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**HOLLAND MUSEUM OPENS BACK-ROOM COLLECTIONS
FOR S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FEB. 8 PUBLIC PROGRAM**

JAN. 27, 2017 -- This year's series of free, public programs offered by Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society begins on Wednesday, February 8, at 7 p.m. with a field trip to Holland Museum for a private "behind the scenes" look at the Museum's stored collections and current exhibits. The Museum is located at 31 W. 10th Street (at S. River Ave.) in downtown Holland, with free parking available in the city lot at River & 9th St. one block north of the Museum and curbside along 10th St. east of the Museum.

In a walking tour guided by Holland Museum Manager of Education and Outreach Connie Locker and Museum Registrar Rick Jenkins, program guests will view rarely seen artifacts up close, including historical items from The Netherlands, Dutch East Indies and the Holland/West Michigan area, highlighting items with Saugatuck/Douglas relevance.

Guests then will be invited to visit the Museum's permanent exhibit of significant artifacts, documents and photographs depicting Holland-area history, and will have time to tour either the Dutch Art Galleries or the Museum's current rotating exhibit *For the Future Peace: WWII and Holland on the Homefront*.

Total time for all program activities is estimated at 90 minutes. The Museum's exhibit and collections storage areas are handicap-accessible and barrier free, with limited seating in the exhibit areas and none along the walking-tour route through the collections facilities.

Due to space limitations in the collections area, reservations for program attendance must be made in advance by e-mail to info@sdhistoricalsociety.org or by phone call to 269.857.5751. Accepted reservations will be confirmed.

The Historical Society's free monthly programs present entertaining and informative insights into local history and community life. This month's program is sponsored by SDHS Lifetime members Bob and Bobbie Gaunt.

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

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Holland Museum Registrar Rick Jenkins uses a recently donated Holland High School varsity jacket to explain how donations are processed into Museum collections.