HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S JULY 14 “TUESDAY TALK” OFFERS PHOTO TOUR OF Dunes, Lake and River

JULY 3, 2015 --  Dunes, Lake and River -- A Photographic Review of Our Lakeshore will highlight the next Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society “Tuesday Talk” on July 14 in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m. Admission is free, public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed to enrich the discussion.

Using a mix of images from the S-DHS photo archives and his own, professional photographer James Cook narrates a pictorial tour of the lakeshore, past and present. The tour includes a look at both the natural and human histories of the area. Several historic images are shown, then compared to the same scenes today. Others are simply for the sake of enjoying views of the woods, dunes, lake and the river; natural features that make this a special place for visitors and area residents alike.

Cook moved to Saugatuck ten years ago from Colorado, where he had become a recognized photo-journalist working for the nation's leading magazines and newspapers. He was featured in a nationally broadcast PBS documentary on contemporary photographers and his work is included in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institute. Since arriving here, his photographic attention has been on our lakeshore. The resulting images have been frequent parts of the Society’s History Museum exhibits and have been offered at Saugatuck’s GoodGoods shop as fine art prints. He is co-founder of the Saugatuck Photographic Workshops, along with his wife, Kathleen Miller Cook.

He has served on the S-DHS board since 2009 as the tech liaison and was the principal author of the apolitical S-DHS policy statement regarding development of the lakeshore.

A summer tradition since 1996, Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into our community life weekly throughout July and August. This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by S-DHS President Sharon Kelly.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2015, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

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Tracks found in the sand of Saugatuck’s Oval Beach reveal conflicting interests for use of our lakeshore in Historical Society July 14 “Tuesday Talk”.