

OUR OLDE HOUSE

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Miss Sherry and I live in a circa 1863 house in Olde Towne, Clinton. Our house has had at least two major extensions and several interior rearrangements during the past 158 years. As we are taking our turn at caring for this part of Clinton's history, we have learned to accept that there are no simple fixes to anything that needs attention or updating, and that whoever last fixed what we are fixing again did their best with what they had at the time; judge not, lest ye be judged.

Gerald Kerner and Sherry Landrum



Artist receives surprise gift of art

By Guest Columnist Jeanette Latimer

This all started when two friends, Doreen McCoy and Mary O'Donoghue Eby, gave me boxes of lace, velvet and broken jewelry. Realizing these things could be turned into a fun and useful form of art, I decided to teach children how to appreciate things other than a cell phone.

Tanika Robinson and her daughter Amaya came to a couple classes and had a chance to see many unusual forms of art. She became so inspired, she decided to go back to the art she left behind when she married and started raising their family. I had seen her work of art and admired it, but broke out in tears when she presented it to me. Tanika, while at Lincoln University of Missouri, took a class in intaglio etching, where she made her piece, "Graceful Dance."

I started out trying to do a good deed for the children. But after seeing shy boys and girls walk in and try their hands with the sewing needle or gluing objects, they left as happy children wearing smiles and carrying their creativity, leaving me with yet another gift of their happiness and laughter.



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Pictured (l to r) are Jeanette Latimer, Tanika Robinson and her daughter Amaya.

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