

History . . .

The Sodus Bay Historical Society actively promotes local history for the enjoyment of area residents and visitors and preserves local history to ensure future generations benefit from the knowledge of the past.



1871 Lighthouse
(Photo from 1880s)

Our staff and docents are friendly, knowledgeable, and responsive. They bring history alive for our visitors.

We operate the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum and have built our collection over the last 35 years. Our acquisitions focus on maritime artifacts and artifacts depicting the history of the Sodus Bay area.



Tools of the Lighthouse Keeper



War of 1812

We provide educational forums such as school tours, lectures, and our popular "History Alive!" events.

Community . . .

The Sodus Bay Historical Society provides vibrant programming which deepens the sense of community in the Sodus Bay Area.

Our Summer Concerts provide weekly entertainment from July 4th through Labor Day, drawing hundreds of area residents and vacationers together every Sunday afternoon.



the first concert of the season.

Each year, we host our Independence Extravaganza, which includes a 5K Run, Kiddie Parade, Art & Craft Show, Breakfast on the Bluff, and

The beautiful gardens at our historic lighthouse are available for outdoor wedding ceremonies (for a fee). With spectacular photo opportunities overlooking Lake Ontario, many couples choose the Lighthouse as a site for their most special day.



Beauty . . .

The Sodus Bay Historical Society maintains the Sodus Bay Lighthouse and its grounds to ensure visitors enjoy an inviting atmosphere and the highest possible standards of natural beauty.

The Museum is the most visited spot in Wayne County. It is ideally situated to afford sweeping vistas of Lake Ontario, the entrance to Sodus Bay, and the Chimney Bluffs.



The Lighthouse building, completed in 1871, is built of limestone, and is a superb example of bygone standards of design and craftsmanship.

Our gardens are designed to bloom throughout the season, and are situated to be visible from virtually every spot on the grounds. By enhancing the wonderful natural beauty of our site, everyone benefits: local residents, frequent visitors, and tourists passing through.



Join Us . . .

The opportunity to be a part of the Sodus Bay Historical Society (SBHS) awaits you! You can help us fulfill our mission by becoming a member, through your generous donations, and/or through your time and talents as a volunteer.

Advantages of membership:

- Pride and satisfaction in supporting an organization dedicated to preserving the history of the Sodus Bay area and maintaining and operating the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum
- Make a difference by taking an active role to make Sodus Bay history come alive, maintain our gardens, assist in our community events
- Enjoy camaraderie with equally passionate community members
- Appreciate the inviting atmosphere and scenic vista of the Lighthouse and grounds overlooking Lake Ontario; the value of tourism to the area cannot be overstated
- Enjoy the many events provided by SBHS (e.g., concerts, 5K race, speakers, presentations, members-only tours, social events, etc.)

You'll also receive a number of tangible benefits:

- Unlimited Museum admission
- Subscription to SBHS's *FLASH* magazine
- Invitations for members-only events, including our annual dinner and holiday open house
- A 10% discount in the Museum Store
- Tax-deductible donations

Join us! Fill out and mail the Membership Application on the reverse panel.