



Vintage Used Jewelry Sale — April 26—May 4, 2024

The very popular Vintage Used Jewelry Sale returns to the CoBACH Center after an absence of several years. The jewelry sale is the main fundraiser for the historical society. The volunteer trio of Judith Coebly, Vicki Vichich, and Sue Zimmermann work all year doing intake, repairs, research and packaging for the (9) day sale.

An extensive collection of over 5000 pieces of jewelry consisting of both costume and fine pieces will find new homes this spring. You will find bracelets, necklaces, rings, watches, and earrings that are priced to sell. We would like all jewelry to be sold! Great deals for upcoming proms, including Mother's Day and Father's Day.

The jewelry sale, as always, will occur during Downtown Ladies Night which is anticipated to be Thursday, May 2. The society is looking forward to all the anxious shoppers who were unable to participate during the last several years due to health concerns. The new downtown Main Street Streetscape improvements will get another opportunity to showcase the quality upgrades as pedestrians shop and dine and have a fun-filled evening!

If you have jewelry to donate for the sale please contact Jim. The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and 509(a)2 public charity organization. Your donations may be tax deductible!

Mark your calendars for April 26- May 4!

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The society extends its condolences to the family and friends of

Shirley Barton

Shirley was a Life-time member of the society and will be missed by all.

THANK YOU!

For the wonderful response to our 2024 membership/donation drive. We are very grateful for the response we received and the new members we obtained during the drive. Thank you again!

CoBACH Exhibit: February—March “Winter Wonderland” CoBACH Hours

Thursday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Monday thru
Wednesday

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

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 2024 unless otherwise noted)

IND/FAMILY: Brad Beal (2025), Tim Bennett, Caren Biermann, Don Boyer, Richard & Barb Briggs, Faith Capling, Joe Collins, James DeJohn, Nichole Gierer*, Pat Franklin, Pamela Hicks, John & Ruth LePatourel, Dennis & Marie Littleworth, Rudy & Doreen Meffert, Frank & Monica Ninteman, Ed & Sherry Nyhus, Judith Parsons, David Raker*, Scott Selesky, Philip & Jeanne Smith, Shari & Marty Smith, Rich Thomas*, Jane Tomlinson, Peggy Van Sickle (2025), Dick & Lucille Weaire (2025), Robert Wilkinson, Mary Lou Winegar, John & Anne Zemke

PATRON: Kathy Alrubaiy, Margaret Bowland, Joe & Carole Bruhn, Nick Deychakiwsky, Debra Ball Johnson, Marilyn Schlaug, Mary & Robert Vogt, Margaret (Peg) White

LIFE: Patricia LewAllen DeFoor*, Michael & Jennifer Vichich*

BUS/PROF: Brighton Lions Club

SPONSORSHIP: 2024 PLATINUM: Madeline Kingston-Park;

2024 SILVER: Kathy Lueker Pearson

Welcome to new members*: Patricia LewAllen DeFoor, Nichole Gierer, David Raker, Rick Thomas, Michael & Jennifer Vichich.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES DURING THE DRIVE. You can still renew your dues or become a member by using the form on Page 3 .

Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2024 and beyond.
- John Cameron, MD and John Park and Madeline Kingston-Park for their 2024 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Kathy Lueker Pearson for her 2024 Silver Sponsorship and donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Jane Tomlinson for her donation to Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- James DeJohn and Pat Franklin for their donation to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Debra Ball Johnson and Peg White for their donation to the Society along with their dues.
- Judith Parsons for her donation to CoBACH along with her dues.
- Don Boyer, Philip & Jeanne Smith, Shari & Marty Smith, Mary & Robert Vogt, and Mary Lou Winegar for their donation to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Caren Biermann, Margaret Bowland, Peggy Van Sickle for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Jerry & Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for setting up the current display at the CoBACH Center, entitled *Winter Wonderland*.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT: February—March: "Winter Wonderland"

NOTE: CoBACH Winter Hours — February — March 2024

Thursday—Friday 5-8 pm

Saturday 11-5pm

Sunday 2-5pm

Monday—Wednesday—CLOSED

February 4,11,18,25: Society volunteers at CoBACH Center.

February 1,8,15,22,29; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Historical archiving and school visitors welcome.

February 28; CoBACH Center, 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting.

March 17; Annual Membership Meeting with Elections at Lyon School : 1—4pm

1—2pm Potluck — 2:15—4pm Business Meeting

April 26—May 4; CoBACH Center: BAHS Spring Vintage Used Jewelry Sale. See Page 1.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (MI) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Patricia LewAllen DeFoor (GA)— Frank & Jo Del Vero — Bill & Margaret Dixon —Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra — Nancy Fredenburg — Dave & Jacque Fuller — Lee & Deb Gough — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Venno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Kathy Lueker Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigitte Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Michael & Jennifer Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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

Advance Craft Builders (2024) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2024) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — Mark Francuck, DDS, PC (2024) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Liberty Title Agency (2024) — Lindhout Associates** — Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2023) — Preview Properties (2024) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Serra Brighton Automotive (2024) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2024) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

2024 Sponsorships:

Platinum: John Cameron, MD — John Park — Madeline Kingston-Park

Gold: Paul & Kathy Bair — Lawrence Auto Body

Silver: Kathy Lueker Pearson

Bronze: Brighton Light House — Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter — Carolina DeLuca

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: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check as Desired:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	Amount of Donation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron or More	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit AND a 509(a)2 Public Charity Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

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).

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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Brighton Area Historical Society
810-250-7276 or James.Vichich@gmail.com

Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Tony Ferreyra
Vice President Nancy Fredenburg	Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial
Secretary—Interim Jerry Damon	Mindy Kinsey
Treasurer Steve Black	John Rawcliffe
Webmaster Debbie Armstrong	Thomas Reinke
	Lynn Strong
	Trail Tales Editor Jerry Damon

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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Phone:
(810) 250-7276

US Mail:
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Brighton, MI 48116-0481

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 AND a 509(a)2 public charity 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



The following is a research tip submitted by Tim Bennett one of our members. Tim is the sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road. Tim has published a number of articles and presented on his research to various groups around the state. The Warner Homestead has been recognized as a Michigan historic site with the installation of the Michigan Historical Marker in the front yard.

RESEARCH TIPS

GAZETTERS AND BUSINESS DIRECTORIES

Gazetteers provide an amazing amount of facts and figures on locales around the state. These works are essentially dictionaries of place-names describing locations in existence at the time of publication. While directories note businesses in operation at the time, they also often include lists of residents that can be helpful in tracking the movements of ancestors. Gazetteers and directories were often published together as a single volume and typically provided increasing levels of detail over time.

State gazetteers and business directories were published intermittently in the early to mid 19th century. While the first gazetteer of Michigan Territory was published in 1830 by John Farmer, one of the earliest in the state mentioning Brighton Township, *The Gazetteer of the State of Michigan*, dates to 1839 by John T. Blois. It notes the county population as 5,029 and also lists four villages of Howell, Benton, Livingston, and Unadilla. *The State of Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory* for 1856-1857 includes the village of Brighton and a list of two dozen businesses with the owner's names. A brief description is also provided: "A post village in the township of Brighton and Livingston county, 53 miles east by south of Lansing, and 40 miles north west from Detroit. Population of village and town 1125." An 1863 edition notes that the fare by stage was \$2.00 for the 40 mile trip from Detroit to Brighton on the Howell and Lansing Plank Road.

Directories later in the 19th century became increasingly detailed

with coverage of smaller locations. Besides providing a brief background on the formation of Brighton Township, the 1873 *Livingston County Directory* by John Keating also lists residents living in the village of Brighton. In addition, it also contains a directory of landowners in the township listing the number of acres and which sections it was located in. The data appears to have been taken from tax records with a few discrepancies noted regarding actual ownership.

By the late 19th century, city specific directories became common with the R. L. Polk company, founded in 1870, dominating these types of publications. By 1960, it had published 1000 directories. Polk city directories provide details on residents including a name, occupation, and address that is very helpful in pinpointing the location of ancestors. Some city directories are available online and many are accessible at area libraries.

References:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Michigan_Gazetteers
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R.L._Polk_%26amp;_Company_History_of_Detroit_and_Michigan_by_Silas_Farmer,_1884

(Thank you Tim for sharing your research with our members.)

