

**Mayor's Award
Pat Fishback
"Overall Restoration"
610 Third Street**



610 3rd Street has gone unnoticed for years until recent historic preservation work has brought a new life and character to this beautiful home that was built in 1910. Pat Fishback with the help of Mark Kelsey and his crew uncovered a myriad of treasures in this century-old home. Renovations began with removal of the vinyl siding, which revealed preserved intact fish scale decorative shingles. Vinyl siding often exacerbates rot of underlying wood materials, so it was fortunate the wood ornamentation survived.



With vinyl siding intact



With siding gone – showing fish scale shingles



Corbel bracket shadows



New corbels

Another discovery was the shadow of what once was roof corbel brackets. These decorative elements lined the roof on three sides of the structure. While none of the originals brackets could be found, 44 new corbels were locally recreated based on the extant evidence.

The once open porch was enclosed long ago, which was common porch modification during the Twentieth Century. The original plan was to rebuild the extensively deteriorated enclosed porch. However, as work crews began removing parts of the porch they made interesting discoveries. First, they revealed three generally well-preserved posts from the original porch. Then 122 holes were detected in porch top rails, marks left by previously removed decorative spandrels that had graced the original porch. With these discoveries, the plan changed to renovate the porch to its original open grandeur.



Old enclosed porch



New posts and decorative spandrels

The property has had a number of owners over the years. While not positive about the early history of the house, it appears that James and Jennie Linn built it in 1910. After that it was owned by J.L. Bairey (pronounced “Berry”) and Agnes Bairey; J.L. was a local Watkins salesman. Dahl and Lorene Hougland owned and lived in the house from the 1970s through the 1990s. The Houglands built an addition on the back of the house as well as the garage, which contains a workshop.

Rehabilitation work began June 2014 and was finished October 2015. This essentially five-bedroom, three-bath house was restored with the original flooring, new roof, new HVAC, new electrical system, modern kitchen, updated patio and landscaping. The addition space has been creatively reconfigured including the placement of windows while retaining the integrity of the original house. Original stain glass windows are intact at the front of the house.

Pat Fishback wishes to acknowledge Mark Kelsey and the many professionals for the substantial amount of work done in the rehabilitation of the house and to Gary LaJoie of Built Rite Construction for the finish work on the porch, railings and cabinetry.



Current rear view of house



Stained glass windows on front side of house