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## OLD SCHOOL HOUSE "UPSCALE SALE" AND PREVIEW PARTY TO BENEFIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND DISCOVERY CENTER

DOUGLAS, JULY 10, 2009 -- A public "Upscale Sale" offering higher-value, community-donated items, plus a night-before "Sneak Peek" party offering a preview and advance buying opportunity, is planned for Friday and Saturday, July 17 & 18, at the Old School House, 130 Center Street, in Douglas.

The Friday evening preview party runs from 5:30 to 8:30pm, with \$15 admission that includes one free drink from the event's cash bar. The Saturday sale, admission free, runs from 9am to 3pm, featuring an eclectic selection ranging from antiques, artworks, musical instruments and cameras to cottage furniture, pottery, light fixtures and dinnerware.

Proceeds will benefit the Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society's many volunteer-driven programs and its Old School House Project -- a commitment to convert the 1860's vintage Douglas-Union School into a unique community Discovery Center where children and adults alike can explore the area's genealogy, history, culture, ecology and architecture.

Listed on both the Michigan and National Registers of Historic Places, The Old School House is one of the oldest multi-classroom school buildings in Michigan and considered one of the finest examples of 19<sup>th</sup> century school architecture in America.

For information about Historical Society programs and Old School House Project, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org. For questions about the Upscale Sale or donating items for sale, call (269) 857-5751.