



Golden Landmarks Association

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Living Landmark Award 2015

Charlie & Janine Sturdavant

Charlie was born and raised in Oregon, where he won the State Championship in long jump. He graduated from Oregon State University with BS and MS degrees in Geology.

Janine was born an Ohioan and attended Bowling Green State University, receiving a BS degree in Science Education and an MS in Geology. They met while drilling a well in Blanding, Utah and married in 1986. Tamara was born in 1987 and Derek in 1990,

both native Coloradans and Goldenites. Janine was awarded an MBA degree from the University of Colorado Denver.

While the children were small, the Sturdavants decided to start the Golden City Brewery in their backyard (1993). At this same time, they offered their volunteer services to a variety of local organizations: Charlie served on the Golden Parks Board for 8 years, two as Chairman, was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, a Track coach at GHS and a Colorado Masters volleyball player. Janine was President of the Golden Landmarks Association, the Foothills Art Center and also served as Chairman of the Golden Historic Preservation Board. Both Sturdavants were awarded Life Memberships to GLA.

More recently, they have been active with the Golden Area Historic Neighborhoods Association and the Golden Vision 2010 and 2030 Plans. In 2007 Janine founded Art Reaching Kids (ARK) with a friend. The nonprofit offers art programs for at-risk young people serving time or living in institutions. Charlie has supported the kids as an Art Buyer at their shows.

While continuing to periodically work in the petroleum industry, and Charlie in mining as well, the Sturdavants have made many friends in the Golden community where their brewery business supports local charities through annual fundraisers. They recently connected with Lhakpa Sherpa of the Sherpa House Restaurant and together with Lhakpa, Eliot Brown, Wanda Blackburn, Sonam Sherpa and Alex Gearheart, founded the Sherpa Brewery in Chainpur 8, Chitwan, Nepal. After spending some months in Nepal building the brewery, they are firm believers in the old adage: "There's no place like home."