



Celebrate the Centennial of the Victory for Equality!

One hundred years ago Michigan women finally were able to cast their votes in an election. This right of citizenship which men have been privy to for so long, now belongs to the women that have given birth to all the voters for decades since the founding of this country.

The State of Michigan finally passed women's suffrage in 1919. In 1920 the passing of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States enfranchised women to vote in all state and federal elections. Women had been fighting for this cause since the Convention of Women's Rights was held in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. Activists and reformers have challenged both state and federal governments for this basic right of representation.

This summer from June through August you will be able to learn about this difficult campaign for equality. The Brighton Area Historical Society (BAHS) has extensive programming that will be focused at the City of Brighton Arts, Cultural and History (CoBACH) Center located at 202 W. Main St. adjacent to the Millpond in the downtown.

Elaborate panels that detail this most challenging journey are on loan from the Michigan Women's History Center this summer. Special free presentations will be given by notable speakers at the CoBACH Center during this period. On Sunday, June 9 at 3pm learn about the 100 Years of Ratification. The Equal Rights Amendment Celebration will be Sunday, August 18 at 3pm. Brighton's Own Livingston Players will continue their History Alive Series called "Suffrage Debate, Yea or Nay!" You will find this performance at CoBACH on July 12,13,14,19,20 and 21. The Brighton Victorian Silhouettes will have a new silhouette that depicts the first two women voters in the city. A local Brighton Art Guild member has created this wonderful artwork that incorporates the facial images from actual family photos of the two ladies.

Please save these dates and watch for notices through Facebook and local media. Please bring children, family and friends to experience the Celebration of the Victory for Equality!

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Memorial Day Program Downtown — May 27, 2019

9am—1pm: **CoBACH Center open for FREE exhibit of Civil War memorabilia.** Enjoy the awesome museum quality artifacts presented by two private collectors that love to share information. Bring the kids for an enjoyable and educational time!

10am: Parade on Main Street

10:15—10:40am: Program at Veterans' Memorial

10:40—11:10: Old Village Cemetery Civil War Veteran Headstone Restoration/Rededication for Brighton's Private Charles Pease. Solemn Program by Sons of Union Camp 120 and Hartland HS History Club. See authentic looking uniforms of the presenters and learn about Private Pease's role in the War of the Rebellion. The SOUVC Color Guard will lead community members into the Old Village Cemetery after conclusion of the program at the Veterans' Memorial.

CoBACH Hours

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

**May, 2019
CoBACH Display**

"My Hometown"

Free Exhibit

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**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

PATRON: Michael & Vivian Hatty, Paul Richards*

*Welcome new member: Paul Richards

We thank our members for their membership dues and donations that contribute to the viability of the Society.

THANKS:

- City of Brighton and Val & Kathy Jacoby for their generous 2019 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Jerry & Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg and John Park for their donations to the Suffrage Program.
- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the April issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Bill Dixon for his donation of the portable wall for use in displays.
- Carole Damon, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for setting up the current display at CoBACH.
- Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for designing and sewing the sashes to be worn during this summer's program called Petticoat Patriots. The over-the-shoulder sashes read "VOTES FOR WOMEN".
- Nancy Fredenburg for chairing and organizing this summer's Petticoat Patriots exhibit.
- Mark Frank for his framed photo donations originally from the Yum Yum Tree Restaurant.
- Jan Allison, Judith Coebly, Vicki Vichich and Sue Zimmermann for their extensive volunteer labor used to clean, repair, research and package jewelry.
- To the jewelry donors: Marieanna Bair, Dorothy Baldori, Linda Balsamo (for husband Jasper and mother Lupe's jewelry), Elaine Blight, Kaye Bruns, Maggie Carah, Terry Celano, Judith Coebly, Jane Cormier, Carole Damon, Ginny & Nancy Fredenburg, Rosemary Oldford, Norma Pless, Eric Scholz in memory of wife Marcel-la, Vicki Vichich, Alice Weyland, Sue Wilson, Karen Wirth and Sue Zimmerman.
- Patty Dombecki and Rich Larsen for their artwork in creating two new people for the Brighton Victorian Silhouettes Historical Program in 2019. A silhouette painting depicting the first two women voters using their new 19th Amendment Civil Right by voting in the City of Brighton election in 1919 was created by Patty from actual facial images of Charlotte Mellus and Haidee Brady. This silhouette will be displayed downtown near the Old Village Hall that served as the polling location. Rich created the painting to be used for the silhouette of William Power who was the first Master of Brighton's Masonic Lodge 150 years ago. This silhouette will be displayed next to his headstone in the Old Village Cemetery. All Silhouettes should be installed by the end of June.

Dates to Remember

April 27—May 4: Vintage Jewelry Sale at CoBACH

Weeknights: 5—8pm (M—F)

Excellent display of over 4000 unique pieces for sale. Many quality pieces 50% off eBay prices.

May 2: Ladies Night in Downtown Brighton. Visit the Jewelry Sale!

May 2,9,16,23,30; 9am—11:59am: Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

Take a short drive to visit the one-room country school. Get a tour from an archivist working to preserve local history. No appointment needed!

May 4; 9—12nn: 11th Annual Spring Cleanup of Brighton's Old Village Cemetery located next to the downtown Millpond. Bring gloves and a leaf rake. Enter and register from the parking lot behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

May 20—22: Spencer School's 3rd grades visit Lyon One-Room Schoolhouse located on Buno Road.

May 22; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

May 27: Memorial Day Program Downtown. **See Page 1 for details.**

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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.

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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE — Conclusion

While most people know all women in the U.S. had won the right to vote by 1920, far fewer know that the quest for women's suffrage began at the now-historic, landmark 1848 Women's Rights Convention at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York. (The convention is also known as the Seneca Falls Convention.)

This was the first such effort ever held in the U.S., and nearly 200 women attended. It was organized by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, two abolitionists. Also there was Frederick Douglass. The women at the convention presented the "Declaration of Sentiments and Grievances," which itemized various rights women deserved, including the right to vote. Overwhelmingly approved, this declaration led eventually to the passage in 1920 of the 19th Amendment, granting women suffrage.

Today, the National Women's Hall of Fame (<https://www.womenofthehall.org/>) is located in Seneca Falls. Five Michigan women are honored there, including former First Lady Betty Ford, and Martha Griffiths, one of the first women U.S. Representatives, who used her 25 years in Congress to advocate for all kinds of women's rights, most notably inclusion in the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Bill. Griffiths also was Michigan's first elected female Lieutenant Governor, under Governor James Blanchard in the 1980s.

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Betty Ford



Martha Griffiths