



“And then of course you have to discard a few. It always takes a long time to make that decision to say, ‘Okay, you’re getting old.’ Some things I’ve had for a long time and I’ll hand them down to the family.

“The first ornament that I got when the kids were younger and I really treasured it,” she said. “I got it from Sears and it was a music box. It still works, but I’ve always treasured it and played it for the grandkids. I really like it. And I’ve got a nativity scene that I take a lot of pride in. It’s all white and it looks really good.”

Although her birthday is in June, Donna said she can always expect a Christmas knickknack or trinket or two to add to her growing collection. The small pantry is where boxes are stacked on shelves from floor to ceiling.

“It stores quite a bit, but it’s getting

filled now,” she said.

And although storage space is becoming scarce, Donna admitted that there’s always room for just one more piece.

“I keep telling myself I’m not going to (get more), but when something catches your eye ... “ she said with a giggle and a shrug of her shoulders.

Donna decorates as much for herself as for the joy she sees it brings friends and family.

“There’s always that look of amazement on their faces,” she said. “I do it for myself, but I also hope that people come in and get enjoyment out of it.”

After January 1, the Christmas decorations come down and are stored away for another year.

However, Donna doesn’t worry about her home looking bare without the festive flare.

“I try to decorate for every holiday



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