

Cousin Emma's Bed & Breakfast

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Fall 2022

Have a sit down and relax in Mayberry.

What's News?

Interesting times have continued through 2022. It is big-time cold here which feels even worse since fall was warmer than expected. Go to the Mt. Airy Newspaper online and read about the tall, old building next to Olde Music that got storm-hit and several



top stories caved in,- horrifying! But tourism doesn't slack off! Folks still continue to come looking for a Utopian Mayberry respite. But bugs and viruses like to visit too so I'm only allowing those willing to be sprayed all over

with bleach and gargling vinegar, removing shoes, using big globs of disinfecting hand junk to stay here. This is an overstatement, but rest assured that Covid precautions are still in place at Cousin Emma's.

Summer here was hot and horrid too and mountain folks are not accustomed to this kind of heat, Then add the general turmoil broadcast over the media, it is easy to be discouraged by our crazy world, and yet I want to maintain a spark of eternal optimism when hope seems fragile. I am blessed with a handful of trusty friends and I try to smile, wave, and not choke the rest if I encounter them.

I have commenced with the big decoration drama. I have saved the fall pumpkins for as long as I can to make the soup so many like- you know, with the 'dash' of brandy. I love it myself and it freezes great. I don't know how I will end up decorating the newly painted 'historic blue' storm door. I spent an afternoon riding around town hoping to find some 'unattended' pine or fir trees I could steal limbs off and saw none – yet another example of how times are! Maybe I can get to Lowe's and grab up some they cut off the live trees but likely they have only a handful this year thanks to blights, super hot summer, and tight money. Usually there are 3 or 4 tree lots in town, but none as yet. And I am still begging for cookies (the big kind) to give away as folks leave from Cousin Emma's holiday house tour on December 10-11.

Thanks to a generous gift from a new friend, there is now a boar at Cousin



Emma's. Actually, it's just a boar's head mounted on a plaque like a hunting trophy. His Mayberry name is now Boris, maybe Hairy Boris is more like it.

Boris, the wild boar, is wearing a red scarf around his neck in anticipation of the holiday season. I've tried to find one of my pretty-good-looking fake wreaths to go around his head, neck, etc.. Unfortunately, his ears are too stiff to hang a pair of earrings or even one single one like a pirate. I love that we've settled on his name and now I will work on his 'history' and reputation. hard for him to get into much mischief with his legs and rear missing. The only disconcerting part is he stares at me while I read on the sofa...

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<http://www.mountairydowntown.org/monthly-calendar.html> for local events and then book your stay at Cousin Emma's.

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<https://cousinemmas.weebly.com/>.

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check us out and plan a visit!

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High Tea, Tales, and Tour

Well, winter won't stop *Tea, Tales, and Tours*. Enjoy home-made cookies, refreshments, and refreshing tea while I share the history and stories about my antebellum home. *High Tea, Tales, and Tour* is a lovely way to mark a special occasion for an intimate gathering. I have hosted several small weddings followed by a high tea reception. It makes for a pleasant and lovely afternoon event. The price is \$60 for a maximum of six people. Not only does High Tea give me the opportunity to share my lovely home, the proceeds fund scholarships to summer camp for a needy child. Reservations are required and attendance is limited to six guests because that's how many will fit comfortably around the dining room table. So I invite you to book a *High Tea, Tales & Tours*. Enjoy an old-fashioned visit at Cousin Emma's Bed and Breakfast.

A friendly letter from a visitor:

This 'house' has PERSONALITY AND CHARM....it is always fun to ride by and see what is new and different outside. It has been closed to guests for about a year due to Covid precautions though a table of mask and hand sanitizer sits on the front porch for anyone being allowed inside. She invites tourist to come sit and rock on the large, comfortable front porch and rest for a spell. It is so comfortable and there is always something interesting to look at, but most wonderful is the owner has a big sense of humor! Just today for instance, there was a big red basket holding a huge stuffed dog dressed in kid's clothes and with a big straw



"High Tea, Tales, and Tour"



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(with original slave cabin - circa 1854)

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hat a top its head and sitting on the hood of her car out at her front steps. It always makes me smile....the rest of the historic neighborhood is rather sterile and blandly neat, golf course type mowed lawns, and no sign of human life visible. To sit on the 501 South Main Street porch is to hear laughter and various stories of early Mount Airy, even before the fame of Andy Griffith's TV show. Her sweet rescue dog sits at the storm door wiggling with the hopes someone will give her an outing....she is very friendly and happy. She was scared to ride on my motor bike though but sometimes we go for a run down to the post office and back. Her name is Ester Mae!

Ride by slowly and be prepared to smile!

~Vera Midkiff

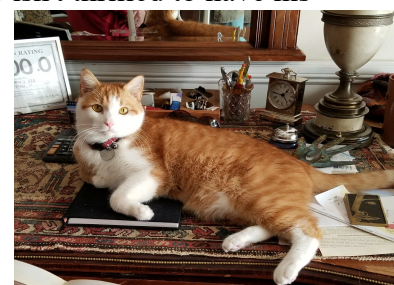
She has Christmas-time open houses with the entrance fee given to the local Salvation Army for sending Surry County children to a week of summer camp. A tour of the entire house and the remaining slave cabin out back are decorated for the season and cookies are given out as guest leave. The owner and some of her friends are dressed in olden times' clothing, even down to lace caps for the ladies which was the fashion in ages past..

Opie's Corner



This is my Corsican/French hunting dog named Ella Mae. She is 55 pounds of

brindled love, never has barked or done potty inside and sleeps with the cat and me though Opie isn't thrilled to have his kingship 'regrouped.' Oh well, maybe he will finally learn a little dignity.



Thanks for reading Cousin Emma's Newsletter. See you this Winter in Mayberry!

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