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HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S JULY 26 "TUESDAY TALK"
WATER FESTIVALS AND OTHER ART INVENTIONS AT OX-BOW

July 14, 2016 – Water festivals and other art inventions from Ox-Bow will be showcased at the next Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on July 26 at the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m. Public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed to enrich the discussion.

Tuesday Talk admission is free for current SDHS members. Non-member guests are encouraged to attend with a donation of five dollars, or become new members with initial dues payment at the Talk. For all, limited space puts seating on "first-come, first-served" basis.

SDHS Exhibition Chair and historian Jim Schmiechen will be presenting about the Ox-Bow School of Art. The art school has had a tremendous impact on the culture of Saugatuck and Douglas and has over one hundred years of artistic experimentation and tradition. This Tuesday Talk digs into the Ox-Bow photo archive at the Old School House History Center and will look at memorable moments at this famous art school, specifically: unique architecture, performance art, costume balls, painting by the waterside, and the origins of Venetian Festival.

Schmiechen moved to the area in 1983 and first moved to an old gangster cottage near Mount Baldhead. He is Professor Emeritus from Central Michigan University where he taught urban and European history along with economics. His first SDHS exhibit was in 1992 about Chain Ferry Store owner May Heath.

A summer tradition since 1996, Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into our community life weekly throughout July and August. This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by Historical Society members Mike Mattern, Bill Hess and Kathleen Markland.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2016, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

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One of the first Ox-Bow water parades. Photo provided by Jim Schmiechen.