



NEWS From
Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society
P.O. Box 617, Douglas, Michigan 49406-0617

Information Contacts:

Norm Deam
(805) 704-9602
LHKeeper@ix.netcom.com

John Peters
(269) 857-2967
jppubrel@aol.com

MEMORIES OF OX-BOW IN MID-1900s
SHARED AT AUG. 24 "TUESDAY TALK"

AUG. 13, 2010 -- "Remembering Ox-Bow", a journey through the memories and observations of Norm Deam, whose father Arthur F. Deam was president of Ox-Bow in the mid-1900s, will highlight the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on August 24 in the Old School House Discovery Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins at 11 a.m.; admission is free and public attendance is invited.

Norm Deam grew up in the Old Lighthouse along Ox-Bow Lagoon, after his family moved there as rental tenants in 1933 when he was one year old then bought it as their permanent home in 1937. With that home accessible only by boat from Ox-Bow, Deam's childhood habitat naturally centered around the lighthouse and art colony.

Illustrated with projected scans of photos from his family albums, rarely seen by anyone outside his family, Deam's talk will focus primarily on 1938 through 1955, recalling the buildings there at that time, faculty and staff member, artists and the models who posed for them, the parties and sports activities, all woven together with the close relationship that existed between his family and the people of Ox-Bow. He also will share a selection of Ox-Bow brochures from that period, showing the classes that were offered, who was teaching them, and the fees charged. Audience participation is welcomed to enliven the discussion with comments and questions.

This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by the Button-Petter Gallery in Douglas, a recent merging of the two oldest fine art galleries on the lakeshore presenting more than 10,000 square feet of exhibit space plus an outdoor sculpture garden, representing more than 80 artists both regional and national in reputation. A repeat sponsor, the Gallery also supported this year's initial Tuesday Talk on July 6.

Tuesday Talks with varying topics and sponsors will continue throughout the summer, concluding August 31, in the west exhibit room at The Old School House. Free but limited parking is available in the Old School House driveway, with more along Center Street and nearby side streets.

For a full schedule of Tuesday Talks, and more information about the Historical Society, its Museum and its Old School House Discovery Center, visit www.sdhistoricalociety.org.

###