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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Tuesday, September 1:** **Lunch and Learn:** To Be Announced. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **12:00 Noon**
- Friday, September 4:** **Movie** "To Sir With Love" (1967) Idealistic engineer (Sidney Poitier) and his experiences in teaching a group of rambunctious high school students from the slums of London's East End. Free with general admission. **2:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, September 8:** **Lunch and Learn:** Saginaw Subterranean Strings – Hammered Dulcimer Club. Group members will discuss this fascinating instrument, including its popularity in Michigan. A short performance will be given. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **12:00 Noon.**
- Friday, September 11:** **Movie** "Dead Poets Society" (1989) English professor John Keating (Robin Williams) inspires his students to a love of poetry and to seize the day. Free with general admission. **2:00 p.m.**
- Saturday, September 12:** **Girl Scout Lighthouse Badge** - Learn about Michigan's many lighthouses and their amazing heritage in Saginaw County and throughout the state. For Brownies and up. **10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** \$5.00 per person. Contact Education Coordinator Heather Thompson at 752-2861, Ext. 311 to register or for more information.
- Tuesday, September 15:** **Pages of History Book Club:** *The Car That Could: The Inside Story of GM's Revolutionary Electric Vehicle* by Michael Shnayerson. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. **Noon.**
- Thursday, September 17:** **Antique & Collectibles Fair** at the Saginaw Farmer's Market. **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- Night at the Museum** – Museum open until 8 p.m. Free admission all day. **Entertainment at 7 p.m.** – Commander Michael Tapp of the U.S. Coast Guard will speak about Michigan lighthouses – their past, present and future. Lecture will take place in the Castle Annex, 201 S. Jefferson. Dessert and beverage included.
- Friday September 18:** **Movie** "Goodbye Mr. Chips" (1939) An aged teacher and former headmaster of a boarding school recalls his career and his personal life over the decades. Free with general admission. **2:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, September 20:** **Guided Bus Tour:** The Work of Cowles and Mutscheller - architects from the early 1900s. Tour leaves from the Castle Museum at **2 p.m.** \$10 - Pre-registration is required. Call 752-2861, Ext. 315.
- Friday, September 25:** **Movie** "Stand and Deliver" (1988) A dedicated teacher (Edward James Olmos) inspires his dropout-prone students to learn calculus to build up their self-esteem. Free with general admission. **2:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, September 29:** **Lunch and Learn:** Kent Miller of Central Michigan University will discuss his experiences in the Denali National Park in Alaska where he took thousands of photographs. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission **12:00 Noon.**

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NEWSLETTER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAGINAW COUNTY

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MUSEUM HOURS
Tuesday-Saturday
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ADMISSION
 (excludes special events)
Adults \$1.00
Children \$0.50
Members Free

Friday Films
2:00 p.m.

Free with general admission!
 To Sir with Love 9/4
 Dead Poets Society 9/11
 Goodbye Mr. Chips 9/18
 Stand and Deliver 9/25

*The Historical Society of
 Saginaw County is committed
 to serve the community by
 telling the continuing story of
 the people of the Saginaw
 region through exploration,
 preservation and presentation
 of their historical and cultural
 heritage.*

**Sign Up Now for the
 First Fall Tour**

The first of several interesting guided tours is set for
 Sunday, September 20th at 2 p.m.

This guided bus tour will focus on the architectural
 work of Clarence Cowles and George Mutscheller,
 who designed St. Mary's Cathedral, Schust Bakery,
 (Art Sample Furniture) and the New Amadore
 Apartments.

The tour costs \$10 and begins and ends at the Castle
 Museum of Saginaw County History. **Pre-registration
 and payment in advance is required.** For more information and to make
 reservations, please call Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315.



**Lighthouse Expert to
 Speak About Exhibit**

We continue to promote our wonderful Lighthouse Exhibit with one more event
 scheduled for **Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.**

This is our last *Night at the Museum* and we are pleased to welcome Commander
 Michael Tapp, who is the Officer in Charge of Aids to Navigation in southern
 California for the U.S. Coast Guard. He worked in a similar capacity in Muskegon
 earlier in his career.

Commander Tapp will offer a unique perspective on Michigan lighthouses, their
 histories, maintenance and modern challenges. We invite you to attend this
 informative talk, which will be held at the Annex.

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 costs. Sounds good? E-mail Ruth Mancina at
rmancina@castlemuseum.org and she will put you on her e-mail list!



From the Director

After more than four very busy years as Executive Director of the Historical Society, I have accepted another position. With

the start of the school year, I am assuming duties as principal of Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

As many of you know, I spent nearly thirty years in school administration. With this move, I am returning to my first love: children and education.

I was first asked to help the museum in the dark days following the November 2004 fire. The museum had been closed for five months; there were no exhibits, no programs and no visitors! The hard working staff embraced the new challenges and we started all manner of initiatives that has raised the profile of the museum, and increased attendance and membership.

The Board is in the process of a search for a new Executive Director who I trust will appreciate the support of the community that I have enjoyed. I will always be grateful for the many friends I have made and the chance to be a part of this fine organization.

Irene Hensinger

Wish List

- Memorabilia and photos from the Michigan Institute for the Blind
- Jergens Hand Lotion bottles
- Spic and Span boxes
- A ladder from the Saginaw Ladder Co.
- Hinckley Bone Liniment

Good News

◆ **The Museum** has received a grant from the American Museum Association for the services of an expert to look at what we collect, inventory our huge collection, and make the collection accessible for exhibits and research. We look forward to learning about best practices in the field as part of our accreditation process.

◆ **Deputy Director Sherri Greene** recently completed a continuing education course in Farmington Hills on the latest developments in human resource management.

◆ **Chief Curator Sandy Schwan and Assistant Curator Jennifer Gildenstern** attended a seminar in Ann Arbor on copyright law and how it pertains to museum collections.

◆ **Multimedia Specialist Jeffrey Cottrell** was given the Lorenz A. Loos Lion of the Year Memorial Award from the Saginaw Downtown Lions Club in recognition of his volunteer efforts.

◆ **Staff Archaeologist Jeff Sommer** had an article published in the May/June issue of *The Refuge Update* about work that is being done in the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.



Movie Lovers Get Their Fix at Riverside Film Festival

Several thousand people attended the third annual local film festival this year where 24 films, including children's movies, documentaries and feature films were shown at six venues throughout Saginaw, including the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History.

Still on display at the Museum is a portion of Scott Seeburger's fabulous vintage movie poster collection.

Generous donations to the Challenge Grant have been made in memory of

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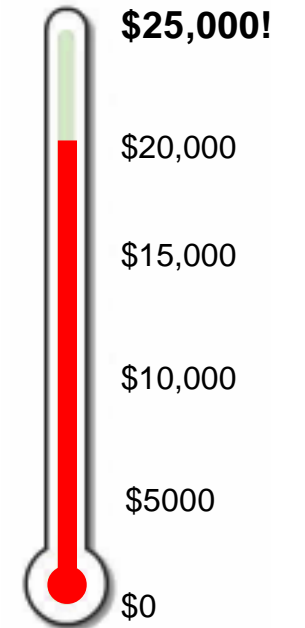


Saginaw Voyageurs and the St. Helena Brigade

Fourteen Voyageurs traveled from the Mackinac Bridge to Rogers City on August 1-9. This living history re-enactment program is an annual summer event that traces the routes of the original voyageurs and fur traders of the Great Lakes. This year the group paddled about 75 miles and made stops at the St. Helena Island Lighthouse and Fort Michilimackinac.

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Save the Date!

Our final Antique Fair at the Saginaw Farmer's Market is set for **Thursday, September 17th** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor, tables only cost \$10. Call Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315 for more information.

**Membership Drive Launch
Lumberjack Pancake Event
Sunday, October 18
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Speakers, prizes and tours!**