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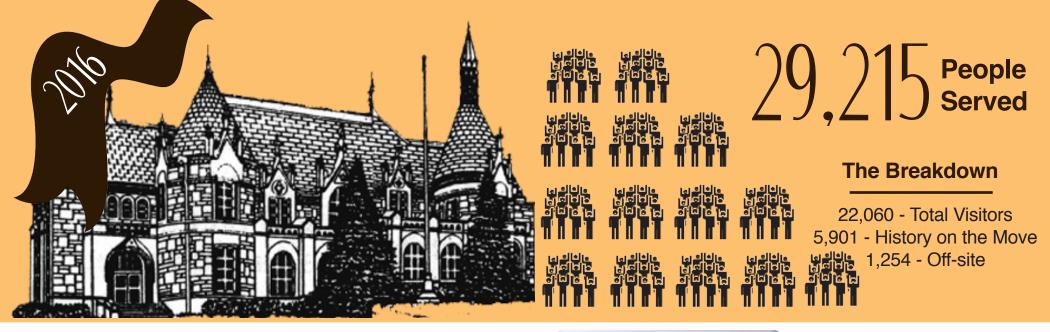


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# A SHINING LIGHT

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAGINAW COUNTY 2016 Annual Report

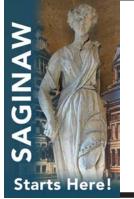




We received the 2016 **Preservation Gem** Award for our Castle Building Lobby Lighting *Restoration* project by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.



Our social media has grown by 17% since 2015.



New street banners displayed around the Museum.

**Free Passes** Used

1.024 adults and children visited the Museum for free.

Received \$53,228 in gifts & grants to assist in our exhibit installation and educational resources.





Visitors helped break our oneday attendance record with the help of the Girls on the Run 5K and our Annual Holiday Party.

2,224



Volunteers generously - BRIN REVIEW impacted the Castle Museum. They dedicated almost 8,000 hours of their time to our organization.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

#### VISION STATEMENT

To be the leading cultural organization in the Saginaw County region.

#### STRATEGIC FOCUSES

Growth People Preservation & Presentation Funding

This museum is a hidden gem. If you have time in your travels, I highly advise that you take a minute to stop by to enjoy the historical displays. <sup>99</sup>- Trip Advisor Review

### Letter From the Chair



A few days ago, as I sat on my La-Z-Boy reading the January 2017 edition of the *Castle Courier*, I began to think about how some light could make the HSSC vision possible; that is, *to become the leading cultural organization in the Saginaw region.* With that vision on my mind I dozed off, and imagined as follows the Castle Museum highlights of some unknown year in the future:

- A Castle building completely restored to its original splendor; the center piece of a reinvigorated downtown Saginaw; a building so beautiful and welcoming it would draw people from miles around.
- Temporary and permanent exhibits that are extremely attractive and powerful, as well as traveling exhibits, which would boost visitor numbers perhaps up to 50,000 annually.
- A talented, energetic and dedicated President/CEO with outstanding leadership skills and management style.
- A dedicated, talented and hardworking staff in all areas with affection and passion for the Castle Museum.
- HSSC membership numbers in the thousands with members who are engaged with the museum exhibits and programs, provide financial support, encourage volunteers, and recruit others in the community.
- A Board of Directors, elected by the membership, with vision, energy, wisdom, and commitment to the HSSC and its treasure, the Castle Museum.

Suddenly, I woke up. Had I been dreaming? Maybe! Perhaps our vision is not far from becoming a reality after all! The way has been lit for 2017.

Gerald Enszer Chair, Board of Directors



# Words from Our President

I'm so excited to begin 2017 as your President here at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History. I would like to thank you, the membership, and your representatives, the Board of Directors, for entrusting me with this important position.

I look forward to putting my non-profit museum management, business experience, and leadership qualities to work for you as the steward of this county's colorful history. I consider it an honor to call this magnificent building my place of work, and will employ all my energies to ensure it continues to glow as a beacon of education, culture, and history in our community.

As your President, I vow to judiciously utilize the resources so generously entrusted to us, to carefully preserve the irreplaceable artifacts in our collection, and to increase our organization's outreach in the region. We have been so fortunate to have a leader of Ken Santa's caliber for the last seven years, and I eagerly welcome the challenge of continuing and expanding upon his successes. With your continued support, we will keep the Castle Museum one of Saginaw's "Shining Lights."

Jonathan Webb President and CEO

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Guests participated in the Czech egg decorating program hosted by our Chief Curator Sandy Schwan.

# Our Board Staff Associates

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L to R - Historian Scott Seeburger, Bobby Balderrama and Frank Lugo. Balderrama and Lugo were two of the original band members from Question Mark & the Mysterians.

### Collection Highlights

- 65,336 objects listed in PastPerfect, our collection software
- 4,179 artifacts were processed in 2016
- 289 donors gave approximately 892 artifacts
- 17 exhibits including reinstallations were on display

#### EXHIBITS INSTALLED

Hateful Things, Detroit to Saginaw, Inspired by Bricks: Reach for the Sky, The History of the Castle Annex, Tim McCoy, The Eddy Concert Band, First Ward Community Center: Serving the Community Since 1931, Downto(w)n Saginaw, 50 Years of "96 Tears," Chevy Transmission Plant Holiday Display, World War II, The Story of Paul Wendler and much more.



We were one of the first organizations to receive the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar. We're proud to use GuideStar Platinum to share our full and complete story with the world.

# FY 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

\*Subject to Audit

| Income           | 2016 Budget     | 2016 Actual     |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Contract Revenue | \$<br>945,638   | \$<br>947,255   |
| Membership       | \$<br>29,500    | \$<br>34,953    |
| Gifts and Grants | \$<br>18,200    | \$<br>53,228    |
| Admissions       | \$<br>7,400     | \$<br>9,003     |
| Miscellaneous    | \$<br>11,000    | \$<br>8,521     |
| Interest Income  | \$<br>2,200     | \$<br>2,787     |
| Museum Store     | \$<br>9,000     | \$<br>11,264    |
| Total Income     | \$<br>1,022,938 | \$<br>1,067,011 |

#### Expense

| Personnel                       | \$<br>679,259   | \$<br>685,088   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Castle Building Operation       | \$<br>100,201   | \$<br>84,566    |
| Museum & Society Operation      | \$<br>91,641    | \$<br>95,306    |
| Grants to Out County<br>Museums | \$<br>94,564    | \$<br>94,564    |
| Offsite Locations               | \$<br>32,400    | \$<br>24,217    |
| Collections/Exhibits/Education  | \$<br>15,940    | \$<br>46,691    |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$<br>-         | \$<br>3,041     |
| Museum Store Operations         | \$<br>8,900     | \$<br>9,218     |
|                                 | \$<br>1,022,915 | 1,042,691       |
| Special Projects                | \$<br>45,440    | 45,440          |
| Total Expense                   | \$<br>1,068,355 | \$<br>1,088,131 |



# Hateful Things

February 17 - April 26

Hateful Things was a powerful exhibit from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at

Ferris State University. It contained images of violence against African Americans as well as the Civil Rights struggle for racial equality from the late 19th century to the present. It served as a strong and compelling reminder of America's racist past and provided an opportunity for people to engage in a discussion about a difficult topic.

# Inspired by Bricks: Reach For The Sky

#### May 11 - September 26

This exhibition by Scot Thompson, Michigan LEGO®

Users Group president and LEGO® enthusiast, featured a huge display of brick creations inspired by Detroit skyscrapers.

Tons of bricks were transformed into well-known Saginaw landmarks such as the Bean elevator, Bancroft apartments and the Saginaw Water Works. Detroit buildings included the Book Tower, Guardian and Buhl Buildings.







#### October 4 - January 15, 2017

Perhaps nothing is more intimate than clothing and the way that it connects with individual life stories. Featuring garments from the museum's costume collection, *Downto(w)n Saginaw*, focused on the history of Saginaw from 1890 until the start of the Great Depression in 1929. It explored the stories of the individuals who participated in reinventing Saginaw after the lumbering era and transforming it into an important industrial center.

This exhibit used their clothing to reveal the lives of the people who made Saginaw a vibrant and intriguing place.





For the second year in a row, the Castle Museum Archaeology Team spent much of the 2016 field season at the Steltzriede Farm site in Saginaw Township. According to family lore, Henry and Katherine Steltzriede built a log cabin on the site in 1838, established a farm, and began raising a family. They built a frame house on the property in 1848 that still stands. A main goal of our fieldwork has been to locate evidence of the 1838 cabin and any associated artifacts or other deposits.

In 2015, we found several artifacts thought to date to the cabin period, but no direct evidence for the structure itself. We also located an intriguing stone and mortar foundation from an unidentified building



that probably post-dates the cabin.

Our 2016 efforts were even more successful! First, we discovered a trash deposit with food remains, dish fragments, and other items spanning the cabin period and the



first decade or two of the frame house occupation. The bigger news is that we also found what is almost certainly the cellar from the original cabin! Most of the artifacts found in the cellar are structural components including square nails, window glass, brick fragments, charred and rotted boards, and lots of chinking. Much of this material was thrown into the cellar hole after the cabin was abandoned. Finally, we did some additional testing around the stone and mortar foundation and found evidence to suggest it may have been a three-sided, garage-like structure.

The Archaeology Team plans to return to the Steltzriede Farm site in 2017 to explore more of the cellar, obtain a larger sample from the trash deposit and revisit the stone and mortar foundation to try to confirm the age and identity of the structure. In the meantime, there are piles of artifacts in the lab to wash, sort, identify, and catalogue – an archaeologist's work is never done!



Jeff Sommer

Curator of Archaeology



### History On the Move

One of the interesting things about our *History on the Move* mobile museum and classroom, is the ability to provide a hands-on educational experience for students in the Saginaw County region. And secondly, the ever-changing exhibits! After a four-month hiatus, our truck was back on the road visiting schools with an entirely new exhibit titled, *Made in Saginaw: Gearing Up to the Automotive Era.* 

Over the year, HOM has visited 12 schools and eight events. In addition, our Education Coordinator Sheila Hempsted has provided 17 youth tours, three scout tours and offered three off-site presentations.

#### 3,712 youth + 2,189 adults



### THE ISLE ROYALE CIRCUMNAVIGATION

Celebrating their 30th year of paddling, the Saginaw Voyageurs have traveled over 4,000 miles along the original trade routes from Montreal through Lake Superior and the other Great Lakes to the rendezvous point of Grand Portage, Minnesota.

This year, 13 Voyageurs traveled to the remote national park on Isle Royale, located in Lake Superior near the Canadian coastline.

They paddled their Montreal canoe completely around the 47-mile long island, traversing over 124 miles to do so. It is likely that this is the first time a Montreal canoe has circumnavigated the island.

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Students learned about the automotive industry in Saginaw during an educational tour at the Castle Museum.



The First Ward Community Center staff had the opportunity to view artifacts and photographs exploring their organization's rich history during the exhibit reception of *Serving the Community Since 1931.* 

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