

Stephen and Rhecia Brown

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Then, in 1994, Bill and Donna Lindeman purchased the house from Becher and remained in it for 16 years. The Lindemans restored the house so impressively that around town, it became known as 'The Lindeman House.'

As antiques dealers, the Lindemans filled the home with beloved keepsakes and turn of the century furniture; they also remodeled the home's inner structure. The Browns reminisce about the Lindemans' colorful wall treatments, some floral and several stenciled. "You felt like you were in the 1920s or 1930s," Stephen says of the Lindemans' style. "It was really cool."

Stephen and Rhecia first visited 'The Lindeman House' nearly 20 years ago. Like most professional photographers (the Browns own Stephen & Rhecia Brown Photography), the couple have an eye for camera-ready scenery. "We took pictures out in [the Lindemans'] yard one day," tells Stephen, "because [Donna] always kept flowers...And we asked her if we could come in and take a tour."

Upon viewing the house, the Browns were smitten. On that very afternoon, the couple expressed to Lindeman an interest in buying the house. It would be

another 10 years before Donna was ready to sell, but when the Browns found the house on the market in 2010, they called immediately and made the purchase.

Since that time, the Browns have done some updating of their own. With contemporary, country-chic style, they have subtly transformed the interior into a fully functional family home. But for the most part, the Browns' renovations have been cosmetic.

"When you do buy an older home," says Stephen, "you know what you're getting yourself into. And it's not that big a deal for us because we've bought older homes before that we've had to fix up."

"Actually," adds Rhecia, "we probably have done less work in this house than homes that we've bought that were 30 years old."

"[Donna] had already updated all the electrical, all the plumbing, the windows, insulated them," Stephen agrees.

"We've installed a water heater," says Rhecia. "Honestly, that's probably about it."

Room by room, bold and sophisticated paint colors compliment white-washed wainscoting, grand baseboards, window frames and sills. There are other white

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Reflections — Doesn't the small wooden house on the kitchen window sill look familiar? It's a replica of the Brown's house! The miniature, one of a large series of reproductions of Dubois County landmarks, was painted by renowned Ferdinand artist Alice Kemper. Visit the Ferdinand Library or the Dubois County Museum to view other pieces in the beloved Alice Kemper series.



Country charm — The kitchen contains many features authentic to the room's origination. Antique white cabinets illuminate the space; fashionable stainless steel appliances and a gorgeous kitchen island keep the space functional and up-to-date.