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across the street began preparing to put in a sidewalk they came across these old bricks from the original sidewalk — no one knew they were still there.

“I remembered that sidewalk, so I asked them if I could have the bricks. They said you can have them if you can dig them out.”

So wheel barrow by wheel barrow, Diane moved these bricks across the street. She used the bricks to create a quaint little path in the yard, as well as a brick wall that wraps around a perennial garden.

As an entryway into the yard, Diane’s dad helped her place two beautiful columns. Many wedding parties have walked through those columns and even had their pictures taken there.

Diane says the whole landscaping project has created great memories.

Besides the “secret garden” for her sister, Diane also has a special spot on the south side designated for her little brother.

“My little brother died in a farm accident when he was eight. He and I shared the same birthday — in my family eight of us (12 kids in total) have birthday buddies, and he was my birthday buddy.”

She has found so many treasures in the yard — especially a lot of marbles. Some of them she says, she has returned to people who have lived there.

“We have a story in our family — a symbol of someone who has passed away. Marbles remind of us of my little brother, cause he loved to play with marbles. So a lot of times I found marbles when I was digging — I was suppose to be digging there. And for my sister it is a penny. So there have been times when I found a marble and a penny together.”

The remodeling inside also created great memories with her kids.

Along with Diane, her kids have also put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into many of the projects.

Diane says one of the first projects was the kitchen floor. There was six layers of tile and glue. Nothing worked to remove it.

“So in the evenings, we’d sit on the floor — me and the kids — and work on a spot til we got it down to the wood.”

“There are just so many memories in this place, of different things of different people. It’s got more feeling than the average place.”

The original front entrance to the house faced the north. But over time, owners reconfigured the home and the front porch now faces the west.

In an attempt to return the house to it’s original layout inside, Diane created a model of the house to help the con-



Many of the bricks used in Diane’s landscaping came from an old sidewalk across the street.



Right: The island in the kitchen was an altar at a former monastery that was once in the area. A friend of Diane’s actually was using it as a work bench. They offered it to Diane when she told them what she was doing in the house. To give the tiles (insert) in the kitchen the look of old, Diane used a scraper on the tiles and then stained them.



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