



Lynn Strong



Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey

Gratitude For CoBACH Exhibit Volunteers

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture, and History (CoBACH) Center has had changing historical exhibits since first opening in September 2009. Each exhibit shares items, images, stories, and most importantly memories of our community's past.

These historical and cultural exhibits are planned usually one year in advance. Research of the theme and potential objects for display are investigated. People are contacted for items, pictures are printed and stories are written. Installation starts by first disassembling the existing display. The new items for setup are installed and eventually in 4-6 hours, after repositioning multiple times, the layout is basically completed. Fine tuning will be completed within several days.

The team that plans, installs and breaks down the exhibit is usually behind the scenes hidden like the "Wizard of Oz" behind the curtain. Many of the members know this generous and dedicated team of Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, and Lynn Strong.

There have been a number of helpers over the years but this dedicated three member team has been integral in providing the historical and cultural exhibits experienced at the CoBACH Center. Their talented help is seen through all facets of the workings of the historical society.

The Brighton Area Historical Society is an efficient organization due to the exemplary work of all the volunteers. This month we honor and thank Lynn, Mindy, Nancy for their outstanding contributions!

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CoBACH Exhibit:
March — April
"Canopy Restaurant"

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: Suzanne Conerway*, Mary Ann Catrell, Dave & Kelly Detter, Frank J. DeLuca*, Evelyn Gallegos, Steven Matschikowski, Donna Warner, Shirley Warren

PATRON: Ron Cyr, Ernest Jack Padley*

LIFE: Wallflower Mercantile

SPONSORSHIP: 2024 Platinum: Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile

Welcome to new members*: Suzanne Conerway, Frank J. DeLuca, Ernest Jack Padley

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES DURING OUR MEMBERSHIP 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, Lake Trust Credit Union, John Park, Madeline Kingston-Park and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2024 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Mary Ann Catrell and Donna Warner for their donation to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Ron Cyr for his donation to the Society along with his dues.
- Tony Ferreyra and Bill & Peggy Dixon for their donation to the Society.
- Tony & Beth Ferreyra for the great job in organizing the hanging farm tools in the museum room and for providing identification for all the tools.
- Bob Singer for sending GMPG information from his father.
- John Rawcliffe for providing the copy of the C&O Historical Magazine with several 1946 Brighton RR photos. Also the donation of a C&O drawing of the Brighton depot from 1933.
- Jack Padley for donating several old family photos of their home in Brighton.
- Dan Demsky for donating several photos of Fisher's Hi Point Farm.
- Jerry Damon for the fine work of maintaining membership records and preparing the monthly member Trail Tales newsletter.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT: March—April: "Canopy Restaurant" May—July Exhibit: "GM Proving Ground, 100 Years"

NOTE: CoBACH Winter Hours — March 2024

Thursday—Friday 5-8 pm

Saturday 11-5pm

Sunday 2-5pm

Monday—Wednesday—CLOSED

March 3,10,17, 24: Society Volunteers at CoBACH Center.

NOTE: CoBACH will be closed March 31 — Easter Sunday.

March 7,14,21,28; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Historical archiving and school visitors welcome.

March 17; Annual Membership Meeting

at Lyon School : 1—4pm

1—2pm Potluck Luncheon — 2:15—4pm Business Meeting with Election of Officers and Board of Directors.

April 26—May 4; CoBACH Center: BAHS Spring Vintage Used Jewelry Sale. Donations of fine and costume jewelry needed.

Contact Jim 810-250-7276.

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

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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**

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.

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"/> \$500 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<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:

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Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Tony Ferreyra
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	Lynn Strong
	Trail Tales Editor Jerry Damon

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

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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 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.

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The following was recently posted on the BAHS Facebook page, by Jim Vichich. It received many comments from our Facebook friends. As some of our members may not read Facebook, we decided to share this in our newsletter.

Brighton Train Depot — Where is it today?

The Brighton depot was built within a few years after the arrival of the first train in 1871. It was constructed by the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad Company. The depot was a popular spot where Brightonites could meet and greet family, friends, and unknown travelers. It was frequently the setting for shedding tears of joy and sorrow.

Most people think that old train depots look cool. Typical architectural designs show shallow pitched roof lines that extend close to the track and incorporate a bay window on the track-side. The protruding bay window allowed the stationmaster to view arriving trains. It also allowed folks to drop off messages that would be sent by the telegraph operator sitting in the window.

The Brighton depot was about 600 feet to the north behind today's Brewery Becker. The last passenger to exit a train in Brighton was in 1948. Local freight stops usually destined for the adjacent Hyne Lumberyard continued until 1961.

The cute pale green station sat empty until its removal in 1967. The nearly 100 year old station was removed quickly and passing folks only noticed the vacant site.

The contract to remove the depot was let to Fulton Construction. The well worn flooring found a new home in the residential construction at 9906 Loch Lomond. The framing lumber was

used in a new home at 9924 Loch Lomond. Thank you to Cynthia Raquepau, the grand daughter of Ovid and Marie Fulton, for sharing this information.

It is most unfortunate that this classic looking structure was razed. Only a small building used for storing freight remains. That building was relocated and is used as a residential garage on Church Street. Thank you to Bob Johnson for sharing this information.

(Thanks to Jim Vichich and Cynthia Raquepau and Bob Johnson for sharing this information with our readers.)



Depot Brighton, Michigan — C.1910