



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## NEW EXHIBIT OPENING

SEPTEMBER 26

[Collecting the Lakeshore:](#)  
[Storyed Art from the SDHC](#)

Something storied is well-known, sometimes even legendary. This exhibit explores the stories embodied in the remarkable art and artifacts of the Lakeshore, some familiar, others exceptional, collected by the SDHC over more than thirty years. Composed of nearly forty original works, worthy of focused contemplation individually, the exhibit also sets these artifacts into conversation with one another.

Experience these 'storied' artworks beginning Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with a VIP preview reception on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> for sponsors and SDHC Lifetime Members.



LUPINE & BIRCHES BY CHARLES VICKERY

## CRUISE THROUGH HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 29

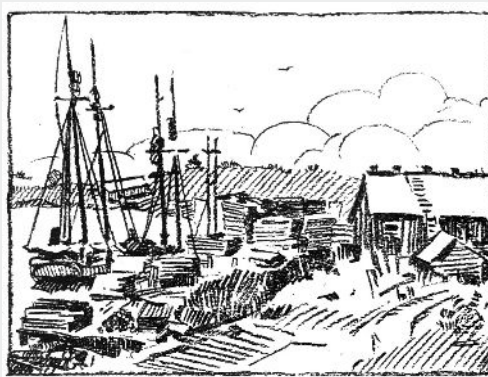
Cruise Through History  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm



All aboard! Join us on the Star of Saugatuck for a guided historical boat tour along the Kalamazoo River, exploring the ghost town of Singapore!

Your guide, History Center Director Eric Gollannek, will lead you on a journey back in time, 150 years ago to the day when the lumber mills at Singapore closed for good. Space is limited for this exclusive tour, reserve your seat today.

[Buy Tickets Now](#)



SINGAPORE IN 1870 - FROM EARLY  
MEMORIES OF SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN





## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Traditionally, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer. For many reasons—warmer temps, back to school shifting into mid-August, the growing popularity of the fall travel season—activity and attention remains high at the History Center heading into September and October. Controversial opinion, but autumn might be the best season at the Lakeshore and we have lots to entice you to come and enjoy the cooler weather and some cool new experiences with us.

September promises new opportunities to explore history. We're in the final stages of installing a new round of History Lives Here historical markers, bringing the total locations to fourteen across Saugatuck and Douglas.

Later this month, a new exhibit will open at the History Center. Collecting the Lakeshore: Storied Art from Saugatuck-Douglas History Center explores the narratives running through more than thirty artworks from our growing permanent collection. You'll experience the layers of history and winding stories that connect artists to the iconic places that define the Art Coast, then and now.

For many, autumn marks the beginning of "Spooky Season" with a turn towards all things pumpkin spice and gothic flavored. We're ending the month on September 29th with a special ticketed program aboard the Star of Saugatuck for a "Singapore Ghost Story" 150th anniversary tour focused on the closing of the mills at Singapore and beginning of the legend of "Michigan's Pompeii". Then, don't be spooked, but there's a whole week of Halloween events in October, culminating with the return of our 3rd annual Douglas Halloween "Party Before the Parade" on October 25th alongside a special Riverside Cemetery tour and funeral history experience, too. Read more in this newsletter and in the weeks ahead. We promise all treats and no tricks this fall!

Eric Gollannek  
Executive Director

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2

Member Picnic  
History Center in Douglas  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

All members and volunteers are welcome to attend this free event to wrap-up a successful summer season and kick off an exciting series of fall events! [Click here to RSVP today!](#)

### OCTOBER 3

everydayPeople Film Screening  
Douglas UCC  
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us at Douglas UCC for an exclusive screening of the film, everydayPeople! After the film, listen to the creators and members of the community in a panel discussion, reflecting on the 14 years since its release in 2011. [Learn more.](#)

## HALLOWEEK EVENTS

### OCTOBER 23

[Evening at the Parlor: Funeral History](#)  
Dykstra Funeral Home  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

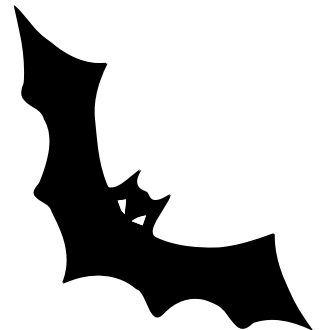
### OCTOBER 24

[Riverside Cemetery Walk](#)  
With Saugatuck Township  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

### OCTOBER 25

[Party Before the Parade](#)  
History Center in Douglas  
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Interested in being a sponsor for our pre-party before the Douglas Halloween Parade? [Click here to showcase your brand to hundreds of attendees and thousands of parade goers!](#)





## BACK TO SCHOOL

Last month, the History Center welcomed the new Saugatuck Middle-High School Principal, Brad Lundvick and students Lily Lokker and Frankie Bullinger to teach him about growing up in Saugatuck and the history of the area!



It was great to uncover some archives from our collection of Saugatuck High School memorabilia and find an archive from Lily's long family history in the area. [Watch on Facebook Now!](#)



## SAUGATUCK ON SUNDAY

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Halle Oczepek, our Communications and Community Programs Coordinator, was featured on Saugatuck on Sunday 92.7 The Van with Gregory Muncey and Julie Ziemann!

[Click here to listen to the recorded episode today!](#)



## TUESDAY TALKS

Thank you to all of our 2025 Tuesday Talk presenters! It was a great series of lectures and we could not be happier to continue this annual tradition!

Brian Wilson, PhD  
Christine Byron  
Eric Gollanek, PhD  
Brian Carroll, PhD  
Myriah Williams  
Toni Perrine, PhD



[View our recorded lectures on our YouTube Channel now!](#)







## 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**  
Saturday & Sunday  
11 am - 3:00 pm

## OUR STAFF

Eric Gollannek, PhD  
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## ACCF GRANT AWARD

In August, the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) awarded the SDHC a Legacy Grant for \$4,155 to support new interpretive signage and marketing at the History Center in Downtown Douglas. The project, "The nature of the Art Coast of Michigan: interpreting history in the garden," will help us share the stories and significance of the landscape and culture that surround us by designing and installing new interpretive signage at strategic locations within the Back-in-Time garden. Thank you to the ACCF for this award, we are so excited to get started on this project. If you are interested in supporting this project as a sponsor or subcommittee member, [click here to contact Eric Gollannek for more details.](#)



## PHOTO GALLERY

Do you have photos from our events this summer? Send them our way to be featured in our Summer Photo Gallery!

[Share Photos](#)

