



Cousin Emma's Bed & Breakfast

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Have a sit down and relax in Mayberry.

What's News?

Whew, what a weekend....yesterday was the B&B open house, a cider and cookie event here that I had put in the First Presbyterian Church bulletin to invite the entire congregation.... ' Had no idea of who to expect but had at least 75 come through in the 2 hour time frame. Funny thing was, I'd also put aside bottles of cider and boxes of homemade cookies for both the police dept. and the fire house. I thought -and still think- I told them to come after the open house....BUT instead, just as the house started to fill with folks, two policemen in uniform came to the door and saw my 'come on in' wave. So they did and found me, so I told them where I'd put their stash and invited them to walk through the house if they'd like, thanked them for their work, etc etc and continued to visit with others. They did walk through the house and also I overheard them telling (and maybe showing their 'take')....they'd started down the front walk and up comes the firetruck (yes) and double parked for two of their folks to come inside and get their stash from the back porch stoop. They also walked through the house and showed off their loot, thanked me profusely and said they'd share with the smaller stations which have only 2-3 men on duty. I was amused at the timing....it couldn't have been better orchestrated by Cecil B De Mille or whoever he was! So, my mama was right; you will light up lives the best with small acts of kindness the most when it is a surprise..... It was for sure a gossip and nosy-rosy prime event and some of the questions I was asked were hilarious....

"Tell me, how much do you have invested now in this house?"

I just laughed and said, 'can I start forwarding bills to you'...everyone in ear shot laughed.

"Why did you do so much to this old place, it is only going to go downhill"....I said, 'Yes, probably about like all of us!' Best of all...."Did you buy or inherit these furnishings?".....I've since thought of several clever replies but sadly, just said neither one, "I got good severance from all my

marriages..." Nobody laughed and then someone said, "Who all did she marry, does anyone know?" It will for sure keep the phones busy and tongues moving for a good while.....pity we didn't have a video going. I remain astonished at the things folks here dare to ask....One thing for sure, there hasn't been anything like this at a private home or business in recent memory. I'd love to have heard the quieter comments whispered to each other.

High Tea, Tales, & House Tour



Enjoy an old fashioned high tea with sweets in Cousin Emma's formal dining room. Hear legends and tour the house.

The price of admission goes to fund a week of summer camp for a needy local child.

Tea, Tales, and House Tour is available most Sundays

Attendance Limited

\$10.00 per person

To schedule this special afternoon event, call 336-756-5656 or email slewisbrown@earthlink.net

Visit Mayberry!

For Mt. Airy happenings, check out

<http://www.visitmayberry.com/calendar/>

and plan a visit!

Girl's Mayberry Getaway Weekend

If the winter gets too much you, why not grab a few girlfriends and book a weekend of winter fun in Mayberry? Take a break from husbands, children, and responsibilities and book a Weekend Getaway for the girls at Cousin Emma's. Ladies, you deserve to treat yourself!

Treasured Old Things around the House...

This is my older brother John's old, peddle firetruck with its original paint job, wheels and even tires and bell...only missing are the two small wooden ladders. Note the dented front bumper...

I wanted to see how fast I could go down our back driveway and ran into the side of the garage apartment where our beloved Lena and Shorty lived...I hit hard and knocked out



my two front upper teeth and was a bloody mess. Our dentist was a close neighbor and mother took me to his house. He dried off my mouth and stuck my two teeth back into my gums with a bang....I was ready to scream until he said 'no food for her for a week or so except ice cream and applesauce.' It worked, they stayed another maybe 1 1/2 or so years. I still love ice cream even after all that but rarely eat it now due to dairy allergy.

The local Surry County museum has a ground floor with antique real-sized firetrucks. So I have offered them this for display but never to sell. So, ' waiting for them to discuss it to death and decide....things move slowly here except for scandals and gossip. You can see the edge of the kitchen and in back of the firetruck is the second set of doors to the back stoop and steep steps to the backyard.

Opie's Corner

Finally got a thorough vacuuming done yesterday and out rolled seven ornaments from Opie's play time...When he saw them he again took off chasing and was frustrated since they all went in different directions. I could see his eyes twitch as he decided where to run first. He is so 'good' as long as nobody else is here and I enjoy him but let someone come and he, like a toddler, has to take center stage while his sister, Kitty, watches in disgust! No responses as yet on his availability through the local rescue groups....they are strict and I was candid about his 'personality' so it will take the super right home situation!

Special for Veterans and Wounded Warriors

I love it when the Wounded Warriors and their significant others come for a couple of nights and invariably they say it is like going to grandma's house. If they have documentation, I let them stay free the second night....I so appreciate their service to keep our country safe. I always pack them a care package as they travel back home...my beloved Mother sent everyone who came to our house home with something special to eat later. I usually tell them it was made with love but I don't remember whether or not I washed my hands prior to cooking....love the laughs and grins I get from that!

Christmas Decorations have been taken down and put enough away that Opie won't have to stay up all night chasing stuff under the furniture. His Christmas tree climbing stopped once I got the 3 bungee cords on it and nailed to the molding.

Took away all the fun, I guess.

I am relieved I can now start to take down decorations since i want to sort the treasures from the 'trash' and what can go to the Salvation Army store or to keep for another year in their storage.

Getting ready to hang a huge Valentine wreath and also heart flag (I checked into naked cherub banners but they were pricey) Considering the wonderful Long Johns this will be many notches down and I hate that!



I've named this the Sunroom...it was the large side porch with a picnic table and the outdoor fireplace where we used to roast hot dogs on coat hangers as kids. Now it is enclosed and part of the " great indoors." To the front left, is the kitchen which now has the windows and storm door removed. but further toward one of the two sets of outside doors is the wall of two ugly windows and another storm door which opens up the dining room and helps the house 'flow' better. We had to panel and also do pergo floors in this room over the cement which had to be smoothed out for its years of settling. I just had vent-less gas logs put in this fireplace a few weeks ago since it seems to be where so many people congregate due to access to the kitchen, snacks, etc.