



## More Silhouettes Return to Downtown!

During a visit to the downtown Millpond area, visit the (15) Brighton Victorian Silhouettes. These life-size, two dimensional, color figures was a joint project of the Brighton Area Historical Society and the Brighton Art Guild in 2017 for Brighton's 150th Anniversary. Each historical figure from Brighton's past has an attached biography board telling you the actual interesting story of those (13) people and (2) animals.

The last (5) were recently installed on August 19. This installation was delayed several months due the needed reworking on the steel support frames.

Bring the kids and grandkids and have a fun time visiting these people and animals from Brighton's past. The two animals have an interesting story and are found in the Old Village Cemetery, adjacent to the Millpond. Visit the CoBACH Center and pick up a map showing the silhouette locations in the downtown area. Four silhouettes are now found in new locations from previous years.

Enjoy the reconfigured Millpond Park area. The new smooth concrete sidewalks are a joy for seniors, children, and actually everyone. Complete your fun visit by enjoying a tasty, cool, and refreshing treat at one of the nearby ice cream or custard shops!

CoBACH hours: Tue-Fri, 5-8pm, Sat, 11-5pm, Sun, 2-5 pm, Mon-closed.

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## FREE CoBACH Exhibit:

September

**"Centennial of GM  
Proving Ground"**

## CoBACH Summer

Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

**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)

**LIFE:** Stephen Leith\*

Welcome to new member\*: Stephen Leith

### **THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.**

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, Lake Trust Credit Union, John Park, Madeline Kingston-Park and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2024 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Stephen Leith for his donation to Old Village Cemetery along with his Life Membership.
- Pam Folkert for donating Argus/Livingston Daily papers.
- Farmers Market August volunteers: Steve Black, Tony Ferreyra, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Lyon School volunteers for wooden ramp, deck and implement stand sealing project, refurbishing and organizing of the furnace room, trimming of trees and bathroom window treatments: Steve Black, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Pat Smith, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Museum software inventory updating: Steve Black, Ron Cyr, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong.
- John Rawcliffe for the donation of community building prints and newsletter folding machine.
- Headstone restoration and base making volunteers: Steve Black, Beth & Tony Ferreyra, Denise Moomey and Jim Vichich.
- Silhouette installation volunteers: Jerry Damon, Dave Pettigrove and Jim Vichich.
- Norma Jean Pless for letting us store the silhouettes in her extra garage when not on display downtown.

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## Dates to Remember

### **PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUMMER CoBACH HOURS**

**CoBACH:** Through September 29, **FREE Summer Exhibit:** "GM Proving Ground—100 Years, 1924—2024"

**September 5,12,19,26; 9am—12nn:** Lyon Schoolhouse Open.

**September 9; Monday, 1:30—2:30:** Independence Village History Presentation.

**September 25, Wednesday, 6pm, CoBACH:** BAHS Board Meeting.

#### **Headstone Restoration Workdays:**

**Pleasant Valley Cemetery:**

Monday, September 23, 9am—12nn

Monday, October 28, 9am—12nn

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 8; 1—4pm:** Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon Schoolhouse.

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## 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) — Jack Collett — 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 — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Jim Leith (IN) — Stephen Leith — 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 — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — 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 (2024) — 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\*\*

### **2024 Sponsorships:**

**Platinum:** John Cameron, MD — Lake Trust Credit Union — John Park — Madeline Kingston-Park — Wallflower Mercantile

**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.

<b>Mail check or money order payable to:</b> Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____ <b>E-Mail:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) _____
<b>Membership Plan:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron or More <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	<b>Additional Donation to—Check as Desired:</b> <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	<b>Amount of Donation:</b> <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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### 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:

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

### Current BAHS Leadership

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Ron Cyr</b> <b>Tony Ferreyra</b> <b>Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial</b> <b>Mindy Kinsey</b> <b>John Rawcliffe</b> <b>Lynn Strong</b>
Vice President <b>Nancy Fredenburg</b>	Trail Tales Editor <b>Jerry Damon</b>
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Treasurer <b>Steve Black</b>	
Webmaster <b>Debbie Armstrong</b>	

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.

### BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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

**E-Mail:**  
info@brightonareahistorical.com

**Phone:**  
(810) 250-7276

**US Mail:**  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
P. O. Box 481  
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.

**BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Congratulations: Kate Lowry and Lynn Strong**

These two BAHS members were recognized for their contributions to the Brighton area. They were inducted into the Brighton Area Women’s History Roll of Honor at a recent ceremony held at the Brighton District Library. The first Brighton area celebration of women’s accomplishments took place in March of 2002.

**Kate Lowry** is a lifelong resident of Brighton, a 1975 BHS graduate and a supporter of the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund. Kate has been a member of LACASA’s Board of Directors since 1999 serving on the resource and community relations committee, was Honorary Chair of the 2000 “Raise the Roof” Capital Campaign to build a new facility, was one of the first Mission Partner’s founded 15 years ago, and has chaired several successful fundraising events requiring months of planning and committee direction. In 2016, LACASA awarded Kate the “Mission Possible” award for fundraising. A founding member of the Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association Board, Kate planned numerous events and helped fund raise for the Alumni Room. Kate played an integral role in fundraising for the 1994 Imagination Station build. Active with the Arc of Livingston, Kate was awarded the 2013 ARC Angel Award for her years of dedication to people with disabilities. Kate has shared her talents and time to Love INC, Livingston County United Way, Work Skills Foundation, and VINA Dental Center.

**Lynn A. Strong** and her family have deep roots in the Brighton area: her great-grandmother Haidee Brady was one of the first two women to vote in Michigan in 1919, her grandfather owned the Main Street grocery store JA Brady’s in the 1930, and her father, Charles Brady, was a 1941 Brighton High School graduate and Director of the Milford GM Proving Grounds. Lynn has served on the Board of the Brighton Area Historical Society (BAHS) since 2014 and her contributions have significantly affected its success, including managing the Past Perfect inventory program of BAHS archival materials, coordinating programs and archival for Lyons School, organizing the Fourth of July parade entries, constructing historical costumes for events, and key leader with the City of Brighton’s 150th Anniversary Celebration. Serving as a Scout leader for nine years at Lindbom Elementary, Lynn volunteered and was active with Authors’ Day, the Carnival, and many activities at the school. Lynn was instrumental in locating information about Haidee Brady and Charlotte Mellus (two of the first women to vote in Livingston County) when the Roll of Honor and the BAHS celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote in 2019. Lynn is a member of the Pleasant Valley Women’s Social Club. As the 2024 City of Brighton Arts, Culture, and History Center (CoBACH) Chair, Lynn coordinates events between the City, BAHS, and the Art Guild after volunteering and serving as Greeter for several years.



**Kate Lowry introduced by Kate Lawrence**



**Lynn Strong introduced by Mindy Kinsey**

*(Compiled by Carole Damon from material located on the Brighton Area Women’s History Roll of Honor website. To learn about these and many others in Brighton who have made a lasting impact, please visit [brightonlibrary.info/roll\\_of\\_honor/](http://brightonlibrary.info/roll_of_honor/))*