



(left) Roofing the turret- photo provided by Thomas Manzer, (top right) Before and after the restoration of the finial- photos provided by Thomas Manzer, (bottom right) A small pocket-door key.

### **929 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2019 Mayor's Award for Stewardship, Jeanne and Thomas Manzer**

A turret, a finial marked with bullet holes, and a pocket-door key define the stewardship of 929 4th street. Jeannie and Thomas Manzer, who purchased the Queen Anne style home in 1987 are the winners of the 2019 Mayor's Award for Stewardship. The Manzlers, who are previous winners of a Mayor's Award for the historically appropriate addition made to the house, have received this award for care of the property over the course of several years.

For anyone who has passed by the house, the turret is one of the defining architectural features of the home. It represents the routine maintenance of the property in a historically accurate manner, which include painting, roofing, plumbing, electrical work, and landscaping. The turret, which was in need of new shingles, required a boom lift to complete the project due to the exaggerated angle of the roof pitch. Thomas credits CWB Construction for their help in completing the project this past year. It is just one of the many routine maintenance projects the Manzlers have completed throughout their ownership of the home.

The finial, which is an architectural object marking the apex of another object, sits upon the turret of the house. From the ground, the finial appears untouched, however, further inspection revealed bullet holes dotted the top spheres of the finial. Clearly, it had been used for target practice or it had become an unfortunate bystander to bird removal. The shot-up finial maintains the age and context of a home constructed in 1900 when the area had little to no structures. Yet, it is also a testament to the significant restoration projects completed by the Manzlers over the years. The finial has been cleaned and the bullet holes filled as an act of restoration.

Finally, a pocket-door key defines the legacy of the home's stewardship. Both Jeannie and Thomas view the house as a Brookings community resource and care for it as an act of sustainability. Beyond their own attitudes towards the stewardship and preservation of the house, they credit the previous owners of the home for maintaining a similar philosophy. When George and Eliza built the original house, they installed sets of pocket-doors between the rooms on the first level. A key was provided to lock the doors. Over the course of one-hundred plus years, the key was never lost and was passed from owner to owner until it came into the possession of the Manzers. The care of preserving a small key as well as other architectural objects that define the house are testaments to the stewardship bestowed upon 929 4<sup>th</sup> street by the Manzers as well as philosophy of stewardship possessed by the home's previous owners and caretakers. Congratulations to Jeannie and Thomas Manzer.