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The Old Place



Guests abound at The Old Place Bed & Breakfast

**STORY AND PHOTOS
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AMORY – Owning a bed and breakfast wasn't something that Theresa Glenn of Amory or her husband, Jimmy, had dreamed about.

There was a home on their property that had been built in 1925 by Jimmy's grandfather, Nelson Glenn, who was a schoolteacher. The home had been vacant since about 1965 and was used as a storage place for cast-off furniture and other Glenn family belongings. People would tell Theresa she needed to open a bed and breakfast in the brick home.

"Opening a bed and breakfast wasn't planned, it just happened. We went to a bed and breakfast in Fairhope, Ala., and that inspired us to renovate The Old Place," said Glenn. "That was the name the Glenn family always used for the home where they grew up."

Glenn, who has an art background, and taught art for several years at Amory Middle School, used her artistic and creative talents in decorating the home. Glenn learned to do a lot of the work on the floors and walls herself. She painted a grape mural in the kitchen to reflect the grape arbor in the front yard.

The Glenns began renovating the home one room at a time. Renovations took over a year and in November 2000, the bed and breakfast was ready for its first guest.

"I remember Dr. Duke Wood was the first guest at The Old Place," Glenn said. "He was being recruited by P&S Clinics as a new OB/GYN."

Over the years, The Old Place has had guests from Germany, Greece, England, Australia and several other countries, Glenn thinks there has been someone from most states in the U.S. who have stayed at the bed and breakfast.

"Most of my business is driven by my website," she said.

In addition to serving as a bed and breakfast, The Old Place is used for showers, Christmas parties, birthday parties,



Theresa Glenn says guests from all around the world have stayed at The Old Place.



Glenn, who taught art at Amory Middle School, handled The Old Place's interior decorating.

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bridesmaids' luncheons, bridge clubs, bunko groups, reunions and lots of other events. There has even been a small wedding held inside the home and one outside. It has been used for bridal photos.

The Old Place has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, sun porch, an outside porch and a front porch.

"I never thought I would love anything as much as I do this," Glenn said. "It's a lot of work. There is constant cooking or cleaning. If something needs to be done, I do it. I am the maid. Jimmy helps with the mowing."

