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AZALEAS AND RHODODENDRONS BLOSSOM IN APRIL 10 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

MAR. 28, 2013 -- Secrets for successful growing of azaleas and rhododendrons in our area will be revealed in the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society program on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. Admission is free, public attendance is invited, and refreshments will be served.

Presenter John Migas, founder of Woodlands Nursery in Saugatuck Twp and key figure in establishing the floral plantings along The Old School House Back-In-Time Pathway, will show and discuss varieties that grow well here. He also will talk about propagation of these plants by taking cuttings and raising them in the home. After the indoor presentation, Migas will guide a tour through the Back-In-Time garden and answer questions. His SDHS program is sponsored by Michigan Azalea Society.

Migas, originally a carpenter by trade, bought a home here in 1985 and met neighbor Charlie Mann, a renowned landscape architect who introduced him to the world of azaleas and rhodos, prompting the start of Woodlands Nursery and a new career carrying on Mann's work. His nursery primarily supplies professional landscapers and retail nurseries.

For general information about the Historical Society, its Pump House Museum, Old School House History Center and other activities, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.



Outstanding in his field; presenter John Migas shows Azaleas in full bloom at Woodlands Nursery.