

SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As you may be aware, the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society has recently been organized, and officers duly elected. We feel the need to draw together the many people and resources with interest and knowledge in the historical past of our unique area.

The Society will best serve the community by having as large and varied number of local people and organizations as members. Each member can contribute in his or her own way, to the degree desired and as interest allows.

Many plans and projects have already been discussed and commenced. Emphasis will be placed on obtaining a museum facility, and planning a celebration of Michigan's sesquicentennial next year. Some of the projects we wish to accomplish are in the areas of Art, Oral, Nautical, and Photographic History. We have consulting expertise available for transferring home movies and "stills" onto videotape. Borrowing materials from the community will make this Society collection a rich resource.

The various areas into which we delve can be shaped and supported by area businesses and corporations. Art galleries can be of assistance with art exhibits and in collecting the story of this area's art heritage. Sailing and boating concerns can be supportive of the nautical collection. Antique dealers can help appraise and assess the importance of prospective materials for donation. This would be especially valuable concerning the tax deductibility of gifts and bequests.

Establishing a community Historical Museum and Resource Center can only take place with public spirited cooperation. In the interim, the Society's office has been donated and is under construction in the lower level of the Saugatuck-Douglas Library.

The Historical Society now conducts its meetings at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to attend the next meeting on August 13. We also encourage you to become a member of the Society and to lend your support to an endeavor that will be a community asset for many years.

The classification of memberships and dues are as follows:

Nonprofit organization	\$15
Sustaining membership	25
Corporation	50

Please send your enrollment or other information to:

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