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and slammed it shut and it shattered. We had a picture of it and found a place in Hinton, Iowa that could replicate the glass.”

Jeanette noted that when the family moved the house, there was a tax incentive from the Historical Preservation Society for maintaining the integrity of the home. The only requirement was the garage had to sit back, which is what the Hubert’s wanted anyway.

As for living in the home, Jeanette said for the most part, the home was completed how she wanted it within the first two years.

“I lived with the wallpaper for 15 years before I started changing things, doing one room at a time,” she said. “I work full-time, so it was my night and weekend project. I didn’t always pick my favorite colors, I like things that are in style, but I wanted things to fit the house, as well. Like my kitchen curtains they were white and not just right, so I tea stained them and now they work.”

She explained that their choices were often influenced by what was already there.

“The kitchen had stamp imprinted bricks that were painted blue and patched up, so our best alternative was to do the wainscoting,” Jeanette said. “We kept the original light switches, even though they are not operational, just because they give character to the house. These carpets (referencing the runner in the hallway and on the main stairs) were in the house, they are an old wool that you just can’t find anymore. The faux leather detail on the wall near the steps was kind of a nightmare, but I worked with several colors finally settling on this to blend with the carpet.”

“Upstairs, the light fixtures are original to the house. The first bedroom was set up this way, and the second bedroom, was pretty much the same. It had a closet, but it didn’t have a door, but we were able to save one from the house we were not using,” she added.

Details like a built in linen closet, originally to the home were also saved.

“The hallway extended further, but there were two little rooms, that we opened up into one large master bedroom and master bathroom. The original bathroom is still here; I have painted it, but it is the original tub, just a new sink and stool, but it was nice sized.”

Jeanette said the next project is to paint the outside of the home.

“This is the original porch to the house. You can see where the steps originally went out, but my husband was able to do the work to match it,” she said. “Old houses do need a lot of work, but these columns are one hundred years old and they are never going to be perfect.”

### *Looking Back*

“I am sure people though we were crazy,” Jeanette said. “I can’t say it was cheap. People ask why we didn’t just build a new house, and honestly, we just never considered it.”

“These people, who owned Felde House originally, it was probably a show home,” she said. “We said those people probably lived in that house for ages and never did the hard living in it that we have done in the last 20 years. But it has been a great home for us.”

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the spring and last year they even offered a visiting day for the Master Gardeners group.

“I am fortunate, in that very few people get to do what I do. I get to pick out anything and everything I want in the plant world,” Jay beams. He explains how he is the purchaser and the planter, raising the plant and seeing it go off to a customer to make them happy. He explains that he doesn’t have a rose bush anywhere in his yard. “I don’t need it. I have plenty of beautiful things here to look at and keep me occupied.”

Other area businesses featuring greenhouse offerings are Yankton & Vermillion Hy-Vee stores, Yankton & Vermillion Ace Hardware stores, Country Cupboard, Bomgaars, Yankton & Vermillion Wal-Marts, Menards, Rosewood Greenhouse, Brandt’s Greenhouse, Morse’s Market, Diane’s Greenhouse and K-mart.

I’ll admit, after visiting these greenhouses, I caught a little of the “awesome blossom” feeling. Being surrounded by their greenhouses of abundant lush blooms and blossoms in every color made me anxious to get started on planting flowers and gardening for the season. Now if I could just remember to water everything.....

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