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JULY 8 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM
VISITS "HIDDEN GEM" PETERSON PRESERVE

DOUGLAS, JUNE 26, 2015 -- Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society's next monthly program visits Saugatuck's "Hidden Gem", the Mildred A. Peterson Nature Preserve and Interurban Trail, on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m., starting from a next-door residence at 799 Simonson Drive (near corner of Simonson Drive and Mill Street.). Admission is free and public attendance is invited.

The program will begin with a brief outdoor stand-up introduction by members of the original Peterson Preserve committee -- including co-chairs Vic Bella and Karen Spoerl, R.J. Peterson, Ruth Johnson, Debbie Topliff and Linda Kinnaman -- who will overview the development, history and area of the wetland site along with its inhabitant flora and fauna. Presenters then will lead a walking tour through key portions of the Preserve and answer questions.

"Saugatuck is truly fortunate to have a pristine nature preserve tucked away with city limits", Bella notes. "It's always a pleasant surprise to find a nearby place like this for peaceful walks, bird watching and contemplation of wildlife and pond creatures during all seasons of the year, and we're proud to give it some well-deserved attention with this program."

The one-hour program will offer chairs for those needing them during the talk, he adds, and the Preserve has a hard-surface path that affords wheelchair access in the tour area.

This month's program is sponsored by S-DHS members Monty Collins and Jerry Dark.

For general information about the Historical Society, its History Museum in Saugatuck, Old School House History Center in Douglas, programs, social activities and volunteer opportunities, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

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July 8 Historical Society program will tour and discuss Saugatuck's Mildred A. Peterson Preserve and adjoining Interurban Trail.