

**Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society & Museum/History Center
Program & Member Activity Schedule for 2012**

Sin, War, Base-Ball, Shipwrecks, Circus — and More

JANUARY

- 14 Saturday SDHS/SCA EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION** 6-8PM at the SCA
Small towns/Big Pictures. This exhibit showcases people and local life in Saugatuck and Douglas as captured by notable Time-Life reporter and photographer Bill Simmons. This exhibition presents photographs from that collection-some of which are being shown for the first time.
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FEBRUARY

- 8 Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING** 7pm at the Saugatuck Center For the Arts
Small Towns Big Picture—the Simmons Photo Stories Uncovered.
Walk onto the SCA's Big Screen and into the 1940s and 1950s with Jack Sheridan's Q & A examination of the Bill Simmons Photo Collection. Refreshments served in the SCA Gallery following the presentation.
This program is part of the SCA "About It" series and will be held at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts, in conjunction with the SDHS-SCA collaborative exhibition "Small Towns Big Picture" through March 9.
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MARCH

- 14 Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING** 7pm at the Old School House History Center.
The Wages of Sin and Other Tales. A sit-down photo tour with Marsha Kontio at the Old School House. Sinful refreshments served.
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APRIL

- 11 Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING** 7pm at the Old School House History Center.
How the Home Folks Followed the War. Jim Schmiechen uses images and the little-known "Douglas Dope" wartime newsletter to examine the news that connected the local boys at the "front" with the folks at home during World War Two. War-time ration refreshments served.
- 21 Saturday PARTY TIME BOWL-A-RAMA SDHS FUND RAISING EVENT** 4-8PM at Lakeview Lanes, Douglas
Join your friends and neighbors in an evening of fun, prizes and good times.
- 28 Saturday SDHS 101** 10am at the Old School House History Center
SDHS 101 orientation sessions are offered for new and former members who want to learn about the history of the Society and to learn about volunteer opportunities with SDHS..
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MAY

- 9 Wednesday MONTHLY MEETING** 6:30pm at the Old School House History Center.
Shipwrecks, Heroes, & Scallywags—an Exhibition. Saugatuck Middle School Sixth Graders tell Lake Michigan stories through words, artwork, and model building. Join in this "exhibition opening" and reception hosted by Wendy Colsen's 6th Grade Language Arts Class." Massive desserts.
Note early starting time.

9 - June 15

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE HISTORY CENTER EXHIBITION *Shipwrecks, Scallywags, and Heroes.* Models and stories by kids about Lake Michigan sailors, ships, and shipwrecks. At the Old School House History Center,

Douglas. See the Society's website sdhistoricalsociety.org for exhibit opening times

- 19 **Saturday** **MUSEUM HOSTS' ORIENTATION** Saugatuck-Douglas Museum.
- 26 **Saturday** **SDHS MEMBERS ANNUAL RECEPTION**
5:00pm-7:00pm at the Old School House History Center and Gardens
- May 26 - October 28 **SAUGATUCK/DOUGLAS HISTORY MUSEUM** - Award winning museum's 2012 exhibition is an updated version of *Our Village Life*. Photographs, artifacts and stories uncover the mysteries and stories of daily life in the Saugatuck area.
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JUNE

- 6 **Wednesday** **SABA MEMBERS ANNUAL RECEPTION**
5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Old School House History Center and Gardens
- 13 **Wednesday** **MONTHLY MEETING** 7:30pm. In the Boathouse at the Old School House History Center
Michigan's Titanic: The Mysteries of the Wreck of the Steamship Chicora.
Join us in the Old School House garden as Kit Lane presents the disaster story and the attempt to find its remains. Shipboard refreshments.
The Annual Meeting/Report by the SDHS Board precedes this program at 7pm.
- Beginning June 1, **EXHIBIT OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BOATHOUSE** "*Rowing Them Safely Home—Lifesaving and Shipwrecks on Lake Michigan.*" See America's most famous lifesaving boat of 1850, surrounded by Lake Michigan shipwreck and lifesaving stores. See the Society's website sdhistoricalsociety.org for details.
- Beginning June 1, **OLD SCHOOL HOUSE "THE BACK-IN-TIME GARDEN."** Stroll West Michigan's newest garden experience—featuring a rhododendron garden, children's garden, sensory garden, peach orchard—and more including a Mt. Baldhead viewing station. See the Society's website sdhistoricalsociety.org for opening times.
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- 28 **Thursday** **DOUGLAS HISTORY TROLLEY TOURS** Beginning at Beery Field Park Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society historians conduct the tours of Douglas. 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30pm. In collaboration with City of Douglas "Community Summer Socials".
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JULY

- Every Wednesday, **WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SAUGATUCK**
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
2pm starting at the Information Booth across from City Hall. Experience historic Saugatuck on the 75 minute walking tour.
- Tuesdays **SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TUESDAY TALKS**
From 11am until Noon at the Old School House Presentation will coordinate with this year's theme. A person of expertise will share knowledge of a particular local historical subject.
- 11 **Wednesday** **MONTHLY MEETING** 7pm at the Old School House History Center.
The Circus Comes to Douglas *Our summer spectacular. View the famous model circus and hear SDHS member Bob Sapita tell how this amazing circus was built—with sound and animation leaving you spell bound. Circus time refreshments.*
- 11-23 **MODEL CIRCUS** The Circus will be on display at the OSH until July 23.
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SDHS ANNUAL PICNIC 6:00pm at the Old School House History Center Garden

The 'Don't Panic' Shipwreck Picnic 6:00 p.m., Gather at the OSH garden and boathouse for the traditional SDHS summertime good-food picnic—with a garden treasure hunt.

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SEPTEMBER

12 Wednesday

MONTHLY MEETING 6:00pm at the Old School House History Courtyard.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game....and buy me a Hot Dog. Meet the Douglas Dutcher Team and hear the story of base-ball in Douglas through the years. On the School House courtyard. Beer and Hot Dogs.

Note early starting time.

15 Saturday

FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL. Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society presents the 9th annual Heritage Festival. *Village Life: Home Tour and Storytelling.* Discover the rich historical heritage of the Saugatuck-Douglas area.

OCTOBER

10 Wednesday

MONTHLY MEETING 7pm at the Old School House History Center.

Strange-But-True and other Cemetery Tales. Join Kit, Marsha, and Chris on a photo and story tour through the nearby (and ancient) Taylor and Plummerville Cemeteries. Refreshments to die for.

13 Saturday

3rd ANNUAL DINE AROUND TOWN BENEFIT. An evening of tasty fun and palatable fundraising.

25 Sunday

ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU CHILI SUPPER at the Old School House History Center.

NOVEMBER

14 Wednesday

MONTHLY MEETING 7pm at the Old School House History Center.

Houses Talking. Wine and cheese reception as the backdrop for an instructive view of area building renovation-preservation stories—and meet the 2012 Heritage Award Winners.

DECEMBER

2 Sunday

SDHS HOLIDAY PARTY 6pm at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts.

The Society's **Annual Jolly Holiday Dinner Party.** Begin the holiday season with your fellow SDHS members. Good cheer, great food and a special story presentation.

