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A LOOK AT S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ART COLLECTION
OPENS THE SOCIETY'S 2016 PROGRAM SERIES ON FEB. 10

JAN. 29, 2016 -- An overview of the S-D Historical Society's growing art collection will begin this year's monthly series of free, public Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society programs on Wednesday, February 10 in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas, at 7 p.m.

Presenter Ken Kutzel, SDHS volunteer art collection manager, will visually trace the history of the collection, starting with some of the initial pieces acquired by the Society in the mid-1990s, around the time of the *Painting the Town* exhibition. In addition to gaining greater appreciation for the artists and the ideas their works represent, his audience will be invited to stay after the presentation to tour the Old School House art gallery, which recently was updated to highlight pieces returned from major restoration.

Kutzel, former Social Studies Dept. Head for the East Detroit Public Schools, earlier studied Art History at Oakland University and Wayne State University.

S-DHS owns nearly 90 artworks including drawings, paintings, posters and prints, made possible by generous gifts of individual pieces from Society members and friends, and maintained with the help of contributions supporting the proper care and necessary restoration for this one-of-a-kind collection. The Society's longer-term goal envisions building one of the great collections of the Midwest.

For more information about the Historical Society, its Museum and its Old School House History Center, visit www.sdhistoricalociety.org.

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Among the rare artworks to be highlighted in Ken Kutzel's February 10 SDHS presentation is this 1948 dunescape painting by Saugatuck street artist Michael Hasselbar (1900-1949)