



**Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation
"Excellence in Rehabilitation"
Gary & Kim LaJoie
1118 3rd Street**

Gary LaJoie spent his youth in a 1½ story historic brick home just a few blocks from the unique 1929 Swiss Chalet at 1118 3rd Street. As a child he delivered newspapers and mowed lawns in the neighborhood and always admired the home. Then after time in the service, work on the east coast and a career change into home construction and remodeling he moved back to the area.

The 1929 Swiss Chalet Style 1 ½ story home located in central Brookings was in need of love, in depth and sometimes painstaking restoration when the LaJoie's purchased it in February of 2016. In the first year after the purchase and before moving in, Gary and Kim focused on interior renovations and construction of the detached garage. This initial work included restoration of the maple and oak hardwood floors, major structural reconstruction of the addition and kitchen and restoring the home's two fireplaces and two bathrooms.

In 2017, the LaJoie's began extensive exterior restoration and construction including: gardens, walkways, siding, windows, and the cedar shakes. Gary and Kim were able to save and restore numerous awning windows throughout the home, but the original double hung windows had been replaced sometime in the past 50 years. The LaJoie's worked with Marvin Windows to match and install double-hung inserts.



Before restoration



This home is outside of Brookings historic district boundaries and is not an individually listed property. The LaJoie's were not required to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Nevertheless, Gary and Kim's attention to detail to preserve this iconic Brookings home is recognized through the 2018 Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation.





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