



SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 617, DOUGLAS, MI. 49406

Volume Two, No. 6
April, 1989

APRIL MEETING: Wednesday, April 12, 1989
7:30 P.M.
Antique Emporium
6411 Blue Star Highway - Saugatuck

Larry and Karen Horist, owners of the Antique Emporium, will be our hosts for the evening. Larry will show us through the shop with special emphasis on pieces from this area. He will also discuss the different vintages in furniture. Larry is currently working on a brochure entitled, "What You Should Know When Disposing of Personal Antiques." Refreshments will be served. Come and Join us!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new and renewed members - Ron Aure, Fred Hellman and Marsha & Loren Kontio.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Of course we made some errors. Corrections have been made and I hope we got it right this time. I had a letter from Elita Bird Graves, who told me that her grandfather had a planing mill on the Kalamazoo River and her father, Charles E. Bird, had a drugstore on Butler for 70 years. She still lives in the house on Spear Street that her grandfather built. We are looking forward to seeing Elita when she returns from Florida.

NEW LETTERHEAD

Chuck Lorenz had updated our letterhead. The post-office box has been corrected and the ship is now one that was built in Saugatuck. Thanks Chuck.

MICHIGAN LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER

The Library and Historical Center officially opened on March 7, 1989. I treated myself to a "field trip" on the 9th to see the new home of the State Library, State Archives and Museum. Located two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing, it has ample parking for the 250,000 expected visitors each year. The Library of Michigan, which is the second largest state library building in the U. S., occupies the west side of the building and uses 70% of the space. The State Historical Museum and State Archives occupy the east side and the remaining area. Dividing the two sections is an open-air bridge with a 45 foot Michigan white pine planted in the center. The pine was donated to the State, carefully transplanted about 4 years ago

LIBRARY (CONT.)

and then the building was constructed around it. Five stories in height, the building has stunning atriums at either end. I had a wonderful time taking the self-guided tour, asking questions and shopping in the Museum Store. Give yourself a treat - take a day to visit this beautiful building.

COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETING DATES

Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society Board Meeting

Saugatuck Emporium - 6:45 P.M. April 12, 1989

Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Homes and Buildings Identification Committee

Contact: Arlene Sherman 857-1832

Saugatuck-Douglas Nautical History Committee

Contact: Bob Miller 857-2450

Saugatuck-Douglas Vital Records Committee

Is there anyone interested in forming a standing committee for recording births, marriages and deaths of individuals in this area? The Commercial Record could be our source. Contact Cindi Tatsch- 857-2919.

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be workshop on Historical Home Identification presented by Larry Massie of Allegan. It will be held on May 10th at the Saugatuck Women's Club.

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting was held at the Park House. Lynda Petty, our hostess, gave us a tour of the house and entertained us with stories about the history of the house. Just think, The Womens Christian Temperance League once held meetings in the same room where we met! Pat Dewey, a new member was introduced and we all give a round of applause for Bob Mersbach, who has made a handsome recovery from his critical illness. We all found out "What Happened to Grandma," in Joan Phillips talk on genealogy. Carl Norberg called from Florida to comment on the area and to urge us to continue the traditions that make Saugatuck unique in western Michigan. Our evening was concluded with home-made cookies and coffee.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

We receive each month copies of the Newsletter and Journal of this Society, that members are welcome to borrow. The articles range from Lumbering's Fraud and Thieves to articles of the foibles of the postal service. There is a booklet on Mackinac's Grand Hotel: The Early Years and another entitled A Short History of Michigan-. The 40th Annual History Conference at Marquette on June 23 and 24 has been announced. Information about this conference may be obtained from Theresa Spence - 906-487-2505. Contact Joan Phillips, 857-2839, if you would like to borrow any of the material.



Society begins its inventory

The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society has begun its inventory project of documenting older buildings in the Saugatuck-Douglas area.

The purpose of this project will be to compile information about the area's older buildings of historical significance. In order to have as complete a documentation as possible, the society is asking owners and residents of older buildings to provide information so that the collected inventory may be used for public viewing and research.

If you have information about your older building, please send it to the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, Box 617, Douglas, MI 49406, or call Arlene Sherman at 857-1832 for further information.

Larry and
for the ev

emphasis on pieces

vintages in furniture. Larry is currently working on a brochure entitled, "What You Should Know When Disposing of Personal Antiques." Refreshments will be served. Come and Join us!

Openings

Historical Society to meet at Emporium
The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society will hold its next meeting April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Antique Emporium, 6411 Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck. Larry and Karen Horist, owners of the Emporium, will be the hosts for the evening. Larry will give a tour of the shop with emphasis on pieces from this area, and will also discuss the different vintages of furniture. All are welcome.

Volume Two, No. 6
April, 1989

April 12, 1989

Emporium

Star Highway - Saugatuck

Antique Emporium, will be our hosts through the shop with special emphasis on pieces from this area. Larry will also discuss the different vintages in furniture. Larry is currently working on a brochure entitled, "What You Should Know When Disposing of Personal Antiques." Refreshments will be served. Come and Join us!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new and renewed members - Ron Aure, Fred Hellman and Marsha & Loren Kontio.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Of course we made some errors. Corrections have been made and I hope we got it right this time. I had a letter from Elita Bird Graves, who told me that her grandfather had a planing mill on the Kalamazoo River and her father, Charles E. Bird, had a drugstore on Butler for 70 years. She still lives in the house on Spear Street that her grandfather built. We are looking forward to seeing Elita when she returns from Florida.

NEW LETTERHEAD

Chuck Lorenz had updated our letterhead. The post-office box has been corrected and the ship is now one that was built in Saugatuck. Thanks Chuck.

MICHIGAN LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER

The Library and Historical Center officially opened on March 7, 1989. I treated myself to a "field trip" on the 9th to see the new home of the State Library, State Archives and Museum. Located two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing, it has ample parking for the 250,000 expected visitors each year. The Library of Michigan, which is the second largest state library building in the U. S., occupies the west side of the building and uses 70% of the space. The State Historical Museum and State Archives occupy the east side and the remaining area. Dividing the two sections is an open-air bridge with a 45 foot Michigan white pine planted in the center. The pine was donated to the State, carefully transplanted about 4 years ago.