

Home 'perfect' for bed and breakfast

Cork and Judy Adams are realizing their dream in Kentucky Street home

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When Judy Adams retired from her job as an executive in the high tech field in California, she knew just what she wanted to do — open a bed and breakfast.

"I wanted to do what was my heart and soul. If you do what you love, you never work a day in your life," Adams said.

Adams grew up in the Midwest and wanted to return to "the gentle life that the Midwest offers — and the positive relationships," she said. After looking at other towns, she and her husband, Cork, settled on Quincy to start their bed and breakfast.

They weren't looking for a fixer-upper, so when their realtor phoned Judy about the well cared for historic Queen Anne home at 1122 Kentucky, she flew to Quincy and, with her husband's blessing, bought it.

"I wanted a well-preserved home. This house was so well-kept and has such a homey feeling. Everyone who lived here must have had a good life," Adams said.

She thought it was the perfect house for a bed and breakfast.

The brick home has many elegant features that Queen Anne homes offer. The large entry has an stately staircase, with unusual turned balusters, cannonball newel caps and profiled closed string sides. Two brilliant stained glass windows light the area.

The front parlor's fireplace has a butternut mantelpiece with intricate millwork, display shelf and vase shelves. A large, single pane Queen Anne window with a stained, leaded and beveled glass transom is another special Queen Anne feature of the home. The back parlor, which the Adamses use for their family room, also has a working fireplace.

Two sets of five panel pocket doors are still intact



The Queen Anne home owned by Cork and Judy Adams at 1122 Kentucky, above left, will soon become a bed and breakfast. Now, the couple has the home decorated for Christmas, above right. At left is a fireplace in the living room. At far left is one of the home's stained glass windows.

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and all the profiled butternut door and window trim and bullseye corner blocks have been well maintained by previous owners.

The Adamses are grateful to Mark and Kate Schuerings who lived in the home for 20 years and carefully restored it while raising five daughters.

The Schuerings had the home sand blasted and tuck pointed and had a back porch rebuilt to match the original. They also collected recycled bricks and made three patio areas in the backyard.

Redecorating also was in order and the Schuerings stripped room after room of old wallpaper, skim-coated the plaster walls and painted them in rich, deep colors. They also refinished all the hardwood floors in the home.

The Schuerings redid the upstairs bathroom and finished an attic space, making a cozy fourth bedroom.

Adams also is grateful to the Schuerings for the

beautiful backyard garden where the Schuerings did a complete soil enhancement. Adams plans to add an herb garden this summer.

One job Adams took on was redecorating the kitchen with its two windows and seven doors. She painted it her favorite yellow and blue color scheme to compliment her collections. She plans to have maple kitchen cabinets custom built to match her massive cigar store cabinets that cover one wall.

The Adamses have a few other upcoming projects. They plan to add a bathroom in the basement, take up the parlor carpeting and make a few structural changes required by the fire-code. They are working closely with craftsmen to see that changes are in keeping with the late 19th century period of the house.

The Adamses are looking forward to sharing their home with bed and breakfast guests. They will open the Cooper Adams House in April.