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S-D HISTORY CENTER STARTS 2017 "TUESDAY TALKS"
WITH FOCUS ON GROWTH OF WEST MICHIGAN WINERIES

JUNE 30, 2017 -- The origins of West Michigan's growing wine industry and its ongoing evolution will be the focus of this summer's first Saugatuck-Douglas History Center "Tuesday Talk" on July 11, in the Old School House, 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.

Presenters Aaron Harr of Fenn Valley Vineyards & Wine Cellar, Jack Murdoch of Cogdal Vineyards, will overview the history of the Lake Michigan Shore Appellation and the region's AVAs (American Viticulture Areas), explaining why the fields and climate of West Michigan so well suit the vineyards and different varietal wines produced here.

Kathy Sturm, executive administrator of the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail (and SDHC past-president), will talk about the Wine Trail and its 15-year collaboration with 21 member wineries working to build the area's agri-destination appeal.

A summer tradition since 1996, weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into our community life throughout July and August. This week's Tuesday Talk is sponsored by SDHC members Arthur Ashley and Darin Reiling.

While Tuesday Talk admission is free for current SDHC members, non-member guests are encouraged to attend with a donation of five dollars, or to become new members at the Talk. For all, the series' increasing popularity puts limited seating on "first-come, first-served" basis.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, its Museum and Old School House, or its activities planned for 2017, visit www.MySDHistory.org.

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