

**Marieanna Bair Memorial Celebration
Celebration of Her Life at Lyon School
Sunday, June 19, 2022**



The family of Marieanna Bair along with the Brighton Area Historical Society invite members and friends to this special day of remembrance.

Marieanna passed at age 95 on September 29, 2021.

Marieanna was a friend to all that met her. She became a great friend to many after working with her. Many felt a deeper contact with her especially since she was from an earlier generation. I have heard many comments from folks that loved and respected her like their own mother. Her presence and smile is missed by all.

Marieanna was a leader of the society almost from the day it was organized in 1981. Building membership and acquiring a home for the society were early goals that Marieanna and others fought to achieve. The society's permanent home is the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse at 11455 Buno Road which closed its school doors in 1957. It was utilized as the Brighton Township Hall until 1983. This community treasure was to be razed, but it was preserved through the efforts of key community alumni and friends including Marieanna. The former schoolhouse was donated to the historical society by Brighton Township after the new township hall was built. The very generous Brighton Rotary Club and its members did a thorough renovation of the schoolhouse. It was then ready for its new life in 2001.

The family of Marieanna made a very generous recent donation to be used for improvements in her special room, the archive room. Marieanna was a data driven person. She collected historical facts on people, families, organizations, churches, government, and businesses. Her personal contacts with former long time Brighton families both near and far was part of the foundation she built of family stories and histories. Likewise much research by Marieanna and several lady friends compiled many binders listing merchants' various addresses from Brighton's earliest days.

The archive room will be dedicated in Marieanna's memory and will be known as the "Marieanna Bair Archive Room". A nice sign with her photo will greet members and guests as they visit this room. New computers and a local area network with upgraded scanners and printers will allow easier digitizing and access to files. New furniture and improved overhead lighting will make the archive room a comfortable place to work.

We hope that you will save this date, Sunday, June 19, from 1—4pm at the Lyon School, located at 11455 Buno Road, and join us for an afternoon of happy memories and stories.

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**Current CoBACH
Exhibit:
Casual Quilters**

CoBACH HOURS
Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Monday

**Archiving at Lyon School
on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

**See Page 2 for
Additional details**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2022 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Gerald & Ann Dilloway, Pamela Hicks, Dave & Charlene Kull, Margaret Mitschelen, Ernest Nagy, Spencer Schutte/Evelyn Malloy

PATRON: Mike & Alice Johnson (2023)*

BUS/PROF: Neighbors Magazine/Lenninger/Partridge Family

***WELCOME new members:** Mike & Alice Johnson (2023)

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- Natalie & Todd Buckley for donations from the sales of Brighton advertising tee-shirts from Wallflower Mercantile on West Main Street. They have just rolled out a new tee-shirt design showcasing the logo of the Yum Yum Tree.
- The BAHS has been doing a review of our Bylaws and are grateful to Brighton attorney, Erika McNamara whose very involved input has accelerated the process to rapid completion.
- Nancy Manaker for her donation to the Society in memory of Carol McMacken.
- Mike & Alice Johnson for their donation to the Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Steve & Patricia Gronow for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Margaret Mitschelen for her donation to the Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Lois Watson Tobias for her donation of her 1962 wedding dress and BHS class of '56 sweater.
- Nancy Fredenburg, Lynn Strong and the following members of the Casual Quilters for donating quilts and setting up the CoBACH exhibit: Joann Beard, Rita Hansen, Mindy Kinsey, Bobbie Kineman, Gladys Niemi, Mary Posuniak, Mavis Shanks and Ruth Spangler.
- Tony & Jeff Farida from Brighton Market for donations of old wooden soda crates and cash registers.
- Beth Walker for donating the Navy uniforms of her father from the 1950s.
- Teamwork of the archive workers: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for their continued work of updating and organizing the room.
- CoBACH volunteers for March: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Bob Pettengill, Norma Pless, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Jerry & Carole Damon for maintaining the membership records and donations, and the monthly preparation of the Trail Tales newsletter.
- Jim Vichich for assisting in the mailing of the monthly newsletter.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and Sunday 2—5pm. Closed Monday.

CURRENT EXHIBIT: March—April: Casual Quilters

FUTURE EXHIBITS: May—June: Mills of Brighton Area

Lyon School Open Dates: April 7,14,21,28;Thursdays: Archiving work from 9-11:59am.

April 27 2022: Next BAHS Board Meeting at 6PM, CoBACH.

Friday, April 29 through Saturday, May 7, 2022 at CoBACH Center.

Vintage Used Jewelry Sale Fundraiser: Approximately 4,000+ vintage jewelry

pieces. All priced to sell! Cash and Checks accepted. Follow our Brighton Area Historical Society Facebook page for information.

May 7, Saturday, 9—12nn; Old Village Cemetery: 14th Annual Spring Clean-up.

Special FREE Presentations on Grain & Saw Mills during CoBACH Mills Exhibit. Check out our Facebook page for exact timing.

May 15, Sunday: The Mills of Livingston County by Jim Miller

May 22, Sunday: Brighton's Downtown Grist Mill Operation & Scale Model by Michael Berendt.

June 4, Saturday: Mills of the Brighton Area by Charlene Kull.

June 19, Sunday; 1—4pm: Marieanna Bair's Celebration of Life at the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse Grounds., 11455 Buno Road.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (N.J.)
Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon
Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra — Nancy Fredenburg — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris
Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (FL) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX)
Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Venio Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH)
John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Kathy Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers
Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Carole Scott
Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Al & Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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

Advance Craft Builders (2022) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library **
Brighton Lions Club (2021) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2021)
Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2021) — Golfview Painting (2022) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body **
Livingston County Convention Visitors Bureau (2021) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Michigan Consulting & Environmental (2021)
Neighbors Magazine (2022) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2022) — Preview Properties (2022) — Promess, Inc.**
Refrigeration Research ** — Serra Honda Brighton (2022) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2022)

2022 Sponsorships

Bronze: Carolina DeLuca

Silver: Frank & Josephine Del Vero

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.

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: () _____
Membership Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	Additional Donation to—Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund <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 \$ _____
<small>The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.</small>		

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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BAHS Leadership 2022

President Jim Vichich	Directors Joe Collins Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial John Rawcliffe Thomas Reinke Lynn Strong
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BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

E-Mail:
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US Mail:
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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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



This is the last month to see the beautiful quilts on display at the CoBACH Center in downtown Brighton, next to the Mill-pond. We hope you enjoy this story and will visit CoBACH to see these beautiful works of art. Hours for CoBACH can be found on the front page.

Casual Quilters — Conclusion

Because some of the members of Casual Quilters were teachers, they also made a series of sample quilts known as the Storybook Quilt Project, or “Eight Hands Around.” It was a traveling quilt show to be taken to different schools in the area to educate the children about the history of the different types of quilt patterns and the love of quilting. The quilts are accompanied on the tour with the book, “A Quiltmakers Gift” which would be read to the children. This kit is still available to any group that wishes to use it.

The quilters have been active in many other worthwhile charity projects. They make quilts for “Project Linus,” which is quilts for children in hospitals. Dresses have been made and sent to Africa for the young girls there from pillowcases and ribbon. Very small burial gowns have been made for stillborn babies. Fleece blankets for the troops in the Middle East. Mondo bags for social services for foster children to carry their items when they are removed from their homes.

One of the larger projects that they are involved in is “Quilts of Valor.” A national and now international project to give Veterans of War a thank-you quilt. Ann Meredith started up the group’s participation in the project, with Terri Dubac, Helen Singer and Gladys Niemi assisting. Gladys and Helen are the leaders today. Patterns are cut out by some, tops sewn by others, quilted by yet another person and bound by someone else. A show of respect made from many hands. The quilt is then presented to the Veteran. The Casual Quilter group has made upwards of 1600 quilts. We have done local presentations as well as donated to the Michigan Chapter.

The group has held several quilt shows for the public to see the artistry and beauty of the quilts that are made. They participated

in the 150th Anniversary of the City of Brighton by showing quilts at St. Paul’s Church. This became a highlight of the celebration.

The group has a show and tell at each meeting for quilters to present their quilts they have made and encourage each other to make the best use of their imagination and talents.

Along the way there have been many interesting quilt challenges. Just a few are round robins, art quilts, and paint can quilts.

Casual Quilters meet monthly, (still the first Monday of each month) whether in person or by Zoom, due to the COVID restrictions, to be together. It is open to people of all ages.

Though the faces have changed over the years (more gray hair), the love of quilting still brings them all together. The group is thankful to Ruth Spangler for starting the group, and the early participants for maintaining such a group for all to enjoy.

Casual Quilters reached 30 years in 2021. The pandemic has not allowed the group to be very celebratory.

Here’s to another 30 years!!



(Thanks to Mindy Kinsey, Ruth Spangler, Deb Gough, Gayle Ode and Andrea Michaels for their input to this story)