



MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER



HALLO-WEEK AT THE HISTORY CENTER

EVENING AT THE PARLOR**OCTOBER 23****Dykstra Funeral Home**

5:00 - 7:00 PM



Kick off Hallo-Week at the History Center at an exclusive and unique event exploring the history of death, memory, and funeral traditions at Dykstra Funeral Home. Arrive early for a "visitation" hour to view the artworks of artist and architect, Carl Hoerman and the Dykstra's collection of Civil War archives. Beginning at 6 PM, hear from Funeral Director Orlando Pena & SDHC Director Eric Gollannek as they explore the topics of funeral history and architecture. Tickets are \$50 and space is limited. [Click here to purchase your tickets and learn more!](#)

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY**COMES ALIVE!****OCTOBER 24****Riverside Cemetery**

5:00 - 7:00 PM

**Saugatuck
Township**

Join us for a family friendly event with Saugatuck Township at Riverside Cemetery to learn about the historic figures of Saugatuck-Douglas and the history of cemeteries! Enjoy cider and donuts in the Caretaker's Cottage, interact with living history figures, and learn about the deep history rooted in our community! Tickets are \$5 and are available for purchase now. [Click here for more details!](#)

PARTY BEFORE THE PARADE**OCTOBER 25****History Center in Douglas**

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Join us for the most spirited night of the year at the Douglas Halloween Parade for Adults! The party kicks off at the History Center as we return for our 3rd Annual Party Before the Parade fundraiser! General admission tickets are \$10, and VIP tickets are \$60. [Click here to purchase yours today!](#)

Start planning your costumes for our Costume Contest, presented by Lake Michigan Dermatology, with \$1,000 in prizes, and get your picture taken by a local professional photographer for lasting memories for years to come! Enjoy a selection of local beer, wine, and spirits at our bar as you watch the contest from the Back-In-Time Garden on our outdoor movie projector! Experience our exclusive VIP Room in our Boat Barn for specialty cocktails, beverages, and food! [Click here to learn more!](#)





DIRECTOR'S CORNER

September marks the official start of fall with the equinox on the 22nd, meaning we'll have more darkness than light from here on out till December. The distinctive fall light and atmosphere have arrived, along with some leaves turning to red and yellow in the garden. Still we have temperatures in the 80s and plenty of parking space at the beach, so there is that!

The History Center has embraced this 'endless summer' mode, keeping our galleries open and events calendar full. The new exhibit at the History Center in Douglas, *Collecting the Lakeshore: Storied Art* from the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, opened on September 25th for a Lifetime Members preview party. Fifty of our members and friends came out to explore the stories behind the art donated and collected over more than thirty years. All are invited to experience it through next summer, with additional Lakeshore arts and history programming planned throughout the year.

More of our history-loving friends, old and new, came out to "Cruise through History" on a special tour aboard the *Star of Saugatuck* for a "Singapore Ghost Story" 150th anniversary event. Sailing along the Kalamazoo River out into Lake Michigan, we saw history where it happened from the water, focused on the decline of the lumber town of Singapore 150 years ago this week and the beginning of the legend of Michigan's Pompeii. Attendees came from across the state for the event and the Lakeshore did not disappoint with its fall beauty!

I hope we'll see you at the Members Picnic this week, then at the series of events planned for Hallo-Week at the History Center. We will raise a toast to the spirits near and far during the whole month of October.

Eric Gollanek
Executive Director



NEW EXHIBIT OPEN

Our newest exhibit has arrived! Stop into the History Center to view *Collecting the Lakeshore: Storied Art at the History Center!*

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.

The exhibit showcases a diversity of artifacts and artworks with deep Lakeshore connections: paintings by founding Ox-Bow artists Francis Chapin, Frederick Fursman, and Edgar Rupprecht; subjects featuring maritime life, domestic scenes and still lifes, and landscapes of river, lake, dune, and town scenes.



SDHC Lifetime Members received a special preview on September 25th with the exhibit officially opening to the public on September 26. [Visit our website for more details and extended viewing hours!](#)





MEMBER PICNIC

Join us in the backyard of the History Center for our annual Member Picnic & Volunteer Thank You Night on October 2!

All members and volunteers are welcome to attend this special event, highlighting the hard work of our dedicated volunteers (with some special awards), and celebrate a successful summer season!

Free to all members and their guests, this event will include food, drinks, and socializing outdoors at the Back in Time Garden, kicking off the start of an exciting fall schedule of events. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

FILM SCREENING

Registration is **closed** for the everydayPeople Film Screening and Panel Discussion on October 3. [Visit our website for more details about our other upcoming events this fall!](#)

COMMUNITY NIGHT

The SDHC joined in the fun at Saugatuck Public School's 2nd Annual Community Night at the High School! Our Communications Coordinator Halle Oczepek and SDHC Board Member Margaret Hudson talked with many members of the community about what the SDHC has to offer!



CRUISE THROUGH HISTORY

Thank you to everyone who joined us aboard the Star of Saugatuck on September 29! It was a beautiful day for cruising along the shores of the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan - all while learning about the deep history of Singapore and Saugatuck-Douglas!



It was a gorgeous day to be out on the water! To download the photos from the event, click the link below.

[EVENT PHOTOS](#)





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

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FAMILY HISTORY HELP

Join Chris Clark and Judi Thomas in the study room at the Saugatuck-Douglas Public Library to help you:

- Answer questions about your family tree
- Start your family history
- Decide how to organize your work
- Discover what is available in the Library and the History Center!

Next session: October 21 | 2-4 PM

