

keep the heavily-carved trim, doors and mantle pieces from drying out, they run humidifiers all winter. They also polish the woodwork twice a month.

The Lapings have made a few interior changes over the years. One was remodeling the



kitchen. Isle said their children were "eating and drinking all day

long" and she needed more cabinet space in the kitchen. They used the space creatively to keep from changing any windows or doors.

The Lapings also made a family room in the basement and the home's previous owners turned the butler's pantry into a bathroom. The Lapings use the original maid's pantry for a computer room.

The Lapings changed some decor over the years, too. They made an opulent guest room and Ilse had fun making a frilly "ladies room" from another bedroom. They recently put new oak floors in some upstairs areas.

The high-style Queen Anne home has many intricate features throughout and shows the love of variety that denotes a romantic home. The many extras in the home show the affluence of the

- Carved limestone lintels.
- Bay areas on two sides.
- Shingled third floor gables with triple windows.
- Decorative brick belt course at the first floor.
- Projecting third floor gable.
- Decorative brickwork on chimney.
- Carved block portecochere and full front porch added in the 1920s.

original owner, Fannie Jameson.

One special feature is the latticed front, full-length china closet or cabinet in the dining room. Another is the peek-a-boo window on the first landing of the grand staircase.

The three cherry, maple and butternut fireplace mantelpieces are heavily carved. Even the back stairway area is elegant, with a gracefully curved stairway enclosure.

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As heating bills soar, wood-burning stoves gain interest

Q: We have a reasonably-priced supply of firewood and we have always liked freestanding wood-burning stoves. Are new ones more convenient to use? What features are the best to use as occasional supplemental heating?
— Lisa T.

A: With heating bills skyrocketing, there is interest again in wood-burning stoves. The newer ones are more convenient to use and produce more heat. With a good source of firewood and efficiencies over 70 percent, they are economical to use. They also continue to heat during electrical power outages.

A freestanding wood stove can be an attractive addition to any room and any décor. There are many styles from ornate old-world cast iron radiant stoves with brilliant porcelain enamel to contempo-

rary pedestal models.

Most can be customized with 24-karat gold-plated trim, brass legs or decorative glass.

Another reason for interest in stoves is global warming. Burning oil or gas produces carbon dioxide gas (CO2). Burning wood is CO2 neutral.

Trees consume CO2 as they grow and produce oxygen. As each new tree grows to maturity, it consumes the CO2 that the old tree produced when you burned the firewood.

Most new wood-burning stoves now have a convenient one-handle adjustment to control the primary air, secondary air and heat output simultaneously. The larger models can burn for up to 12 hours on a single load of wood so that you do not have to get up in the middle of the night

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to fill it with wood.

Before selecting a stove, you will have to consider several items: How large an area of your house you want to heat, whether you want a convection or a radiant-only design, a catalytic or non-catalytic design, will you use it for cooking also, size of logs you have and the styling desired.

Some of the largest freestanding stoves

can heat an area up to 3,000 square feet. Most stoves will accept logs up to 18 inches long, but these larger models can accept a 24-inch-long log. Surprisingly, the exterior is not huge.

If you plan to heat a large area, select a convection model that is designed to circulate room air through it for extra heat. It also produces radiant heat near it. A radiant-only model is good for smaller areas. A step-top model has a small, very hot top section for cooking if needed.

Optional blowers, to circulate more room air, that can be hidden in the side panels, are available.

If the electric power does go off, the hot stove will continue to produce some natural convection room air flow through it.

To lower emissions, some stoves use a

catalyst that is hidden inside the flue area to burn more of the volatile gases. Catalytic models often have a 10 percent-higher efficiency than non-catalytic models that use extra combustion chambers.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 459, a buyer's guide of 12 wood-burning stove/fireplace insert manufacturers listing combustion type, efficiency, max. burn time, heat output, features, prices and a firewood selector chart. Send \$3 and a business-size SAE to: James Dulley, The Quincy Herald-Whig, 6906 Royalgreen Drive., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244.

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