



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## TUESDAY TALKS

AUGUST 5

### Michigan's Anishinaabe History

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Myriah Williams from the Outdoor Discovery Center, who will explore the historical and contemporary Anishinaabe traditions and how they play a significant role in Michigan's heritage. Attendees will have the opportunity to discover firsthand the tools used in everyday life, with artifacts, replicas, and media woven into a unique experience. This program is sponsored by William Myers in honor of Frances Myers.

AUGUST 12

### "Pawn of Destiny" History of Cinema in Saugatuck, Michigan

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Dr. Toni Perrine, member of the SDHC board and a retired film professor of thirty years, as she shares the rise and fall of cinema in the Saugatuck area. This lecture will put the history of movie exhibition in Saugatuck into a larger context and explore what was unique about going to the movies in a summer resort town! This program is sponsored by Steve Hutchins.

## DOUGLAS SUMMER SOCIAL

On July 24, members gathered for this year's Douglas Summer Social at the History Center in Douglas! It may have been a rainy evening, but the community showed up! Thank you to all who continue to support us, rain or shine, and help us in our mission to preserve local history. We could not do this without you!





## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We're in the heat of the summer season—literally and figuratively—as we turn the corner to August. I hope you all are savoring the best of the Lakeshore. In the last month we welcomed over 2,000 visitors to explore Saugatuck-Douglas history at the Museum at Mount Baldhead and History Center in Douglas. Have you stopped in to experience Seasons at the Lakeshore, the exhibit showcasing over 125 years of Lakeshore art history across all four seasons? How about browsing the artists featured in the Museum gift shop? Bring yourself out for a museum date on the river or invite your houseguests to explore the history and culture that makes the Art Coast so special, I guarantee you'll like what you see.

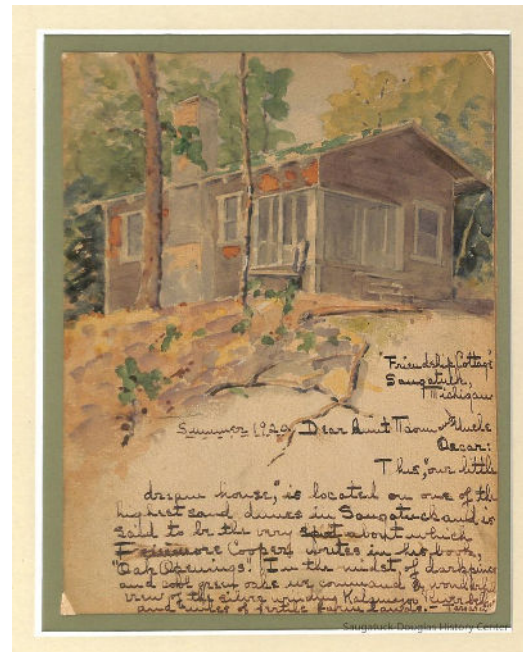
August promises more visitors and exciting programs to carry us right through to Labor Day. There's also a rich fall season just around the corner! Look out for new History Lives Here historical markers coming this month. September will also see the installation of a new exhibit, Collecting the Lakeshore: Storied Art from Saugatuck-Douglas History Center and a special program on the 150th anniversary of the closing of the mills at Singapore and beginning of the legend of "Michigan's Pompeii". Looking further ahead, our member thank you party and awards celebration is slated for October 2nd. Then, don't be spooked, but there's a whole week of Halloween events later that month, culminating with the return of our 3rd annual Douglas Halloween "Party Before the Parade" on October 25th.

We're grateful for your support as members, volunteers, and all around supporters of your History Center. We're all a part of history in the making and I hope you will find ways to join us this month and in the seasons ahead too!

Eric Gollannek  
Executive Director

## FRIENDSHIP COTTAGE

This 1920 watercolor features a cottage up on a hill in a wooded area, painted by artist, Uintah Knight Shippen. Now 105 years later, this painting is a part of the Seasons at the Lakeshore exhibit in the History Center.



The note in the bottom right-hand corner reads, "'Friendship Cottage', Saugatuck, Michigan, Summer 1920 - Dear Aunt Naomi and Uncle Oscar: This, 'our little dream house,' is located on one of the highest sand dunes in Saugatuck and is said to be the very spot about which Fenimore Cooper writes in his book, 'Oak Openings.' In the midst of dark pines and cool green oaks we command a wonderful view of the silver winding Kalamazoo River below and miles of fertile farmlands."

[To learn more about this painting, click here.](#)





## VOLUNTEER NIGHT

Calling all current and prospective volunteers!

Join us on August 6 from 5-6 PM at the Museum at Mt. Baldhead!

Enjoy pizza and drinks along the river while current volunteers share their experience and Chris Thau shares new updates and offerings in the gift shop.

Please RSVP to [halle@mysdhistory.org](mailto:halle@mysdhistory.org) prior to the event!



## SUMMER SURVEY

We would like to thank everyone who has filled out the Summer 2025 Survey! Your feedback and suggestions have been greatly appreciated!

If you have not yet filled it out, it's not too late to do so! Please consider taking 5-10 minutes to fill out the survey to give us a better idea of how to best communicate with our Lakeshore community.

To share your feedback and complete the survey, [click here](#).

## RECORDED LECTURES

Did you miss a Tuesday Talk you were hoping to attend? Visit our YouTube Channel to view our recorded lectures!

Subscribe to receive a notification each time a new video is posted!



[WATCH NOW](#)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Click on the icons below to follow our Instagram and Facebook pages and receive daily updates to your feed on Saugatuck-Douglas history and happenings!



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FACEBOOK







## 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**  
Tuesday-Sunday  
11 am - 3:00 pm

## OUR STAFF

Eric Gollannek, PhD  
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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

