

You Must Visit Rosa's Cabin



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"Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue" is a saying that usually pertains to seeking good luck at a wedding. But those words are pretty descriptive of what has taken place at the historic old log cabin at Rosa!

The more than 150 year old log cabin has been revitalized, with a new 2100 sq feet European style business and home, now surrounding it.

The beautiful new/old two-story building now houses a huge selection of fine antiques and gifts as well as Wade Hudgins' computer business!

Close to three years ago, Wade's mother, Dyanne Sterling "had a run in with a broom and a concrete floor," causing several broken bones and months of needed recuperation. Wade had been living away from home for more than two decades and was living in Los Angeles but felt he was needed at home back in Blount County.

"I packed up the house and dog into a large truck and headed 2000

miles eastward," he remembers.

Wade's aunt (through-his-mom's-marriage-to-the-late Jerry Sterling) thought Wade might like to buy the little old log cabin she owned on U.S. 231 north in Rosa to house his computer business but what he saw there then didn't encourage him much. The historic log cabin had been used for a residence, a junk shop, and

more.

Contractor Scott Moye recommended tearing down all the additions leaving the original cedar log cabin. Wade and his mom sent a picture they'd clipped from *Southern Living* magazine of a restored cabin to Scott and the work began.

Wade planned the interior (with the use of a computer program of course!) to make it lighter and more Williamsburg-like.

In the meantime, Wade and Dyanne placed several of their chosen antiques and gifts in a section of Treasures on Main in Oneonta (and they still maintain a booth there.)

Earlier this summer Wade was able to move his computer retail and repair business into the beautifully restored business and he and Dyanne began displaying antiques in earnest. (And Wade's apartment upstairs makes the business have a true European flair such as the custom there of living above one's shop!)

There's a beautiful contemporary china cabinet (circa 1959) which

Wade fell in love with at an auction; a wonderful wardrobe; a make-up stool Wade bought from Paul Allred and recovered; a secretary; rocking chairs, vintage Singer electric sewing machine, Paris appetizer tray, a set of Fenton glass, a sterling silver coffee service, adjustable piano/organ stool with the original glass balls in its short claw-foot legs; 18th and 19th century glass bottles (some recovered from the old Birmingham landfill on the location where Birmingham's post office now stands); hand-painted Nippon from the 1880's; decoupage pieces; Meta Bains prints and other art from the John Miller Gallery; steamer trunks of many sizes; a jute cow; handmade rabbit doll, crystal lamp with homemade shade, wooden ironing board, a vast collection of broaches and collectible clip on earrings, a Fitz and Floyd giraffe, framed photograph of the 1934 U of A National Championship football team, a compote, figurines, glassware, beautiful oak wash stand, all types of tables, a chess set of carved soapstone, quilts, Classic children's books, and too much more to name!

There was a beautiful Hoosier cabinet (that this reporter pined for!) but it is already slated for a new home, but the antiques are forever changing so you need to check often to see the new/old pieces!

In between shoppers, Wade provides a full-service computer retail/repair store. He has great buys on name-brand computers ("There's no need to go to a discount store," he explains, "when you can buy quality computers here at lower prices.")

Wade does all sorts of computer repairs from upgrading your present system to debugging them from viruses to solving other problems.

He also creates web sites; the Blount County-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce web site is one of his creations!

Check out the cabin's website at www.rosascabin.com, or better yet, drop in for a visit! There's a 60 day layaway (50% down and 50% due the second month) which means you can do some great Christmas shopping for your friends and family--- or yourself!

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