

# The Jewelry of Her Life

Bling is the thing for Belva Jorgensen of Viborg and formerly of Yankton.

"I've always liked jewelry all my life," she said. "When my great-aunt passed away we divided up her jewelry and I was the only one who wanted all the shiny stuff."

Belva's love of jewelry started with the pieces she inherited from her great-aunt Ann Vedin, but it only grew from there. Currently, Belva has 1,500 pieces of jewelry, including many antique and vintage pieces.

"I had a few pieces given to me by another great-aunt and then I've picked some up here and there over the years, at antique stores, rummage sales and auctions," she said.

Not only does Belva collect the pieces and display them in her home, she finds any opportunity she can to showcase them when the occasion warrents.

"We don't go a lot of places where I can wear the fancier pieces," she said. "But I do wear some of it when I have a chance."

Many in her collection have special sentimental value, including a brooch her great-aunt wore wherever she went and a comb her great-grandmother wore in her hair.

As a proud Red Hat Society member, Belva says she often wears a necklace/bracelet set encrusted with purple stones to Red Hat events. She also lends out sets to her nieces for formal events, such as prom.

Belva has morphed her love of jewelry into a small at-home business, Be-Ken Jewelry & Crafts. She makes handcrafted jewelry including bracelets, ankle bracelets, earrings, necklaces, key chains,



rosaries, cell phone and zipper charms and name badge holders.

Belva and her husband, Kenneth, travel to various craft shows in the

area to sell and display their items.

Be-Ken Jewelry's specialty is custom made items.



Belva Jorgensen keeps busy in her "home office" making everything from bracelets to cell phone charms. Besides collecting old jewelry, Belva makes many custom pieces for herself and others.

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