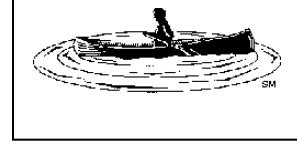


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Press Release

2018 Verlen Kruger Award

The Quiet Water Society congratulates Tom and Connie Cannon, who have been selected as winners of the 2018 Verlen Kruger Award. Tom and Connie are the ones who pass you every time you paddle the Hugh Heward Challenge. They have been racing together since their first canoe race in 1988. Tom can even boast that in 1980, at age 24, he raced in the Au Sable River Canoe Marathon alongside of Verlen Kruger. At least he was alongside for the first 50 feet but then lost sight of Verlen for the next 120 miles.

Connie Cannon grew up in a family of canoe and kayak racers. She raced in her first Au Sable River Canoe Marathon in 1990 with Tom as her partner. They finished just out of the top ten at number 11 in the Expert Division. In 2013, Connie placed first in the C1 Woman Senior class at the National Canoe and Kayak Marathon Championships hosted by the United States Canoe Association.

Tom and Connie actively participate in river maintenance activities and in bringing new people into the sport of paddling and racing. They will always be champions to their friends in the paddling community.

The Quiet Water Society is proud to be able to recognize Tom's and Connie's contributions to river conservation and the paddle sports. The Verlen Kruger Award is given annually to a person (or persons) who has supported and promoted paddle sports along with water conservation, education, or history in Michigan. The recipient of this award receives a plaque, and a brick on which the date and the name of the recipient is engraved. A duplicate brick will be added to the walkway around the Verlen Kruger Memorial located by the Grand River in Portland, Michigan. The recipient's name is also engraved on a plaque that is housed at the AuSable River Center in Roscommon, Michigan

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Admission \$10:00, Students with ID \$5.00 and Children under 12 free!

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