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EARLY MICHIGAN ARTIST TECHNIQUES SHOWN AT AUGUST 25 "TUESDAY TALK"

AUG. 14, 2020 -- An open-air, hands-on exploration of several historical art techniques highlights the next -- and this summer's final -- Saugatuck-Douglas History Center "Tuesday Talk" on August 25, in the "Back-In-Time Garden" behind the Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m.

Public attendance is invited and admission is free. Respecting COVID safety protocols, seating will be socially distanced and limited to 20 guests. To aid program setup, guests are asked to preregister online at tinyurl.com/SDHC-TT-8-25 as early as possible. Questions regarding online registration may be e-mailed to info@sdhistoricalsociety.org.

Attendees will be required to bring and wear masks when entering and leaving the area and during direct interactions with participants and presenters (masks may be taken off while guests are seated socially distanced).

Maryjo Lemanski, artist and former owner of Water Street Gallery in Douglas, will present "Back In The Old Days: Historical Art Techniques", explaining and demonstrating how early Michigan artists made creative use of photography, quill pen and ink drawing, letterpress printing, tea bag painting and rubbings. She then will guide participants who want to try the techniques discussed, at four separated stations equipped with the appropriate materials. No prior art training or experience is required.

"When I view art work completed in the early 1900s," Lemanski says, "I am amazed at the level of skill and high quality of work that was created. These early Michigan artists were challenged with the few materials available. Their ingenuity and perseverance as well as their artistic talents are still admired by artists today."

A summer tradition since 1996, SDHC's weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into local community life throughout July and August. This week's Talk is sponsored by SDHC members Bill and Nancy Woods.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, or its activities planned for the months ahead, visit www.MySDHistory.org.

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Caption : Early artist materials such as this 1840s paint box will be explored in SDHC's final summer-season Tuesday Talk on August 25.