



**The Green Leaf Place Bed and Breakfast**

## Historic home is bed, breakfast

The Green Leaf Place Bed and Breakfast is located in one of Bloomfield's more prominent and historic homes and features some of the finest accommodations.

Gary and Valerie Mishler purchased the home in 2005 and have done extensive remodeling to the property located at 425 Madison Street. They opened the bed and breakfast for business in 2007 and have had numerous guests.

The home has meeting room space and is available for rent for those who wish to have meetings, wedding receptions, parties or other gatherings.

Ironically, the bed and breakfast idea was the furthest thing from the Mishlers' minds a few years ago. It was not until someone offered to buy their rural Davis County farm that fate began to steer the Mishlers toward being bed and breakfast owners.

Needing a home to live in, the Mishlers' purchased this home and immediately began extensive remodeling. The home needed a lot of work, and the family spent many hours stripping and refinishing woodwork, polishing original light fixtures, constructing bathrooms, and remodeling rooms to turn them into guest rooms.

"We talked about the idea of opening a bed and breakfast and decided to go for it. We took possession of the house in June 2005 and began working on it on July 5, 2005," said owner Valerie Mishler.

They belong to the Iowa Bed and Breakfast Guild and currently have three rooms available for rent.

The rooms are located on the second floor and can be reached by ascending a beautiful open staircase. One room is remodeled in a yellow theme. A second is considered the presi-

dential suite and is remodeled with blue decor while the third room features a more contemporary design with red and black décor. It was designed by their daughter Julia.

Each of the rooms features closet space and also comes with its own bathroom.

The main level of the home features a sun-room on the south, a large living room with a fireplace, a dining room that features a table for 12 or more, and the large meeting room.

The Mishler family spent nearly two long years completely renovating the home. "We still have some things to do, but we have gotten a lot done," she said.

Mishler says they hope to restore the gardens behind the home one-day. "We have a blueprint of the garden and what was planted back there. We would like to restore that to how it was originally kept. The old driveway to the home is still visible in the yard and we would like to bring that back someday, too."

Work continues on the house as windows and doors have been replaced and updated to make them more efficient. At the same time, the work being done is also being done to help restore the original nature of the home to its historic 1912 design.

The home also features a carriage house, which is being remodeled. "We hope someday to be able to add another room for rent in the upstairs of the carriage house by making it into some type of honeymoon suite," said Mishler.

The home also features a third floor. The top floor was used as a community theater area where plays and other productions were held.

Anyone wishing to contact the Mishlers at The Green Leaf Place may do so by calling 641-664-1985. The business also has a website at [www.thegreenleafplace.com](http://www.thegreenleafplace.com).