

**Mayor's Award
David & Diane Kosbau
"Residential Rehabilitation - Garage"
824 5th Street**



The completion of the relocation and rehabilitation of the garage at the Charles and Mary Skinner House has brought to conclusion to David and Diane Kosbau's dream of returning a property that had been subdivided and used for rental property into a historically restored single family home on its original plat. Built in 1902 by Charles and Mary Skinner, the lot was subdivided and a house was moved into the newly created lot in the 1960's. When the Kosbaus purchased the property at 824 5th St in 1993, they wanted to bring it back to its original grandeur. 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.

The opportunity arose to acquire the neighboring property approximately 10 years ago and to return the lot to that of a single family in 2014 when the 1960's house was finally purchased and moved from the site. Thus began the relocation of the garage from adjacent to the Skinner home to the south side of the property. They completed a sunroom on the original garage site for which they won a Mayor's Award for Historical Preservation in 2015 and have now completed the rehabilitation of the garage as well as the garage from the 1960's home.

The rehabilitated buildings nicely compliment the Queen Anne architectural style that is so well preserved throughout the home. With the addition of a dormer and windows, the relocated garage now resembles

a carriage house that could have stood in its place on the original lot. Horizontal wood siding on both structures matches the homes' siding, while the shake siding from the house's sunroom and turret are carried through the garage's dormer to tie the structures together.

David and Diane Kosbau's extraordinary efforts to restore the Skinner's property to what it historically may have been while maintaining the historic character of the Brookings' Central Historic District are culminated in this Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation.