERY EARLY SETTLERS (1833), THE INDIANS WHO PRECEDED THEM AND THEIR ENCOUNTERS. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR INDIAN DRESS.

TAKE EAST GRAND RIVER TO KENSINGTON ROAD THEN SOUTH 1/2 MILE. (I-96 EXIT 151, SOUTH.)

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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Activities in which I would like to participate:

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| () Bake Sale | () Help with Spec. events | () Newsletter | () Research |
| () Board Member | () Hospitality | () Oral History | () Restoration |
| () Fund Raising | () Programs | () Photography | () Video Taping |
| () Genealogy | () Membership Committee | () Publicity | () Other |

work I would be willing to do: _____

DUES: \$25. Patron
\$25. Business/Professional
\$12. Couple
\$ 7. Individual

\$2. Student (K-12, College)
Brighton Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481

IT'S FAIR TIME!!!

THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR, FOWLerville FAIR, BRIGHTON FOLK ART FAIR AND, SPONSORED BY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN BRIGHTON. ALL BUT THE LATTER ARE FAMILIAR TO US.

THE 1880 HISTORY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, BY FRANKLIN ELLIS, NOTES THAT IN THE MAY 10, 1843, ISSUE OF THE LIVINGSTON COURIER CAN BE FOUND THIS NOTICE; "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1843 HELD THEIR FIRST MEETING...AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF HOWELL, MAY 2". IT IS ASSUMED THIS GROUP ORGANIZED 1841 OR 1842. THE LIST FOR WHICH PREMIUMS WERE AWARDED INCLUDED: FIELD CROPS, CATTLE, HORSES, SHEEP, SWINE, POULTRY, FARM IMPLEMENTS, BUTTER & CHEESE, SUGAR & HONEY, FRUIT & VEGETABLES, BEST MANAGED FARM AND DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES (WEAVING, ETC.). HOWEVER ELLIS COULD FIND NO FURTHER RECORDS OF THIS ORGANIZATION NOR IS ANY SITE OF THIS FAIR RECORDED. (CAN ANY OF OUR READERS HELP WITH THIS RESEARCH?)

IN FEBRUARY, 1853 A CALL NOTED, ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS, TO MEET TO ORGANIZE A LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (AGAIN?) IRA JENNINGS OF GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP BECAME ITS PRESIDENT AND JOB CRANSTON OF BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP WAS A V.P. EACH TOWNSHIP WAS REPRESENTED BY A V.P. - ELY BARNARD FROM GENOA TOWNSHIP AND STODDARD W. TWICHELL, HAMBURG TOWNSHIP FOR THIS SE QUARTER OF THE COUNTY. OVER 200 MEMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE SOCIETY'S FIRST YEAR OF EXISTENCE. A CURSORY REVIEW OF THE LIST (AND THIS WRITER'S IMPERFECT MEMORY) INDICATES OVER 60 LIVED IN THE AREA.

ARTICLE I OF THE ADOPTED CONSTITUTION STATES IT "...IS ORGANIZED FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURES, AND THE MECHANIC ARTS." THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, MARCH 12, 1853, INCLUDED THE RESOLUTION: "THAT THE FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OF THE SOCIETY BE HELD IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER NEXT, IN THAT TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY WHICH WILL RAISE AND PLEDGE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ON OR BEFORE THE LAST SATURDAY IN APRIL NEXT, THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MEANS TOWARDS DEFRAYING THE INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF THE SAID FAIR."

APPARENTLY THIS WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE TOWNSHIPS TO ACT ON THE OFFER. IN EARLY MAY AN EXTENSION WAS GRANTED TO JUNE 15 TO RECEIVE PLEDGES. AT THAT MEETING THE BOARD RESOLVED, "THAT WHEREAS THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON HAS OFFERED THE LARGEST SUM (\$140.00) FOR THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST ANNUAL FAIR AT THAT VILLAGE, THAT THE SAID FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OF THE SOCIETY BE HELD AT SAID VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON ON THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH DAYS OF OCTOBER NEXT." (BY MARIEANNA BAIR. TO BE CONTINUED.)

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