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HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S August 23 "TUESDAY TALK"
Invasive Plants in Western Michigan

Aug 8, 2016–The subject of invasive species will be the next topic for the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on August 30 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 a first-come, first-serve basis.

Aubri Spenski, the Invasive Species Outreach Coordinator for the West Michigan CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area), will present a program about invasive plants that people may encounter in our area through a presentation and visual-aid handouts.

She believes preserving the natural areas of Michigan relies on controlling these invasive plants through knowledge and understanding of them. She said, "The more I can inform others the more everyone can work together to keep Michigan uniquely beautiful."

Spenski has a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resource Management from Grand Valley State University in Allendale and has been a professional in the field for four years. "My field experience gave me hands-on knowledge about a lot of invasive species" she said. "In addition, I spent a lot of time researching invasives so that I can share the knowledge I gain with others."

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 SDHS members Sunny Hill and Maury Decoster.

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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