



## MEETING DATES

**Wednesday, September 12**, at 7 p.m. at the Saugatuck Woman's Club. "The Story of Chief Waukazoo" presented by Holland author William Van Appledorn.

**Wednesday, October 10**, at 7 p.m. at the Saugatuck Woman's Club. "Japanese Influences on America" presented by American and Japanese lawyer Bob Karr.

**Wednesday, November, 14**, at 7 p.m. at the Saugatuck Woman's Club, "Loving the World" by Fr. Patrick Collins, Catholic priest, author, professor and musician.

## CHIEF WAUKAZOO TOPIC OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

"The Story of Chief Waukazoo" of the band of Odawa (Ottawa) Indians who lived near Holland when the first white settlers arrived is the topic of a presentation to be given at the September 14 meeting by William Van Appledorn of Holland, author of the recent book "Chief Waukazoo: From Roots to Wing."

According to tradition Waukazoo was captured as a youth from a tribe farther west and he and his descendents rose to prominence in the area.

Van Appledorn will trace the chief from his roots, to the Old Wing Mission in northern Allegan County, before the entire band, mistreated by the Dutch settlers who began to arrive in 1847, left for Grand Traverse Bay.

In his foreword Van Appledorn acknowledges use of a paper written about the Wing Mission by the late Charles J. Lorenz, former Society president.

## HISTORICAL CRUISE

### SET FOR OCTOBER 13

A dinner cruise on the Star of Saugatuck with an historical tour of the harbor has been scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 13.

The boat will leave in time to catch the sunset, and tour slowly around the harbor while Kit Lane and Jim Schmiechen, and perhaps a visiting historian, give a narrated tour of the sights and architecture. As we near the site of old Singapore a chili supper, featuring a variety of different recipes, will be served. A cash bar will be available.

The event, in addition to celebrating the end of another successful season, is a fund raising event for the Society. Because of the vagaries of weather in October tickets will be limited to the capacity of the enclosed portion of the Star of Saugatuck. Tickets will be \$50 each and will be available at the museum soon, or may be purchased by calling Jane Underwood, 857-2268.

## BOARD ADJUSTS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual membership dues for the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society were recently increased by its board of directors to help offset additional expenses including printing and postage for the newsletter. The rates are effective September 1 when all memberships not paid in 2001 expire. If there is a yellow mark on the label this is your last newsletter.

The new rates are: Individual, \$25; Household, \$45; Sustaining, \$75; Corporate, \$150; Senior individual (over 65), \$18; Senior household, \$30. Student individual memberships, \$5; and Life individual, \$300 and Life household, \$500, remain the same. Membership rates last were raised in 1999.

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## **AREA SHIPWRECKS FEATURED IN 2002**

Shipwrecks of the Saugatuck area will be the featured exhibit at the Society museum in 2002. An exhibit committee is in the process of being formed by curators Jack Sheridan and Kit Lane.

The first meeting will be at 4 p.m. Friday, September 14, at the museum. If you are interested in the subject, or would like to offer assistance in the design and production of the exhibit you are invited to attend the meeting.

The exhibit will include such well-known shipwrecks as the Alpena in 1880, the Chicora in 1895, and the Gotham of 1943. However it will also include the tug Waukazoo, which capsized at the mouth of the Kalamazoo River while bringing the family of the new Methodist minister in 1866; the schooners Winnie Wing and George L. Seaver, which collided nearby in 1880, and the sloop John Edward, which grounded north of Saugatuck in 1876, trapping everyone inside.

The exhibit committee also is looking for artifacts recovered from area shipwrecks and photographs of the boats that were lost near here, or interesting ship's models to borrow for the exhibition.

We are also seeking those with personal recollections of the more recent wrecks like the Gotham and the Verano, which went down south of Douglas in 1946. We would also like to include the more recent collision between the EMM'EL and the Outdoorsman in 1980 if anyone has information or illustrations.

The committee could also use someone who has had some experience with the creation of large maps, on the computer or otherwise. One interesting aspect of Saugatuck boat traffic is the number of ports, in addition to Chicago, that were the destination of vessels shipwrecked on our shores.

If you would like to help with the exhibit and/or have items to offer but can't make the September 14 meeting please call Kit Lane at 857-2781 or email, [kitlane@softhouse.com](mailto:kitlane@softhouse.com).

## **WILSON PAVILION DEDICATED JULY 28**

More than 50 members, guests and members of the Wilson family gathered on Saturday, July 28, to dedicate the new museum entrance pavilion to the memory of Stan Wilson.

Stan and his wife, Pat Dewey, moved to Saugatuck in 1988 and became members of the brand new Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society – "not quite founding members but close."

Soon anything graphic that needed to be done in the Society was done by Stan. He redid the first logo with a boat, did the first membership brochure, researched the purchase of the first video camera for oral histories and filmed many of the early interviews and did calligraphy for all of the Society awards.

He was part of an ad hoc committee formed to consider the possibility of a museum in the vacant pump house and supplied the first year's exhibit when the museum opened in May of 1993 on a budget of about \$300.

His design is on the pewter platter still sold at the museum and the Saugatuck-Douglas afghan Stan designed is still being reordered every year at the museum store.

The November before his death he purchased a large MacIntosh computer for the purpose of designing the learning stations, and the very week before he died he was busy learning the program he was going to use.

Stan worked in commercial art for more than 40 years doing everything from designing logos to illustrating and designing books and brochures, setting up multi-screen slide shows, and painting beautiful ladies on the nose cones of B-24's (during his tour of duty as an aerial engineer in the Pacific during World War II).

As the new plaque on the pavilion says, "As the museum's first graphic designer, Stan established the museum's continuing standard of visual excellence."



## NEW MEMBERS

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### NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

William and Judith Oberholzer

## MUSEUM STORE

The museum store is having a sale! Each year store committee chairman Judy Anthrop purchases new items specifically selected to complement the theme of the exhibit. First-class merchandise that was designed to accompany earlier exhibits is on sale now.

There are still some hardcover special numbered editions of this year's book which were reserved and have not yet been picked up. Please do so soon or they will be released for sale.

The sale of photos from the Simmons collection has gone well this summer. Remember any photo in the exhibit (even the ones in the books on the table) or in the book is available for purchase for \$12 plus shipping and handling, a total of \$13.50. For mail orders please give the number of the photo in the book and the page it appears on.

## BOOK WINS AWARD

The Society has received preliminary notification that the book published in conjunction with this year's exhibit *Off the Record: A Pictorial History of Saugatuck in the '40s and '50s* has won a Michigan Museum Association award for graphic design.

## DIRECTORY PLANNED

A membership directory of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society is currently in the works to come out later this fall. If your listing in the previous directory or your mailing label for the newsletter is not correct please let us know as soon as possible. Also speak up if you plan to move shortly. That way the directory can be as accurate and up to date as possible. Send corrections to Jim Barnes, 2075 Lakeshore Dr., Fennville, MI 49408, or call 543-4550.

## DOLLMAKER FOUND

Thanks to several members who responded to a question in last month's newsletter concerning Pleasant T. Rowland, who founded the Pleasant Co. which developed the popular American Girl series of dolls and related material. It turns out that Pleasant Rowland is the daughter of Society member Pleasant Thiele and spent many summers on the Douglas lakeshore. She also has two sisters who have cottages in the area.

## DOUGLAS SOCIAL

The Historical Society made a profit of nearly \$300 on the beverage concession at the Thursday Social in Douglas on August 9. The Social, and presumably additional profits, was cut short by an approaching thunderstorm. Thanks to all who helped with this effort.

## SEEKING INTERVIEWERS

The oral history committee is seeking individuals willing to do interviews with some people already on their list. If you can help in this important work contact Judy Mauger at 857-1219 or contact her by email 059545r4@softhouse.com.

## Society Facts

Meetings, usually the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Saugatuck Woman's Club, but day and place may vary.

To become a member or renew your membership send a check made out to:

Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society

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## Society Museum Information

The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society Museum is in the old pump house at the foot of Mt. Baldhead at 735 Park Street, on the west side of the Kalamazoo river.

2001 Exhibit:

### **Off the Record A Pictorial History of Saugatuck in the 40s and 50s**

Featuring the work of William R. Simmons

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