

**Mayor's Award
"Historically Sensitive Addition"
824 5th Street
David & Diane Kosbau**



When David and Diane Kosbau purchased the Skinner House at 824 5th Street in 1993, they committed to transforming the property from a five apartment rental property to a single family home that preserves many of its historical features.

They were recognized for their excellent work in restoring their home in 1995 with the Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation for overall restoration and sympathetic secondary structure and in 1996 with a State Historic Preservation Award in the "Residential" category and with a nomination for the National Great American Home Awards.

This year they are again being recognized for their work through the award of a Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation in the category of Historically Sensitive Addition for the recent addition of a sunroom to the property. The sunroom, which was constructed on the back of the house, is complimented by friends and neighbors because it cannot be distinguished from the original structure. Designed by David, an Architect/Engineer, and mostly constructed by both David and Diane themselves, the sunroom compliments the architectural features of the house both inside and out. From the exterior, the addition embraces the home's Queen Anne style through the combination of a variety of surface textures. The home's wood siding is continued along the lower portion of the sunroom while the upper section includes the same diaper pattern shingling found on the turret at the front of the house.

The highlight of the sunroom is its display of double-hung windows that include interior trim and tall friezes to match the home's original windows. Inside, the sunroom features classic architecture, including a restored wooden staircase railing and a fireplace with ionic columns and molding to match an original fireplace in the dining room. This Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation acknowledges David and Diane Kosbau's dedication and extraordinary effort to preserve their home while maintaining the historic character of the Brookings Central Historic District.

