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**STATE HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATED  
AT HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S PUMP HOUSE**

SEPT. 19, 2016 -- Larry J. Wagenaar (center), Executive Director of Historical Society of Michigan and Executive Director and publisher of Michigan History magazine, presented a State Historical Marker for the S-D Historical Society's History Museum building on-site this past Saturday. Receiving the honor were (L-to-R, flanking Wagenaar) Museum Curator Jim Schmiechen, SDHS volunteer Richard Donovan (who led the marker application effort), Saugatuck City Council member and SDHS Vice President Bill Hess, and SDHS President Steve Hutchins. The Pump House marker was officially dedicated by District 80 State Representative Mary Whiteford, on behalf of the Michigan Historical Commission. It becomes the 14th state marker in the Saugatuck-Douglas area and the 29th in Allegan County.

The history museum's south gallery features a recently added video presentation using rare photos from the SDHS archives to tell the story of the pump house building from its 1904 origins, through its rescue from near-demolition in the 1970s, and rebirth in the early 1990s as the Saugatuck-Douglas History Museum. The Museum will be open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through the last weekend in October. Nearby parking and admission are free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

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.sdhistoricalociety.org](http://www.sdhistoricalociety.org).

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