

HOME OF THE MONTH

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Heartwarming She Shed and a celebration of what the Danish call “Hygge.”

In essence, hygge means creating a warm atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life with good people. The warm glow of candlelight is hygge.

For Joan Ueland, it describes her most creative project she calls her She Shed. This unique “playhouse” is two hundred square feet, fully insulated and has heat and electricity.

Meet the enthusiastic creator, local resident, Joan Ueland. Ever since Joan was little she dreamed of having a playhouse. In a family with three brothers, and with meager means, the only way for Joan to play with a playhouse was to go over to her neighbor’s house, her best friend Jill who had a playhouse that sufficed for the time. She admittedly affirmed that she was happy growing up, but the memory never entirely left Joan’s heart.

It wasn’t until after she experienced such joy sharing her fairy garden with the neighbor’s kids that her desire of having a cozy playhouse solidified.

These times got Joan’s wheels turning, no longer able to forget the little girl that has wanted this all along. Over the course of five months, the “She Shed” was built in her yard beneath the willow tree that was bought in loving memory of her mother.

HANGIN' OUT ON ROOFS FOR 20 YEARS*

* GRANTED WE DO COME DOWN FOR DINNER :-)

ESTABLISHED 1995 | LOCALLY OWNED

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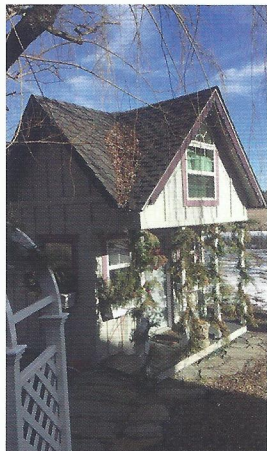
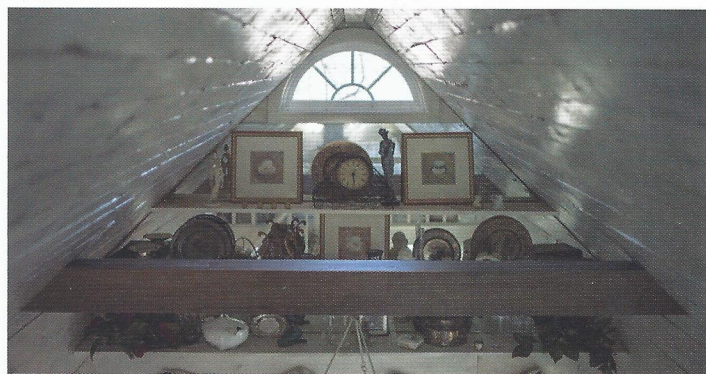
MASTERS OF PEAKS AND VALLEYS



Almost every item in the little house was bought secondhand. Joan has repurposed, recovered, and repainted many of the fantastic articles that furnish the place. Shabby chic meets opulent over-the-top comfort in a celebration of coziness and warmth. Unmatched suitcases house toys, dress-up clothes and a tea set. There is a bed in the loft space above, as well as doll house characters. Books abound, as special reading and movie watching are favorite activities with the grand guests.

Joan had great support since her husband Chris is an architect, and her son Eric is a builder, but she is the heart and visionary behind this grown-up fantastical dream house.

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Joan has hosted a few grown-up parties so far but the main purpose for the “She Shed” is quality time with her seven lucky grandchildren. They get to have tea parties and sleepovers with their creative Grandma there, even in the winter.

Joan is also very intentional about her time with loved ones. Another project she is working on is a book about “Ethical Wills,” passing on your legacy by the gift of time and shared values as the most important thing you can leave behind. Surely, stoking this creativity will be a breeze in the “She Shed.” The warm glow of candlelight that sparkles on the chandelier beads at night and the daytime light that pours in are magical. According to Joan, this is beautiful “hygge.”

