



community). Should Jeannette invite you into her house during the Christmas season, the proof of her holiday passion would easily become known. You would find not one, but five Christmas trees standing bold and proud with different flavors of holiday décor covering each one. There would be holiday wreaths covering windows, each wreath being different and uniquely crafted. Many dolls wearing holiday clothing would be seen standing either alone or with another, gleaming with personality. And resting upon living room shelves would be miniature Christmas towns containing little communities of people celebrating the spirit of the wintery season.

One of the major factors that helped contribute to such a collection was Jeannette's parents who used to own a garden center when she was a little girl. Every year during the holidays, she would assist her parents in converting this garden center into a Christmas store where members of the community could purchase a number of items to help decorate their homes. Knowing how much their daughter loved this time of year, her parents would give her gifts that were Christmas-themed in some form or another.

This became a yearly tradition that lasted many years and eventually, Jeannette's collection had increased substantially.

Time passed and Jeannette married her late husband, Robert Warren. One year during the holidays, he gave Jeannette a doll as a Christmas gift and immediately another passion was born. "I've been collecting dolls for about 30 years. Most of my dolls are turn of the century," said Jeannette.

Combining her love for Christmas and her passion for dolls, Jeannette has decorated some of these dolls in Christmas attire. She has even obtained a few dolls resembling Santa Claus, each containing a different look and expression.

Although all of the Christmas items within Jeannette's home are evidence of her love for the holiday, some of these items hold a deeper, stronger, and perhaps much more emotional tie that is bound to her heart. The following are a few honorable mentions that either contain such emotional ties or simply contain interesting facts about them.

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