

SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORY CENTER

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KUTZEL AND ASHLEY WIN TOP ANNUAL HONORS FROM SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORY CENTER

SEPT. 7, 2018 -- Ken Kutzel has received the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's top-honor Charles J. Lorenz Award of Achievement for 2018, and Arthur Ashley has been named the Center's Volunteer Of The Year. Both are residents of Douglas.

The Lorenz Award was established in 1997 to honor the memory of Charles Lorenz, who gave generously of his time, talent, money and energy in the formation and development of this organization. Winners are selected each year by a special History Center committee, recognizing distinguished leadership in fulfilling the Center's mission to "help the community understand its past and use its history to shape its future and preserve its quality of life".

Kutzel was cited for his long-time, significant contributions to the History Center art collection management, organizing SDHC's Collection Committee, initiating its Art Archives program, and single-mounting several art exhibits, in addition to becoming a popular presenter at the Center's monthly public programs and summertime "Tuesday Talks".

The Volunteer Of The Year Award honors outstanding service to the History Center. Candidates are nominated by standing committee chairs, and winners are selected by majority vote of the Board.

Ashley's selection for this award recognizes his role as a member of SDHC's Museum Exhibition committee, serving as the Museum Store bookkeeper as well as Museum docent, and his donation of wines for the Center's social events.

The S-D History Center was founded as the Historical Society in 1986 with seventy Charter members "to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the civil, religious, social, cultural and natural history of Saugatuck, Douglas and surrounding area". As a volunteer-based, not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization with membership open to all, the Center now exceeds 700 individual, family and corporate members. Activities are funded by contributions from members, friends and grants, and from the proceeds of special events. For more information about the History Center and its many volunteer opportunities, visit www.MySDHistory.org.

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Caption: Ken Kutzel (L) and Arthur Ashley honored by S-D History Center