



NEWSLETTER

EVENTS UPCOMING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us at the History Center's most festive event of the year! Limited tickets are still available so buy yours today. You do not need to be a member to attend, so consider inviting family or your neighbors to join the fun.



HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 6-9 pm
SAUGATUCK YACHT CLUB

HOLIDAY BEVERAGES, HORS D'OEUVRES AND A LIGHT SUPPER
\$60 PER PERSON • SEATING LIMITED

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

FUN AT THE PARADE

Over 350 partygoers came out to the History Center on October 25th to *Party Before the Parade!*



The event included a fantastic response to the expanded costume contest featuring awards for group and individual/couple costumes. Thank you to our Platinum sponsors at **Lake Michigan Dermatology** for underwriting the contest for the third year!

The event raised **over \$18,000** in net proceeds to support the History Center. It is the largest fundraising event of the year for the SDHC. Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who worked at the event and to **Mike Mok** and **Bert Hallewas** who co-chaired the planning team.

Expect big things coming for next year's Halloween festivities including the return of the Party on Saturday, October 31, 2026!

[Read more about the Party and view more photos on our News page!](#)





DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Fall has turned to winter as we finish the final week before December. We successfully delivered over 30 programs and events this year from our established Tuesday Talks and On Location series. We also tried new things including our Cruise into History and expanded Hallo-week events. Expect more of that mix of old and new as we head into 2026.

We could not have done it without our board members and volunteers. We also had the stellar support of our Communications and Community Outreach Coordinator, Halle Oczepek throughout the last six months. She accepted a full time position with a Chicago based marketing firm in late October and we wish her all the successes to come across the Lake!

Eric Gollannek
Executive Director

CURTIS CHIN VISITS SAUGATUCK

The Great Michigan Read arrived in Saugatuck on the heels of Hallo-week, on October 28th. Celebrated author Curtis Chin spoke at the Saugatuck Woman's Club as part of the book tour organized by Michigan Humanities to launch the 2025-2026 Great Michigan Read program. This event was cosponsored by the SDHC, Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, Saugatuck Woman's Club.



Check out copies of the Great Michigan Read at the Library and stay tuned for upcoming programs this spring.

Eric Gollannek, Curtis Chin, and Ingrid Boyer, director of the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library at the Woman's Club





RIVERSIDE CEMETERY COMES ALIVE IN OCTOBER



Riverside Cemetery came alive on October 24th thanks to the dedicated efforts of History Center volunteers and the support of Saugatuck Township. The event drew over 200 attendees who enjoyed Crane's cider and doughnuts as well as more than a dozen "living history" performances.



Thank you to our cast of volunteers!

- Carl and Christiana Hoerman (Gary and Linda Nosko)
- Julia Morrison Heath (Linda Slusar)
- May Francis Heath (Peg Sanford)
- Stephen Morrison (Jerry DeVries)
- Mary Elizabeth Peckham (Toni Perrine)
- William Butler (Ralph Hamilton)
- Mary Butler (Sally Winthers)
- Eliza Butler (Julie Abel)
- Emily Butler (Jacqueline Carey)
- Minne Breuckmann (Patricia Huyge)
- Mrs. John Wheeler (Cathy Brockington)



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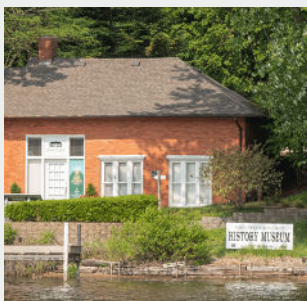


OUR LOCATIONS

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



History Center
Monday and by
appointment
11 am - 4:00 pm



**Museum at Mount
Baldhead**
See you next year!
Closed for the Season

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INSTALLATION OF HISTORY LIVES HERE MARKERS IN NOVEMBER



Last month, the SDHC installed its latest round of historical markers. The “History Lives Here” interpretive marker program, launched in 2022, reveals the layers of extraordinary history in everyday places across the Lakeshore region.

The markers are underwritten with generous support from sponsors including:

- Andersen Boatworks
- John Cannarsa and Timothy Straker
- Sam and Janine Cummings
- Mike Mattern in memory of Bill Hess
- Barry Spengler and Patricia Cleland
- Saugatuck-Douglas Art Club
- Chris Thau and Daniel Dugan
- The Wendel Family Foundation

[View more info on the
markers here!](#)

