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## SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HERITAGE FESTIVAL HOME TOUR FEATURES EIGHT HOMES IN A MIX OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES

SAUGATUCK (MI), AUG. 21, 2006 -- A variety of architectural styles comprises the 2006 Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society Heritage Festival Homes Tour, with eight homes selected for blending this community's historic character with today's amenities and lifestyles. All will be open to tour ticketholders on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each location affords limited free parking, with docent guidance and information sheets to enhance visitor experience.

1. **Cannarsa/Phillips Cottage (2005) -- 3464 Riverside Drive, Saugatuck.** Down a country lane. Reconstruction of an old cottage into a unique contemporary home with interesting interior design and floor plan—and marvelous riverside views.



2. Bella-Dark House and Studio (2001) -- 799 Simonson Drive, Saugatuck. (Overlooking the Peterson Preserve wetlands.) New construction. An All-American shingle cottage in a contemporary Arts & Crafts manner, designed by the owners. Large porches—with compatible garage/studio.



3. Lesa Werme's Barn (1880/2006) -- 671 Upper Spear Street, Saugatuck. One of the finest barn restoration projects in this area. Henry Till's gothic-like orchard barn in a beautiful setting has been carefully restored by a family into an interesting historic space for contemporary use.



## 4. Hillman-Van Meter House and Studio (1999-2003) -- 562 Weirich Drive, Saugatuck. A

contemporary shingle cottage with a charming porch and two connecting studios—the latest by designer-owner. Remarkable interior views of wooded dunes.



5. **The Crow House and Bird Studio (2004-2006) -- 31 North Spring Street, Douglas.** The ultimate in economy of space and individuality in design and materials. Contemporary mirror of the village/rural landscape. Interesting mix of materials.



6. **Carlson-Craft-Greski House (2005) -- 80 Water Street, Douglas.** A large house but designed to fit the scale of the surrounding neighborhood, this new Arts&Crafts/Craftsman house has the classic porte cochere, front porch, and an abundance of exposed rafter tails and knee braces.



7. Bowman House (2003) --135 South Washington Street, Douglas. Contemporary Colonial Revival with lots of charm—a perfect example of how to design a good-sized house that fits into the traditional character of the village.



8. **Shafer's 'Yankee Barn' (2004) -- 420 South Union Street, Douglas.** Reconstruction of a well-known barn into a large residence. Breathtaking interior—with view of small meadow at edge of new alpine lodge-type guesthouse.



Also highlighting the fun and educational Heritage Festival activities are a pre-tour presentation, an all-new exhibition at the Society's award-winning Museum, a traditional "Clothesline" Art Show, an 1860's vintage base ball match and guided vineyard tours. For details, visit www.sdhistory.com or call (269) 857-7900.

Heritage Festival Tour tickets will be available in advance at The French Cottage, 33 Center Street, Douglas, and in Saugatuck at Uncommon Grounds coffee shop, 127 Hoffman Street and the Historical Society Museum, 735 Park Street (at Mt. Baldhead Park across the river from downtown). On tour day tickets also will be offered at the Introductory Panel Presentation, all tour home sites, and Woodland Realty, 2987 Blue Star Hwy, Douglas.