NEWSLETTER

WE'RE OPEN!

The Saugatuck-Douglas History Center and Museum at Mount Baldhead are now both officially open for the season!

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

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Read more about upcoming events in this newsletter. For the most up to date information visit our Events page on the History Center website!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It's Summer Solstice at the Lakeshore which marks the official start of summer! In the light of the longest day of the year, I'm looking back on the major anniversaries that shaped who we are today. In May we gathered at Saugatuck Village Hall to reflect on the first meeting of the newly formed Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society (1986) forty years ago. The Douglas Union School (built 1866) also celebrates its 160th birthday this summer. On July 4th the community and nation will celebrate 250 years since the Declaration of Independence and America's birthday. It is also the 50th anniversary of America's Bicentennial (The Spirit of '76), a significant event for public memory and civic engagement, locally and nationally.

This year we have eight Tuesday Talks exploring an array of Lakeshore history topics from the memory of Centennials, the history of West Michigan conservation, Anishinaabe culture, the art history of the Art Coast, and Mid Century Modern design. We'll also share fun moments to socialize at the History Center's Backyard Bash and an exclusive Lifetime Members event in August. The fall will see the return of the SDHC's awards celebration and the 4th annual Halloween Party Before the Parade and 2nd annual Riverside Cemetery Comes Alive event in October.

I look forward to seeing you at a summer event!

Eric Gollannek
Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Michigan's Soldiers in the War of 1812 at the Library

10:30 -11:30 am

We're traveling backwards through time to the battlefields of the War of 1812. Learn about the role that soldiers from the Michigan Territory played, as well as what life was like in their regiments. Military History Academy educator Jeremy Berg will fascinate you with the lived experiences of soldiers from long ago.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Backyard Bash at the History Center with the Doctors of Jazz

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a Summer Social in the History Center's gardens. Beer and wine available for purchase, food from Douglas UCC, ice cream treats, and free entertainment! Enjoy a live concert from Holland's Doctors of Jazz and get Up Close and Wild with the Outdoor Discovery Center. Fun for all ages and space to socialize in the garden!

These events are co-sponsored by the SDHC and the SD District Library

COMMUNITY PRIDE AT THE HISTORY CENTER

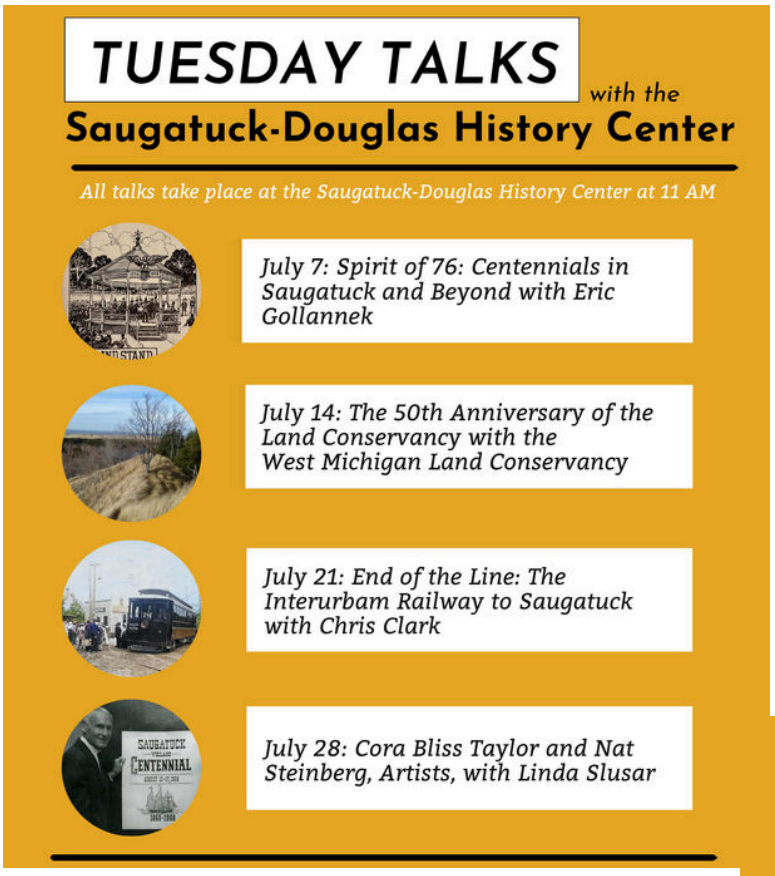
The History Center welcomed 200 attendees to the Pride Social on June 3rd. Thank you to Community Pride's team of volunteers and our SDHC volunteers for organizing an uplifiting and very successful event. June may be almost over, but summer events are just getting started!

EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE FOR MEMBERS

On view at the History Center galleries, there's a special painting which SDHC member and merchandise expert Chris Thau says "embodies the spirit of Saugatuck." This painting is *A Saugatuck Friend* by Arthur K. Houlberg, an artist who attended the Ox-Bow Summer School of Painting at Saugatuck in the 1910s.

This painting has been transformed into a luxurious silk scarf. The colors of this scarf shimmer in the light, with the Neo-Impressionist technique of the painting delightfully translating into a colorful scarf that can appear different every time you wear it. Only 20 editions of this scarf are available, and each scarf comes with a card which states the edition number. Visit the Museum Shop to purchase this one of a kind Art Coast fashion statement!

Additionally, we have made magnets and small notebooks of this painting, which are available in the Mount Baldhead Museum Gift Shop. Send the magnet to friends around the world, or purchase the notebook for your to-do lists, travel journal, or creative writing diary. The notebook is the perfect size to slip into any small bag.

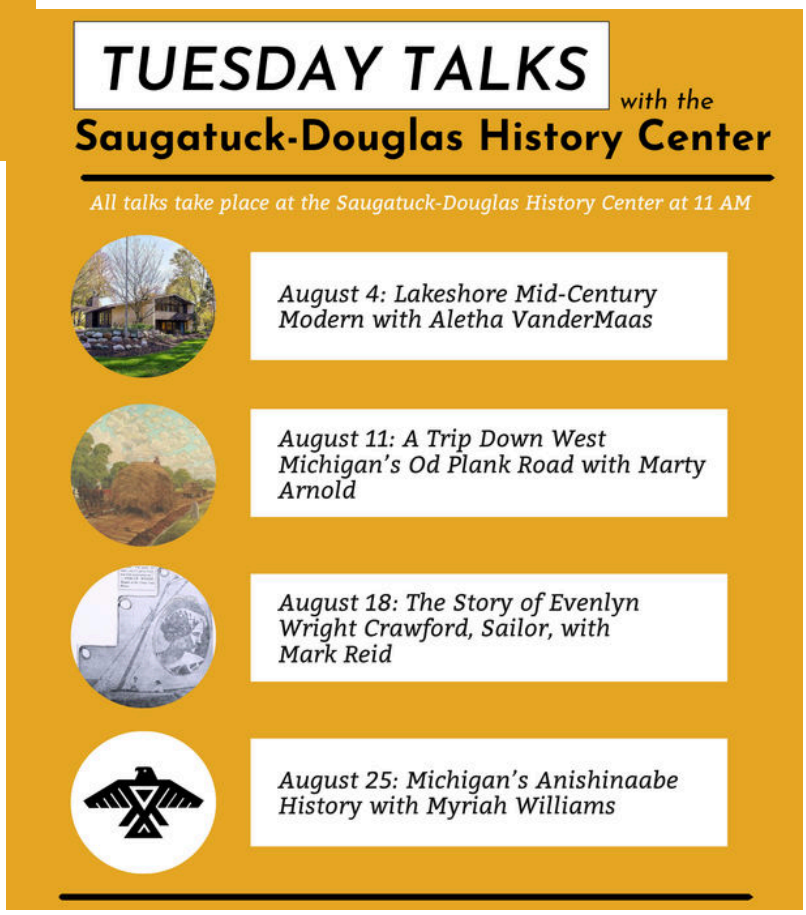


TUESDAY TALKS ARE BACK!

This year we have EIGHT dates in our popular Tuesday Talk series. Be there at the Douglas Union School when the school bell rings at 11 am for fun and informative programs.

All programs will be held indoors at the History Center. Space is limited to 50 in-person attendees so come early!

Admission is free for members, $5 suggested donation for other guests.



Did you know SDHC programs can be viewed on our YouTube channel? Visit our channel here and subscribe for all the updates!

Consider becoming a Tuesday Talk sponsor to ring the school bell! Sponsorships are a great way to recognize your family or a business and help support great Lakeshore history programming for $250.

Contact Eric Gollannek at director@mysdhistory.org for more information.

SAUGATUCK ANTIQUE PAVILLION

Looking for a treasure for your vintage cottage?

Check out the SDHC display case at the Saugatuck Antique Pavilion. In addition to items curated by Mary Voss, the case is a year-round place to purchase SDHC publications. All purchases benefit the SDHC.

VISIT OUR ARCHIVES

Open every Monday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Calling all eBay experts!

Our Archives Committee is in search of someone to assist with listing some items for sale on eBay. This person would list, sell and earn commission off each item sold. If you or someone you may know is interested, contact Sally Winthers (sally@mysdhistory.org).

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals were mailed to current members in late April. If you have not yet renewed (or joined!) please visit our membership page online.

We are a vibrant organization that preserves artifacts, buildings, and voices from the past. We have nearly 700 members who reside in nearby communities, around Lake Michigan, and in 26 states across the country.

Our Membership Plans include:

Individual: $50
Household: $75
Business Partner: $250
Lifetime Member: $1,000

Please get in touch with our office for more information at (269) 857- 5751. or purchase your membership here.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

The Saugatuck-Douglas History Center is a volunteer-driven organization. For 40 years, hundreds of volunteers have helped shape the History Ceter in all aspects of its operations. Volunteers from many walks of life bring expertise, experience, and enthusiasm to the Center and its programs.

To get in touch with us regarding ways to volunteer your time, visit our website or email our executive director, Eric Gollanek (director@mysdhistory.org). For more information, visit our Volunteer Information page, found on our website.