



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## SDHC SURVEY 2025

At the start of our 39th year, the History Center is gathering information on how best to communicate with our Lakeshore community and share our mission. You can help by filling out this short 5-10 minute survey. All who complete the survey will be entered to win a \$25 prize from the History Center.

[SURVEY LINK](#)



## SAVE THE DATE

### Douglas Summer Social - July 24

In addition to our Tuesday Talk Series, which begins on July 8, we will also be hosting our annual Douglas Summer Social on July 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Fun for all ages, join us at the History Center to meet new friends, play yard games, eat good food, drink locally made beverages, and listen to live music from returning saxophonist and singer Michael Hulett! For more details, [click here](#).

## TUESDAY TALKS

Join us this month for our Tuesday Talk Series! We have an amazing line-up of speakers covering topics such as art, music, and dance. Each talk starts at 11 am at the History Center in Douglas.

JULY 8

**The Real Road to Wellville: Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and the Battle Creek Sanitarium**

*Brian Wilson, PhD*

JULY 15

**Shall We Dance? A Look Back at Michigan Dance Pavillions**

*Christine Byron*

JULY 22

**Seasons at the Lakeshore**

*Eric Gollannek*

JULY 29

**The Melodious Faithful: Music at the House of David**

*Brian Carroll, PhD*

For more details, [click here](#).





## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As I write, we're in the middle of the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that began on June 28, 1969 and continued for several nights in the Greenwich Village neighborhood in New York City, 56 years ago this week. When we celebrate Pride Month we recognize the importance of history in the making of our world. History isn't something that happened in the past, it's a way of understanding how we got to where we are today. We are all a part of history, writing it, living it, and ultimately, we're actors within the stories future generations will tell.

It's been a remarkable Pride Month at the Lakeshore with a successful series of events bookending the month. Community Pride included the joint program between the History Center and the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library featuring Dr. Bonnie Morris speaking to a standing room crowd about "Archiving Lesbian History." Last week we hosted Dr. Tim Retzliff who provided the Michigan story of LGBTQ people organizing for human rights from the 1950s to today. Both programs can be viewed on our YouTube channel.

Looking ahead to July, we are in the heat of the summer season. Both the Museum at Mount Baldhead and the History Center in Douglas are looking good and ready for visitors. This is due to the work of our incredible volunteers who are a part of everything we do, from serving as museum hosts, to tending our gardens, to caring for our archives and important treasures. Have you considered volunteering with the History Center? Read more about opportunities in this newsletter, and more importantly, reach out to have a one-on-one conversation about how you can share your time and talents to preserve local history, inspire learning, and have a lot of fun doing it.

Eric Gollanek  
Executive Director

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

**Did you miss a presentation you were hoping to attend?**

You're in luck! Thanks to our amazing volunteers, each one of our talks/presentations are filmed and posted on our YouTube Channel for you!



**Featured Videos Available -**

[Dr. Bonnie J Morris Presentation - Community Pride Week](#)

[Dr. Tim Retzliff Presentation - Shockwaves from Stonewall](#)

## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for your help cleaning our boat barn! To get in touch with the History Center regarding ways to volunteer your time, visit our website or reach out to our director at ([director@mysdhistory.org](mailto:director@mysdhistory.org)).





## SOLSTICE SOCIAL

On Thursday, June 19, members celebrated the longest day of the year at the Museum at Mt. Baldhead with a 60s-themed, groovy **Solstice Social**.



It was a beautiful evening along the Kalamazoo River with an awesome selection of music by DJ Ruth Crowe, fun floral headbands, peace sign necklaces, and even tattoos! We appreciate everyone who visited the Museum to support the History Center! **THANK YOU** to our volunteers who make events like these happen!

[View a gallery of photos here.](#)



## HISTORY HOUNDS LECTURE SERIES



Did you know that, as a member of the SDHC, you can have **free** access to the Michigan Historical Society's weekly History Hounds Lecture Series?

All of the programs are remote, via Zoom, and can be accessed by computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. [To register for these events, click here.](#)

On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter the name of your organization (Saugatuck-Douglas History Center). When you select the programs you wish to attend, HSM will email you the Zoom link the day before each program.

### Upcoming Lectures

#### **July 1 @ 12 PM**

Planting Progress: The Transformation of Michigan Agriculture

#### **July 9 @ 7 PM**

From Cadillac to Traverse City: The Historic Old Indian Trail

#### **July 15 @ 12 PM**

Art Adorns the Paths of Life: A Capitol Catalogue

#### **July 23 @ 7 PM**

The Surprising Automotive Heritage of Jackson, Michigan

#### **July 29 @ 12 PM**

Rewind - Soupy Sales and the Detroit Experience







## OUR LOCATIONS

Visit the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center and Museum at Mount Baldhead!



**History Center**  
Monday & Thursday,  
Friday, & Saturday  
11 am - 3:00 pm



**Museum at Mount  
Baldhead**  
Wednesday-Sunday  
11 am - 3:00 pm

## OUR STAFF

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## CURRENT EXHIBITS

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center -

### A CENTURY OF PROGRESS



### SEASONS AT THE LAKESHORE



### ROWING THEM SAFELY HOME



Museum at Mount Baldhead -

### THE LURE OF MOUNT BALDHEAD

