HISTORICAL ARTWORK "TOUR" OF SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HIGHLIGHTS S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NOV. 13 PROGRAM

NOV. 1, 2013 -- A "surreal, historical artwork tour" of Saugatuck and Douglas will conclude this year's series of monthly public Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society programs on November 13 in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas, at 7 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Presenter Ken Kutzel, SDHS volunteer art collection manager, will highlight selected community scenes from the Society's collection, augmented with some newly discovered works and rarely seen privately owned pieces. Jim Schmeichen, Emeritus Professor of History-Central Michigan University and chairman/curator of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Museum, will comment on historical aspects of the chosen views.

SDHS owns approximately 75 artworks including drawings, paintings, posters and prints, some purchased and many donated. Efforts are underway to catalog them, with restoration if necessary, envisioning future exhibits and longer-term goal of building one of the great collections of the Midwest.

Kutzel, former Social Studies Dept. Head for the East Detroit Public Schools and student of Art History at Oakland University and Wayne State University, will rehang the Old School House upstairs gallery as a special exhibit to reflect the works discussed in his lecture and feature new acquisitions purposely reserved for introduction at this event.

For more information about the Historical Society, its Museum and its Old School House History Center, visit www.sdhistoricalsoociety.org.
Historical Art Whodunit

One of the rarely seen private-collection artworks to be highlighted in Ken Kutzel's SDHS presentation: those believing they can identify this local scene, who painted it and in what year are invited to share their thoughts at the November 13 meeting.