Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society
2012 Monthly Program Schedule

Sin, War, Base-Ball, Shipwrecks, Circus — and More

FEBRUARY 8: Small Towns, Big Picture—Simmons Photo Stories Uncovered. 7 p.m., Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Walk onto the SCA’s Big Screen and into the 1940s and 1950s with Jack Sheridan’s Q & A examination of the Bill Simmons Photo Collection. Refreshments served in the SCA Gallery following the presentation.
This program is part of the SCA “About It” series and will be held at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts, in conjunction with the SDHS-SCA collaborative exhibition “Small Towns|Big Picture” through March 9.

MARCH 14: The Wages of Sin and Other Tales. 7 p.m., Old School House History Center
A sit-down photo tour with Marsha Kontio at the Old School House. Sinful refreshments served.

APRIL 11: How the Home Folks Followed the War. 7 p.m., Old School House History Center
Jim Schmiechen uses images and the little-known “Douglas Dope” wartime newsletter to examine the news that connected the local boys at the “front” with the folks at home during World War Two. War-time ration refreshments served.

MAY 9: Shipwrecks, Heroes, & Scallywags—an Exhibition. 6:30 p.m., Old School House History Center
Saugatuck Middle School Sixth Graders tell Lake Michigan stories through words, artwork, and model building. Join in this “exhibition opening” and reception hosted by Wendy Colsen’s 6th Grade Language Arts Class.” Massive desserts. Note early starting time.
The exhibit continues until June Old School House History Center.

JUNE 13: Michigan’s Titanic: The Mysteries of the Wreck of the Steamship Chicora. 7:30 p.m., The Boathouse at the Old School House History Center
Join us in the Old School House garden as Kit Lane presents the disaster story and the attempt to find its remains. Shipboard refreshments.
The Annual Meeting/Report by the SDHS Board precedes this program at 7 o’clock.

JULY 11: The Circus Comes to Douglas. 7:00 p.m., Old School House History Center
Our summer spectacular. Learn about the history of the old-time circus and hear SDHS member Bob Sapita tell how this amazing model circus was built—complete with sound and animation that will leave you spell bound. Circus time refreshments.
The Circus will be on display at the OSH until July 23.

AUGUST 8: The ‘Don’t Panic’ Shipwreck Picnic. 6:00 p.m., Old School House History Center Garden
Gather at the OSH garden and boathouse for the traditional SDHS summertime good-food picnic—with a garden treasure hunt.

**SEPTEMBER 12: Take Me Out to the Ball Game….and buy me a Hot Dog.** 6:00 p.m., Old School House History Center Courtyard.
Meet the Douglas Dutcher Team and hear the story of base-ball in Douglas through the years. On the School House courtyard. Beer and Hot Dogs.

**OCTOBER 10: Strange-But-True and other Cemetery Tales.** 7:00 p.m., Old School House History Center
Join Kit, Marsha, and Chris on a photo and story tour through the nearby (and ancient) Tayor and Plummerville Cemeteries. Refreshments to die for.

**November 14: Houses Talking.** 7:00 p.m., Old School House History Center
A wine and cheese reception as the backdrop for an instructive view of area building renovation-preservation stories—and meet the 2012 Heritage Award Winners.

**December 2: The Society’s Annual Jolly Holiday Dinner Party.** 6:00 p.m., Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Begin the holiday season with your fellow SDHS members. Good cheer, great food, and a special story presentation.