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HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S AUG. 19 "TUESDAY TALK"  
REVIEWS SUMMER "ROOT CAMP" KIDS' PROGRAM

AUGUST 7, 2014 -- Stories and photos reviewing Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society's first summer "Root Camp" for kids will highlight the Society's next "Tuesday Talk" on August 19 in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m.; admission is free and public attendance is invited.

Presenter Ruthann Johnson, who created the four-day, morning program along with Society members Kristi Mueller and Linda Roerig and community volunteers Natalie Lowery, Kim Martinson and Leslie Fitzell, will look back at the experiences shared by young participants, ages 6-11, learning local history while pretending to be pioneer children here in the 1800s.

Campers enjoyed exploring a variety of historical topics through entertaining guest speakers plus hands-on activities including arts & crafts and old-fashioned schoolyard games. Topics of discovery included Lake Michigan shipwrecks, Mt. Baldhead, an old-fashioned school day, pioneer & native Indian life, the importance of our local fruit orchards and bees as pollinators, and protecting our water, land and wildlife habitats.

A summer tradition since 1996, Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into our community life weekly throughout July and August. This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by S/DHS members Renee Zita and Ed Ryan.

For more information about the Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2014, visit [www.sdhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.sdhistoricalsociety.org).

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Douglas Elementary School students (L to R) Alina Martenson, Julia Lowery, Kay Erlandson and Neave Rewa hunt for hidden pretend strawberries in the “Back-In-Time Garden at The Old School House History Center during the first “Root Camp”, sponsored by Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society. Fourteen youngsters attended the June 23-26 session, from as far away as Clarkston, Fennville and Glenn.