

Quality Spring Recycled Jewelry Sale at CoBACH
April 28, 2018—1pm—5pm

Is your jewelry box overflowing? Never worn jewelry from your late mom, grandmother or aunt? Time for spring cleaning! It doesn't matter if new or used, fine, costume or broken. The Society is having a spring sale where 100% of the funds received will be used to fund Brighton area preservation and restoration projects of the Society.



Thank You to Brighton Masonic Lodge 247

The Brighton Area Historical Society is the proud recipient of the 2018 Platinum Level Sponsorship from Brighton's Masonic Lodge 247! The Lodge provides funding for programs within our community. Students' college scholarships and children's personal identification to parents in case of emergency are two of their dedicated programs. Help support the volunteer work of the Brighton Masonic Lodge! Their upcoming fundraiser is:

13th Annual Masonic Lodge Antique Show
Saturday, March 10, 9am—4pm
OLD Hartland High School
9525 E. Highland Road (M59) (One mile west of US 23)
Free Parking, Admission \$5

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH
New Hours for Sunday
2—5pm Jan thru Mar

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Closed Monday

CoBACH Display
March — April

Free Exhibit

“General Motors Proving Ground”
Featuring old photos and documents.

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Jim Birney Family, Ellen Gleason*, Frank & Monica Ninteman

PATRON: Mr. & Mrs. G. Mitsopoulos, Jane Tomlinson

BUS/PROF: MI Backyard*

* Welcome to new members: Ellen Gleason and MI Backyard

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Priscilla Pettengill, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for preparing the February issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Jane Tomlinson for her donation to Lyon School and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- The Brighton Masonic Lodge, Dan and Anna Oginsky and the City of Brighton for their generous Platinum Level sponsorships for 2018. These sponsorships allow the Society to preserve and share local history. The main projects for 2017/2018 are: Restoration of Old Village Cemetery, Brighton's Victorian Silhouettes, Operation of the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse and programming at the 1879 CoBACH Center.
- The CoBACH volunteers who assisted visitors during February: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- City of Brighton for their wisdom in helping to preserve the true asset of the community, the 1879 Old Town Hall located next to the Millpond Park. The Brighton Area Historical Society is proud to have rotating exhibits about the community here Tuesday through Sunday.
- The General Motors Proving Grounds and the retired staff who are establishing the history of the Grounds and sharing these memories with the BAHS for the March—April GMPG Exhibit at the CoBACH Center.
- Marieanna Bair, Vice-President, for her non-stop research and writing of monthly history articles on the people and stories of Brighton. These writings started in 1982 and continue through 2018. Many of these stories can be found in Marieanna's new book: "Page Four." Contact the Society of get your own personal copy.
- Community members and businesses for their support in 2018 through membership dues and donations.
- Debby Armstrong for her heroic effort at getting the 300 plus issues of Trail Tales on the BAHS website.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! March—April: Visit the General Motors Proving Grounds exhibit featuring old photos and documents that show the past of the world's largest automotive test facility.

March 7,14,21,28; Wed 5pm—8pm

March 4,11,18,25; Sun 2pm—5pm *

***SPECIAL WINTER SUNDAY HOURS THROUGH MARCH**

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday.

March 1,8,15,22,29; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Visit the archivists and share information. Closes promptly at 12nn.

March 10; 9am—4pm: Masonic Lodge Antique Show (See Page One)

March 28; 6pm at CoBACH Center: Historical Society Board Meeting.

April 28; 1pm—5pm at CoBACH Center: Spring Quality Recycled Jewelry Sale.

May 5; 9am—12nn at Old Village Cemetery: 10th Annual Cleanup of Brighton's oldest cemetery. Bring your gloves and a rake and take in the history and beauty of downtown's scenic 1838 burial ground.

May 28; 9am—1pm at CoBACH Center: Memorial Day FREE Civil War Exhibit. Enjoy seeing museum quality memorabilia including uniforms, various rifles, handguns and much more.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong — Muriel (Jacque) Armstrong — Tom Archer — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton Charles & Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — Jack & Heide Clausnitzer — John & Jenny Conely — Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Emil Engel — Nancy Fredenburg — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Larry & Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

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Acorn Deck Accessories (2018) — Advance Craft Builders (2018) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Art Guild (2017) — Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Real Estate Team (2018) — Clark Eye Center (2017) — Concord Mortgage (2018) — Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2018) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Autobody ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — MI Backyard (2018) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2018) — Preview Properties (2018) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2018)

2018 Sponsorships

Platinum Level: Brighton Masonic Lodge No. 247 — City of Brighton — Dan & Anna Oginsky

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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 mail to the address provided on the form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
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BAHS Sponsorship Program

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall) and the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

Annual Sponsor levels are:

Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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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.

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Crooked Lake

(Reprint of the article that appeared in the April 1985 Trails Tales Issue. This and other articles researched and compiled by Marieanna Bair can be found in the "Page Four" book. Contact the Society to purchase your copy.)

The history of Crooked Lake, along with that of all the SE section of Michigan, begins about 30,000 years ago when the last glacier slowly retreated, leaving in huge heaps the enormous amount of material it has scoured off the Laurentian Range in Canada. These heaps left hit or miss over this area, penned up water from the melted ice and formed the hundreds of lakes that dot the entire area of the county.

Thousands of years later these raw, barren heaps of rock material were covered with trees and other vegetation. The Sauk and Ojibway tribes had their permanent villages mostly in the forests of the Saginaw Valley, but came here in the summer to hunt and fish and plant some of their meager crops. Following their attack which completely wiped out these tribes, the Ojibways also came to the area in the summer. Crooked Lake was, as it is today, a summer resort.

In the eyes of early settlers any lake in the sections 'taken up' from the government was just worthless acreage. It could grow no wheat and could pasture no cattle or sheep. Its fish were appreciated for a change of diet, but there was little time for fishing and anyhow, one could fish anywhere without having to own the waters.

A lake was pretty to look at, but almost none of the early settlers built a home on the shores of the lake. Fever and ague were rife all through the newly settled regions. Settlers believed this sickness came from the miasma and vapors of the lakes and marshes, so early homes were built usually on high ground.

Around the turn of the century sparse frame structures called 'camps' began to be built by various owners of land around the lake. The train brought parties of young people for a week or so of camping. Duly chaperoned by their elders. By that time, the farms of Genoa were owned by second and third generation descendants of the pioneers. Many had married the offspring of the farmer whose land joined theirs. Everyone seemed to be related.

World War I, changing economic conditions, the auto industry, roads being graveled to meet the demands of the thousands of new auto owners who wanted to get out of the cities and go places at breakneck speeds of 25-30 mph; all created a tremendous interest in the lake as sites for summer homes. Lake frontage was platted and soon most of the property was sold to 'outsiders.' As shore property was sold, this meant the end of camping at the old swimming hole.

In 1927 the Burroughs Adding Machine Company purchased the property on Brighton Road as a place of recreation for their employees. This has since been purchased by a group which have continued the recreational appeal of the "Farms" and is planning construction of facilities which will enable hundreds more to take advantage of the pleasant surroundings of Crooked Lake.

(Condensed from "A Scrap Book of Michigan Memories" by William Pless. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)