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**S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY JULY 22 TUESDAY TALK  
AIRS PROS/CONS OF RELOCATING OLD HOUSES**

JULY 11, 2014 -- "Houses On The Move" will highlight the next Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on July 22 in the History Center at The Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m.; admission is free and public attendance is invited.

James Schmiechen, chair and curator of the S/DHS Museum, and Robin Bauer, chair of the Historical Society's Heritage Group, will examine the history and recent spate of local house relocation/restoration projects from economic and historical preservation viewpoints, with a look at how the moving process works.

Accompanied by a big-screen photo presentation, the program will feature the recent moving of two historic houses to the village park area of Douglas: The 1865 Union Street Gerber House repositioned earlier along Washington Street; and the 1873 House of the Seven Gables, now being resettled at Main and Fremont Streets after a move from Saugatuck's Pleasant Street. Owners, movers and contractors involved in these projects will contribute to the discussion.

This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by S/DHS members Sandra & Travis Randolph, Monty Collins and Jerry Dark.

For more information about the Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2014, visit [www.sdhistoricalociety.org](http://www.sdhistoricalociety.org).

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Saugatuck's House of the Seven Gables, seen crossing the river to its new home in Douglas, will be featured in the upcoming Historical Society "Tuesday Talk".