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HISTORICAL SOCIETY GETS BIG PAVILION PAINTING

SEPT. 4, 2009 -- An original painting of Saugatuck's Big Pavilion as seen from the Kalamazoo River, created and signed by long-time Saugatuck artist Martha Severt in 1983, was donated recently to the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society by owners Bill Pluim of Grandville and his sister Joan Raffenaud of Kalamazoo, and accepted for the Society by Jim Schmiechen, exhibit curator for the Society's Museum.

"The Severt painting is a great addition to the Society's collection of works by well-known local artists", Schmiechen says. "The Big Pavilion was a primary force in making our town one of Michigan's most famous places for summertime entertainment, and we are gratified to have this impressive view to help everyone remember it."

The donation was formalized following Pluim's photo presentation concluding the Society's summer series of "Tuesday Talks" at the Old School House in Douglas, revisiting his teen years working at his family's Oval Beach concession stand in the 1960s.

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