



**Dan and Margaret Gafford
2703 19th Street**

Built in 1938, this grand Georgian Revival style house is a true treasure. Built for the Krueger Family, it has deservedly been designated a historic home. For 81 years it has graced our neighborhood and remains an icon of architectural design. The current owners have made every effort to retain all of the original style as they have made beautiful updates which fit seamlessly with the original design.

As you approach the front door, notice that the house is truly symmetrical. Then, stand on the porch beside the lofty columns and feel the size of this dramatic two-story home. As you enter the foyer you will see the striking Georgian style evidenced above the doorways to your left and right. Then, note the exquisite ornamentation along the outside of the grand stairway and around the room with its intricate crown molding. Take time to notice that there are alcoves in nearly every room displaying objects of interest and beautiful curved surfaces.

In the library there is dark wood paneling with beautiful cut wood pieces which mirror each other as inserts in the sections of the panels. This room feels cozy and inviting. The living room and dining room feature grand chandeliers which once hung in the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C. Notice the original key to the house has been framed and hangs in the living room. The Christmas tree has a string of popcorn which has been restrung every year since the first Christmas this couple were married. It is hung on the tree every year as a family tradition.

The dining room wallpaper mural features the history of America from the Mayflower to the Industrial Revolution era. With great care this original wallpaper has been preserved and maintains a fresh appearance. Do enjoy the beauty of the dining room's curved corner alcoves.

The backyard features a charming guest house which is a cozy place of comfort for guests. It includes a small kitchenette. Also in the backyard is a large enclosed conservatory with statues representing the seasons of the year behind it. In 2011, shortly after the current owners moved here, their daughter had a backyard wedding, creating the kind of precious memory that makes a house a home.

The large basement man cave is paneled in a knotty pine wood with curved and notched molding. The current owners feature a number of music icons: Frank Sinatra, Elvis, the Rolling Stones, the baby Beatles, and a poster of Woodstock. The guitar signed by all members of the Rolling Stones is a rare treasure. The room is a perfect place for grandchildren with lots of activities available. Also be sure to see the framed pages from the original architectural plans.

A side area of the basement houses a unique indoor shooting range.

Upstairs are three bedrooms, each with its own bath. Carpet has been removed, and wood floors are refinished beautifully. There continue to be alcoves everywhere, which is a very distinctive feature of this home. The master bath area has been rearranged to enlarge the closet space. One bath has soft pink tile on the floor and walls. The wall tiles are placed to create a dimensional effect rarely seen and very beautiful. Throughout the second floor, there continues to be beautiful ornamentation in the molding and attractive alcoves and insets in every room.

Lubbock is lucky that the current owners have spent much effort to locate artisans who could make repairs and renovations which are of the original style of the house. This is amazing to notice as you enter the newly remodeled kitchen. Glass door cabinets were rearranged to create an open kitchen with an abundance of light and the effect is perfect.

A number of famous people have been in this house: George W. Bush; athlete Bobby Lane, who married a daughter of the original family; and famed baseball hero Mickey Mantle.

What a history!

