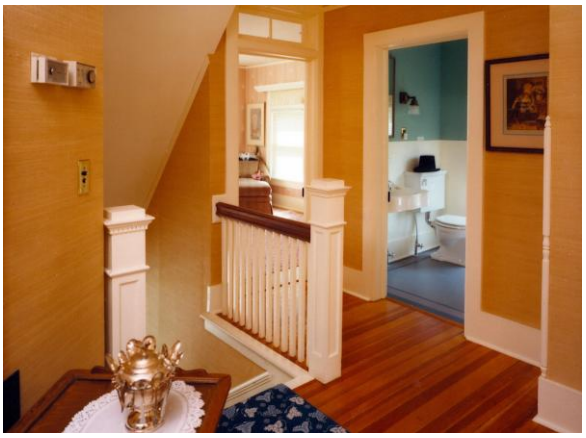
BERGGREN ARCHITECTS

Renovation & Addition

JEANNE'S AT THE HASKELL HOUSE

Wakefield, Nebraska



In 1992, Berggren Architects was retained for the restoration of this historic home, returning it to its 1926 glory, the last time the local banker, John D. Haskell, renovated his personal residence. Though the initial intention was that the house would be gifted to the city as a small reception center, the project scope changed to become a tea room and restaurant for the area.

The start of the renovation began with lifting the house in order to rebuild the entire foundation. Through research and interviews of Wakefield residents, we were able to choose historically accurate and durable finished for the interior and exterior. To comply with all codes and ADA, we completed an addition which houses a second exit for the upper floor, a handicapped accessible restroom and a complete commercial kitchen. "Jeanne's at the Haskell House" opened for business in March of 1994. Before the finishing touches were complete, a waiting area for patrons became an obvious necessity. Careful research led us to the recommendation that a "1920's" style conservatory be constructed with seating for 40, including a complete bar. The conservatory was "fast-track" – designed and construction completed by November of 1994.