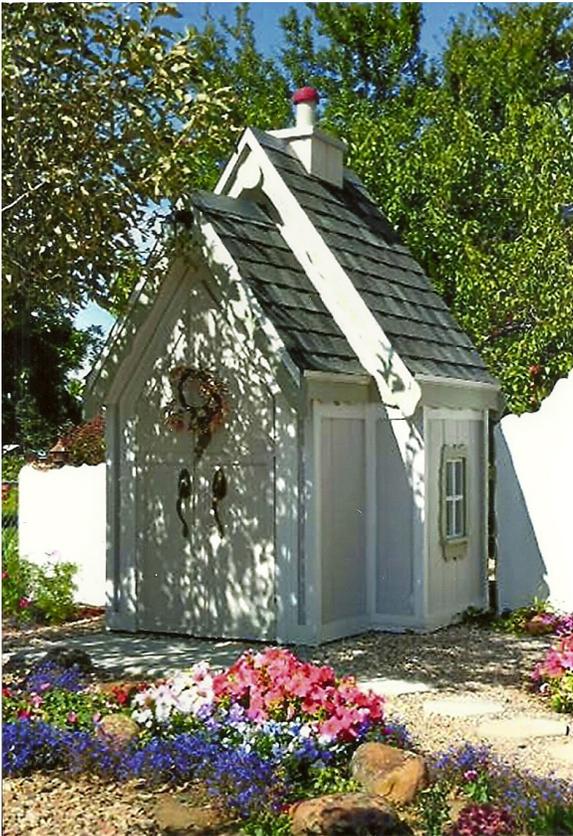




Face of Fillmore

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This week's Face of Fillmore includes driving instructions to the most interesting collection of outbuildings in town. Buildings to store your yard tools or other such belongings rarely come in sets, but these do.

Drive east on Canyon Road to Second East, turn right (south). Just behind the house on the corner are the buildings I am writing about. Looking like little gingerbread cottages, the one on the west is the largest, followed by the one facing north and then the tiny one just east of it. Each is painted gray with white trim and looks like something out of a fairy tale.

I was immediately reminded of Russian matryoshka – the nesting dolls invented by a Russian woodworker in 1890. The outside doll is the largest and each one inside is a little smaller in size until the tiniest one is in the center. These dolls come in sets with as many as eight nested together. These are usually fairy tale characters, but also come in many other varieties. The word matryoshka actually means “little matron”.

The little cottages are not exactly the same in layout and will not fit inside each other but reminded me of these Russian dolls.

The cottages are the handiwork of Jerry Hackwell of Fillmore who lives in the house on the corner. He said he sketched the original plans on a napkin at Carls' Junior and

brought it home to transfer it to graph paper to get the dimensions correct. He built them on sight in his yard over the next few years, adding the smallest one only a few years ago.

In the summer months the paths leading from one building to another are lined with brightly colored petunias and other flowers, but even in the bareness of late fall and winter they are attractive.

About two years ago, after a particularly heavy snowfall, Mr. Hackwell's daughter Alexandria called Melanie Davies to come and take a picture of the snow on the little houses. She posted them on Facebook and they received 20,000 hits in a short amount of time, including 250 offers to buy them or some like them.



Jerry Hackwell - Cottages

Mr. Hackwell also recently completed a cottage style home with a similarly interesting design. This one was built on site in the Heber Valley. The people who ended up buying it paid did so because of their “love affair with the home”. It is near the Blue Boar Inn in Midway where it has actually caused a traffic problem with so many onlookers.

Moving to Fillmore from Beaver, Mr. Hackwell bought the home at the corner of Canyon Road and Second East seven years ago, but did not actually move here until three years ago. It was originally built in 1870 by the McBride family, who were known for their lumber business in town. Roy McBride was the owner and first occupant. In the years to



follow, several other people lived there. The second owner was John Carling who eventually sold it to his daughter, Angie. Superintendent of schools Mr. Maughan lived there with his family. Jack and Edna McBride who live in the house to the south, lived in the home in 1958 while they built their new one. Phil Robison's mother Dora Robison lived in the home for several years. It was also owned by the Lunt family who sold it to Jerry Hackwell. (It is possible some others owners were missed in this list.)



Mr. Hackwell was employed in the trucking industry in international commerce law for 24 years. Since his retirement, his interest in building has peaked and he spends time helping his son Samuel who is an architect and his wife Tina in their home construction business, Storybook Homes.

Our thanks to Mr. Hackwell for adding such a piece of charm to the Face of Fillmore.