

## 2022 Internship Opportunity

*Spend your summer at the Lake Michigan lakeshore developing your skills in collections management and museum studies!*

SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS  
**HISTORY**  
CENTER

**Position:** Museum Studies Internship

**Compensation:** \$1,500 stipend for 10-week summer internship with flexible work hours of 30 hours a week from May-August 2022.

**Program details:** Prospective interns with an interest in museum studies, archives, library science, digital preservation, visual and material culture, art history, LGBTQ studies, and public history will help the History Center expand its capacity to educate and inspire the public about local history.

Opportunities include working as a museum host at SDHC galleries and events, working with volunteers and committees to support the creation of exhibit(s); assisting with the processing of art and archival collections; and assistance with research requests from the community. Based on intern skills and interests, work may also include collections-based research on the history of art, architectural history, or LGBTQ history. History Center interns will have the opportunity to participate in professional development as well as SDHC programs and events and directly interact with the public.

In addition, interns will gain real-life experience contributing to the success of a vibrant small non-profit cultural organization. Opportunities include leading tours and working with the public, sharing experiences through online publications and public presentations, and working with the director and board members in non-profit administration.

Internships are open to undergraduate or graduate students. Prospective interns should:

- Have a demonstrated interest in diverse areas such as Great Lakes history, LGBTQ studies, art and art history, material culture studies, oral history, historic preservation, library science, digital humanities, or archival work.
- Enjoy sharing their passion for community-based history directly with the public through public speaking, written communication, and personal engagement.
- Show adaptability and the ability to work independently and with other staff and volunteers across the organization.

**Application:** Please submit a personal letter of interest describing your interests in this position along with a resume and list of three references with contact information. Please also provide a writing sample that demonstrates your engagement with history or other relevant areas for this position. Position open until filled.

Please address questions and application materials to:

Dr. Eric Gollanek, Executive Director

[director@sdhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:director@sdhistoricalsociety.org)

Subject line: *Museum Studies Internship*

## **Why Saugatuck-Douglas?**

Saugatuck and Douglas are two of Michigan's most popular Lake Michigan summer tourist destinations and residential centers for people interested in history and the arts. From its origins as a lumbering and shipbuilding community in the 1800s, the area has built a reputation as a "home for all" with a significant LGBTQ population. Home to the Ox-Bow School of Art (established 1910) and the Saugatuck Center for the Arts (2001) the area has a rich heritage in the visual and performing arts. The summer features a thriving vacation scene, with popular restaurants, beaches, festivals, and tourist activities. It is a year-round destination in southwest Michigan's wine country and fruit belt, making it a destination for farm-to-table dining and outdoor recreation.

Since 1986, the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center has provided leadership in history and preservation, helping the community to connect with and understand its past, preserve its quality of life, and respect the area's history to shape its future. The SDHC and its members work together to preserve local history and inspire learning now and for future generations.

The SDHC maintains two sites including the History Museum located in the historic water pump house building (1906) along the Kalamazoo River in Saugatuck and the History Center at the Old School House (1866) in Douglas. The History Center in Douglas hosts changing art exhibits from the permanent collection of paintings, prints, and drawings from Saugatuck-area artists.

**To learn more about the History Center**, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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The SDHC supports academic credit for internships and the director will work with students and faculty administrators to meet requirements for individual programs.