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Deb and Karl Lust had out grown their very small cottage in the Edison Park neighborhood, but wanted to stay in the community where they had been living in for the past 10 years. It's a perfect location for the commuters as Deb heads out to the suburbs and Karl takes the train downtown to work. Their search began casually, keeping an eye out for homes in the area. Neither was in any hurry to purchase.

After returning from vacation the Lusts found the lovely yellow brick bungalow for sale on Oliphant Ave., just a block from their current home. I used to walk our dog by the house nearly every day, remembers Karl, I always liked the color of the brick and the limestone details. The Lusts went to the open house and knew right away this was their house. We had been through many homes that had been Home Depoted to death, said Deb, and we were thrilled to find not much had been done to this house.



The corner bungalow was one of four houses built on the block by Alfred Irmschler in 1926. The first residents of the house were the Wolkows. Paul Wolkow had his own plumbing business and lived in the house with his wife Emma and his teenaged daughter Ruth until it was sold to the Scheumeman family in 1933. The house was sold again into the Nehf family in December 1950 and finally it came to the hands of Deb and Karl Lust in 1999.



featuring a sycamore tree for their attic.

Although the property changed the owners several times much of the original rich dark woodwork, panel doors and hardware remain through out the house. The original fireplace and flanking bookcases have been removed, but not far. Luckily, the Lusts found the bookcases in the basement. It's our dream to restore them as well as the missing stained glass windows located in either side of the fireplace, said Deb. Conveniently they can call on Deb's sister to recreate the missing windows who has just finished a window

Their first project was to tackle the roof, dormers and soffit. A dark gray roof replaced the inherited lighter one and white aluminum siding and asphalt shingles were removed from the dormers and replaced with cedar shake singles. The new contrast in colors makes the yellow

bricks much more vibrant. Further, the Lusts removed the aluminum wrap from the original beadboard soffits and are in the process of restoration.

An avid gardener, Deb went right to work. Once lined with cumbersome yews, the side of the house now features bleeding hearts and dwarf oak leafed hydrangea that turn a deep red in the fall. This year Deb completed the back yard patio and will revisit the front yard shortly.



The Lusts are very fond of their bungalow and have a long list of restoration and garden projects, but no matter, they intend on staying for a while. It s a labor of love. The Lusts certified their Historic Chicago Bungalow in May of 2002.

