

CoBACH CENTER IS A PERFECT FIT !



CITY OF BRIGHTON ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY CENTER



WOMENS SUFFRAGE 100 YEAR EXHIBIT

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center is the perfect location for the Brighton community to learn about the history and culture of Brighton. The CoBACH Center aka Old Town Hall is the building built in 1879 by the community for the community.

Built originally as the fire station on the first floor, the second floor served as a community center that included offices, court room and voting area. Many organizations would use the upper floor for presentations, dances and classes.

The rebirth of the Old Town Hall as a community cultural center began in 2009 under the guidance of then City Manager Dana Foster, Mayor Kate Lawrence and Community Development Director Matt Modrack. It was their vision to have this classic iconic brick building serve as a beacon of local enlightenment for the community. Staffing and programming would be arranged by the three non profit tenants which are the Brighton Area Historical Society, Brighton Art Guild and Brighton's Own Livingston Players.

Local historical and art exhibits change every 8 weeks. History exhibits tell the story of our community through various facets. Over the past decade numerous historical exhibits have told the story of our community. Ice harvesting, farm life, women's suffrage, local businesses, our churches, local weddings and dress styles, World Wars and our veterans, General Motors Proving Ground and local employees, Brighton Gardens and many more. Small historical plays occur annually including local programming by the Livingston Players. Art classes are found weekly on the second floor.

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CoBACH Hours

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

CoBACH Display

FREE EXHIBITS

October
"BHS Alumni Exhibit"

November
"Letters Home"

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Suzanne Conerway* (2020), Steve & Kate Lowry (2020)

PATRON: Marsha Luetjen (2020)

*Welcome new member: Suzanne Conerway.

Membership dues contribute to the viability of the Society.

THANKS:

- City of Brighton and Val & Kathy Jacoby for their generous 2019 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, and Jim Vichich who prepared the September issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Norma Pless for the membership for Suzanne Conerway.
- Marsha Luetjen for her donation to Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- John Rawcliffe for the donation of two commemorative pewter plates of City Hall and the Library.
- Jane Owens for the donation of her wedding gown.
- Kathy Huff's donation of a 1953 First Presbyterian Commemorative plate.
- Members of the Old Village Cemetery Headstone Preservation Team on making and setting concrete forms and pouring concrete for new sub bases and assembling restored monuments at the August workday: Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Jim Ireton, Bob Knight, Jack Longberry, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Dave Rebiger, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich and Dick Weaire.
- To the Brighton Alumni Association for the loan of materials for the CoBACH October display. The Alumni Room is located in the Brighton High School and can be visited by appointment. The Alumni has a collection of memorabilia dating back to the early 1900s and maintained by the Association for the past 35 years. BHS Homecoming will be Friday, October 18, 2019.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center: FREE EXHIBITS — (See Page 1 for Hours)

October 1-31: "BHS Alumni Exhibit" showcases photos and memorabilia from the good ol' days at Brighton High School. Plan to visit and relive some of your best memories.

November 1-23: "Letters Home" focuses on our nation's heroes who sent letters back to mom and dad from the war zones. A perfect Veterans' Day exhibit to recall the sacrifices our veterans made and the experiences shared in their letters.

October 3,10,17,24,31; 9am—11:59am: Visit the archivists and the 1885 refurbished Lyon Schoolhouse. See the school that local children used for their education. The original log school opened in 1842 and was replaced by the frame school in 1885. The school closed in 1955.

October 23; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

October 24; 6—8:50pm: Cluster meeting of Historical and Genealogical Societies and Libraries at Hartland's Cromaine Library. Presentation by Glenn Fisher on using new technologies at the libraries.

October 28; 9am—11:30am: Last day to wrap-up work for 2019 at the Old Village Cemetery.

November 11; Veterans' Day in downtown Brighton:

11:00—11:40am—Parade and Presentation at Veterans' Memorial at the Millpond.

11:40am—12:15pm—Rededication in the Old Village Cemetery of the monument for Brighton's Captain Erastus Pratt who served in the Civil War. The monument was broken by vandals and recently restored by the Headstone Preservation Team of the Brighton Area Historical Society.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

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Advance Craft Builders (2019) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor**
Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Real Estate Team (2019) — Clark Eye Center (2019)
Concord Mortgage (2018) — Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2019) — Golfview Painting (2019) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates**
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Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2019) — Weld Mold Company (2019)

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Platinum Level: City of Brighton, Val & Kathy Jacoby

Bronze Level: Carolina DeLuca, Frank & Jo (DeLuca) Del Vero, Bob Hill

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

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.

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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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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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The Brighton Area Historical Society (BAHS) brings additional culture to the downtown Millpond area. The Brighton Victorian Silhouettes are (15) life size, two dimensional real historical people of Brighton's past that provide a biographical sketch of their life. The interest level is set to capture children and adults alike in learning an interesting fact about Brighton history.

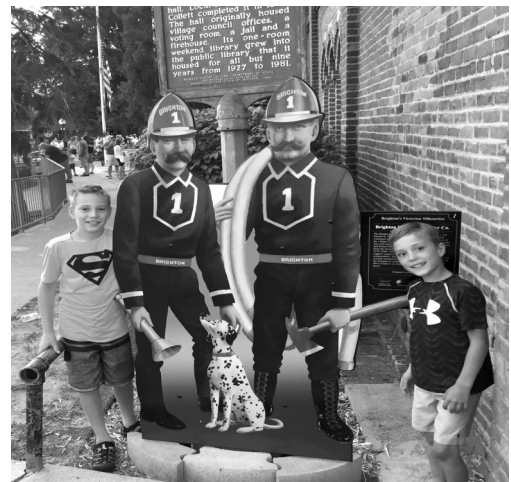
The restoration of the Old Village Cemetery has been a tremendous accomplishment by the Society. Over (250) headstones that were leaning were removed and made vertical again. The majority of old headstones were broken and laying in the dirt. Today (159) have been reassembled and restored and are standing proud again. This work is a Midwest masterpiece!

In 2017 the Historical Society provided significant outdoor and indoor programming as Brighton celebrated their 150th Anniversary. CoBACH Center was a focal point for the celebration.

The Brighton Area Historical Society supports the Brighton community. Stop by and visit your community center and learn about Brighton's rich past inside the CoBACH Center!

Thank you to the City of Brighton and we are looking forward to the next decade.

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VICTORIAN SILHOUETTE PROJECT



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