

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

1928 - "**Boettcher House**," 130 South Yale Avenue



In 1928 a single-family dwelling was erected at the address of 130 South Yale Avenue. This home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher. Mr. Boettcher, a cabinetmaker by trade, obtained the blue prints for this Craft and Arts style home a year earlier, and prided

himself as the general contractor in charge of construction.

Throughout the years this home went through many hardships that unfortunately left it in a state of disarray. At one point it was thought that the house would be condemned and tore down due to a number of serious faults found in the home. It was at this time the current owners, Art and Mary-Ann Simms, purchased the lot and moved from Melrose Park, to Villa Park.

The Simms have resided at 130 South Yale for over 20 years now, and have completely restored this home back to the beauty that Mr. Boettcher had envisioned almost 80 years ago. The restoration of this home is truly a success story of this village, and is more than worthy of the Historic Preservation Award presented to the Simm's and their beautiful home, which they revived for us all as a village to enjoy, and point to with pride.

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