



This historical photo provided by the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame shows a gathering of the Michigan Grange, supporters of

2019 — Centennial of Women's Suffrage in Michigan

Did you know that Michigan women were unable to vote in state elections until 1919? They could not vote for a President of the United States until 1920. White male landowners have been electing governors and presidents since the earliest days of our young country.

Don't believe it was due to lack of effort in gaining that basic right. Before the War of Rebellion was fought between the north and south, Michigan women started their fight for equality in voting rights.

Next year's recognition and celebration of the Centennial of Michigan Women's Suffrage is a significant event. The state ballot proposal in 1918 passed by 25,000 votes. Women rejoiced and performed their civic obligation in Michigan during the 1919 local and state elections. In 1920 the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution enfranchised women across the country. Presidential elections that year finally recognized equal voting rights of women and men.

The Brighton Area Historical Society is planning a major exhibit for June through August 2019 to celebrate and recognize the Michigan women who led the charge for equality. The exhibit and program will be called "Petticoat Patriots." The CoBACH Center (aka Old Town Hall) will be the focal point for this exhibit. Materials will be developed for local educators to share with their students. Scouting organizations along with many local groups will receive pertinent educational materials to share with their young leaders.

If you or your business would like to be one of the sponsors for this significant Brighton exhibit, please contact me. Sponsorship details are currently being developed.

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 President, Brighton Area Historical Society

EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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

CoBACH Display August

Free Exhibit

"I Do!"
 "Wedding Dresses"
 (1930s — 1950s)

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Daily postings regarding
 Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
 Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY:

PATRON: Caitlyn Perry Dial* (2019)

BUS/PROF: Advanced Craft Builders (2019)

*Welcome to new member: Caitlyn Perry Dial

Membership dues and donations contribute to the viability of the Society.

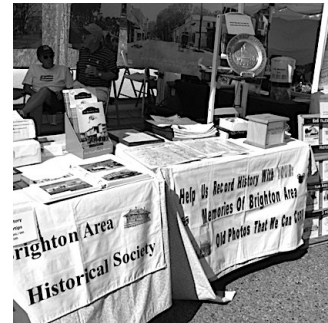
THANKS:

- Advance Craft Builders for their donation along with their dues.
- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Peggy Van Sickle for their assistance in preparing the July issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Anna and Dan Oginsky, City of Brighton and the Brighton Masonic Lodge for their generous Platinum Level sponsorships.

- The CoBACH volunteers who assisted visitors during July: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Silhouette 2018 installation teams: Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Mindy Kinsey, Dave Pettigrove and Jim Vichich.

Brighton Fine Art and Acoustic Fair August 3—5

Come visit our booth, share your stories about Brighton's past with our members who will be hosting at the booth.



Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! August: The exhibit of "Wedding Dresses" (1930s—1950s), called "I Do!".

August 1,5,8,12,15,19,22,26,29; Sunday & Wednesday, 5pm—8pm: BAHS Volunteers at CoBACH Center

August 2,9,16,23,30; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Speak with archivists and visit the 1900s classroom. Closes promptly at 12nn.

August 22; 6pm, CoBACH Center: Historical Society monthly board meeting.

August 27; 9am—2pm: Headstone Preservation Team meets on the 4th Monday for Work Sessions. Additional Summer dates: Sept 24 and Oct. 22.

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

Business /Professional Members: (** Indicates Life Members)

Acorn Deck Accessories (2018) — Advance Craft Builders (2019) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Art Guild (2017) Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Real Estate Team (2018) — Clark Eye Center (2018) Concord Mortgage (2018) — Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2018) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Autobody ** Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — MI Backyard (2018) — Neighbors Magazine (2018) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Precision Vinyl Group (2018) 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

Bronze Level: Frank & Jo Del Vero

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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: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () _____
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Donation to—Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund		
Amount of Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____		
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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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BAHS Leadership 2018

President Jim Vichich	Directors Joe Collins
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	Thomas Reinke
	Lynn Strong
	Education Liaison Judith Coebly

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.

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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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.

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The Library in Brighton (Part 3)

In 1976, the Brighton City government and the Brighton Library were growing beyond the capacity of the Old Town Hall to properly continue to conduct affairs in an orderly, responsible manner. Both would soon be in need of (again) space.

The long and short term needs of both the Library and the City government were to be included in a study commissioned by the City Council in 1976.

The Library, with 60,000 circulated items, serving 32,000 residents and as a member of the Huron Valley Library system, additional room for material and services would be needed.

The possibility of construction, adding to the Old Town Hall was considered by the Commission. However, the historical structure would be architecturally compromised. Another solution had to be found.

In 1981, the city offices moved into the new Municipal Building located across the mill pond at 200 N. First Street. Adequate space in the new building, with large windows, was incorporated for the library.

Under Dorothy Demorest’s leadership a Friends of the Library group organized in 1983, to supplement the library’s budget. A laminator for the library was their first purchase. Technology was making some library materials obsolete, i.e. its 16mm film and film strip collection. VHS recordings were becoming available, a welcome addition.

Shelagh Klein Davis became library director in 1984. Development continued: 27,405 books, 125 Periodical subscriptions, six newspapers and 400 audio recordings, marked continued expansion under her direction by the time she retired in 1989.

Mimicking the Library’s growth during the 1990s was that of the area. A clipping dated April 3, 1991, is headlined “Brighton Library is Bursting at the Seams”. A “...long-range planning commission is looking into the possibility of obtaining district status.” Status funding “...would be shared among all the residents of the district — which would include the City of Brighton, Brighton Area Schools, Brighton, Genoa and Green Oak Townships.” District status was acquired August 10, 1992. Supported by residents, it was now the Brighton District Library! The commission’s report continued: the library was “...too small to service the needs of the greater Brighton area and the existing site is limiting...” at 330 square feet instead of the desired 25,000 to 30,000 feet. Also that its collection of items should be at least 49,000. A new structure for the growing Brighton District Library seemed to be the only answer.

Now the major question becomes — where to build the Brighton District Library?

To be continued...

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