

**Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society  
PROJECT PROPOSAL**

<i>Submission date:</i>	April 10, 2009
<i>Project Title:</i>	Establishing a Saugatuck Memorial to May Francis Heath
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<i>Project Start Date:</i>	May 1, 2009
<i>Project End Date:</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> of July 2011

**Brief Project Description:**  
*(including how this project will further the Society's goals)*



During the first 60 years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, May Francis Heath (1873-1961) played a premier role in assembling and preserving the history of Saugatuck-Douglas. Her book Early Memoirs of Saugatuck, Michigan, 1830-1930, published in 1930 is still viewed as a major reference on local history. As one of the most prominent citizens of Saugatuck, she was a leader in local groups and activities, instrumental in establishing a public lending library, in shepherding historical events such the 1930 centennial celebration, and she was personally responsible for preventing the cutting down of the Saugatuck Treaty Oak.

The purpose of this project is to determine, in coordination with her surviving family, an appropriate permanent public Saugatuck Memorial to Mrs. Heath, to obtain the appropriate city approvals, and to execute the necessary fund raising to procure and install such memorial.

It has been suggested that a number of related side efforts could be launched be in collaboration with the project which take advantage of educational and research opportunities that support the goals of the SDHS (for example, a summer study group based on the May Heath book). These would be incidental to the project and to this proposal.

**BUDGET SUMMARY** No funding is seen to be required from the SDHS operational budget. Separate fund-raising would be done to support whatever appropriate memorial is selected, agreed to, and approved by the Saugatuck city authorities. Appropriate SDHS sponsorship would be required so as to insure donors may receive an appropriate tax credit.

total revenues:	_____
total expenses:	_____
net:	_____

*Brief Description of Space/Facilities Needs:* Meeting facilities for the study group.

*Brief Description of Equipment Needs:* No special equipment required.

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*Brief Description of Other Needs:* None.

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*Names of Project Work Team:(including staff, volunteers and duties)*

Chris Yoder (confirmed), Rob Carey (confirmed), Jim Schmeichen (confirmed), Peg Sanford (confirmed). Others who have an interest will be welcomed as the group is publicized.