



Volume Four, No. 11
October, 1991

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7:30 P.M.

Saugatuck City Hall

Saugatuck, Michigan

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The Carriage House and Bonnie Meadows. Parking will be available at the Douglas Elementary School. All proceeds will benefit the Dutcher Lodge Renovation Project.

Built in 1875, The Dutcher Lodge has served as a Masonic Lodge and as the Douglas Village Hall. It is now closed and must be restored before it may be used again. Do come and enjoy an afternoon in Douglas on Sunday, October 6th.

TAPES

The beautiful music written by Michael Sweeney for the dedication of the Saugatuck City Hall in May is now available on tape. They will be for sale at our October meeting at a cost of \$10.00 each.

NOTE CARDS

We now have note cards available for sale. There are 10 cards in a package at the price of \$5.00. The proceeds from the sale will go into the Society fund-raising to be used for future projects of the Society. See Kay Krause or Joan Phillips at the meeting. They will also be sold at the Harvest Festival in Saugatuck on October 26th. We need volunteers to sell the cards on the 26th. If you would like to work a two or three hour shift that day see Kay or Joan.

WELCOME

New Members: Genevieve Coatoam, Patti & Chuck Rickett, Pauline Reiser and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stearns.

Renewals: John & Inge Nimrod, Joe & Lynda Petty and Mike & Denise Simcik.

BOARD MEETINGS

November 3, 1991 - George & Alice Mecko, 560 Campbell Road, Saugatuck
December 29, 1991 - Del & Dottie Langhorst, 3120 Indian Point Road, Saugatuck
February 2, 1992 - Pat & Stan Wilson, 579 Mason Street, Saugatuck

All Board Meetings begin at 2:00 P.M. and any member is invited to attend.

We need volunteers to host future Board Meetings. Please let Bob Johnson know if you would like to do so.

GENERAL MEETING HOSTS

October - Jeffery & Gladys Aldrich
November - Kay Krause & Jane Van Dis

December - Bill & Judy Oberholtzer
January - Chuck & Chris Lorenz

We still need volunteers. Won't you sign up?

PROGRAMS

Our September program, presented by Past President Chuck Lorenz was a wealth of information about early Saugatuck. "What wonderful: slides and information were presented! Thanks Chuck.

Our Vice-President and Program Chairman Pat Wilson has been working to set up the schedule of our future programs.

November - Robert C. Myers, Curator of the Berrien County Historical Association, Inc. will present a program on railroads in early Michigan.

December - Christmas Party for members at the home of Bill & Judy Oberholtzer

January - Architectural Presentation by Del Langhorst

February - To be announced

March - Fishtown by Chuck Lorenz

April - The Four Seasons of Saugatuck by Robert Krause

May - Repairing Old Photos by Natalie Leinkuhler

BEQUEATHS, DONATIONS AND LOANS

The Society is happy to accept donations of artifacts and any historical documents you might have. Forms are available so you may provide for their acceptance by the Society.

MEMORIALS

In the past year four of our members have passed away. They are Bobbi McCray, Lois Hinchman, Emily Faucett and Elita Bird Graves. If you would like to honor any of these women with a memorial; a cash gift to Society would be a wonderful way to remember them.

THIS 'N' THAT

- OCTOBER - 6th - Douglas Home Tour, Douglas Michgian
5th & 6th The Heritage Hill historic home tour takes place in Grand Rapids. (616) 458-6498.
18th to 20th. The 117th Annual Meeting and State History Conference takes place in Marshall, sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan. (616) 769-1828.
19 A one-day seminar on The Progress of Preservation in Michigan is being offered by the Historic Preservation Section of the Bureau of History in Lansing. (517)335-2729.

- OCTOBER - 5th & 6th - Bridgman, Stamp Show, Cook Energy Information Center, (616) 465-6101.
- 11 - Kalamazoo. The Bolshoi Ballet, Miller Auditorium, Western Michigan University. (616) 837-2300.
- 19 Kalamazoo. Antique Postcard Show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. (616) 344-2545.
- 19-20 Bridgman. Antique Show, Cook Energy Information Center (616) 465-6101.
- 19-20 Fennville. Goose Festival. (616) 561-8555.
- 25 to November 3. - Niles. Christmas in October. Fernwood's Plym Visitors Center - Arts and crafts show. (616) 695-6491.
- 26th Saugatuck. Harvest Festival. (616) 857-5801.
- NOVEMBER - 2 Kalamazoo. The Michigan Oral History Council and the Michigan Archival Association meet at Western Michigan University's Bernhard Center. (616) 456-3629.

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FROM: Pat Dewey Wilson, V.P. Saugatuck-Douglas Historical
Society, 857-2979

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