

# Homey, Hearty, Restful Describe Walnut Ridge Bed And Breakfast

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GRANTSVILLE (Garrett Co., Md.) — Take breakfast on the back porch, if you will, with its view of Interstate 68 slicing through the not-too-distant mountain, and where, nearby, Candy Fetterly's lush vegetable herb gardens are a flourishing entity at the Walnut Ridge Bed and Breakfast Inn.

Sound homey? It is. Especially, if Candy's morning menu includes a hot entree such as homemade biscuits with gravy, egg quiche, Belgium waffles or baked oatmeal.

There's a possibility, too, of fresh blueberry muffins, perhaps her jelly-filled doughnuts or sticky buns. But then it might be Cowboy coffee cake and other surprises. Fresh fruits that are in season, of course, and the usual beverages.

A stand of walnut trees on a small ridge at the West side of the century-old house, some two and a half years ago inspired Candy and her husband, Tim, with a name for their new business.

A bed and breakfast inn was what they had in mind when the

Fetterly's decided to accept a pastoral call of Tim to the Oak Grove Mennonite Church, near Grantsville.

It meant relocating from Arkansas, but the change was exciting, despite the fact that their grown sons — James and Duane, would have to remain there to attend college and to work.

Rebecca, their 14-year old daughter now attends the Northern Garrett County High School, near Accident.

"We loved the area when we came," said Candy. "We loved the mountains and the farms. It was a new adventure."

So after discussing their plans with a local realtor and looking at properties on the market, they were advised that a large old house, located at 92 Main Street was available. Unoccupied for three years, it sat on an acre of land. Unconfirmed reports listed 1864 as the year it was built.

Envisioning its many possibilities, the Fetterlys were hooked, undaunted by the prospect of the much needed and extensive renovations facing them.

At least a spacious kitchen had been added earlier to the original

structure. And since Candy, herself, is partial to the color blue, she opted to keep the existing, predominantly blue, color scheme. She did, however, add a Holstein cow wallpaper border above the cabinets.

Sitting at the long oval table on heirloom chairs from her grandmother, and sniffing the herbal scents of a nearby bouquet — a quart fruit jar of Black-eyed Susans, Phlox, Yarrow, mint, and more — Candy said the first rooms they tackled were those intended for guests.

These evolved into the Country Suite, the Cherry Blossom Room, and the Blue Willow Room.

"We started with the guest rooms," she said. "And in the central hallway we pulled up the old carpet, which had old newspapers under it."

"I took off five layers of wallpaper in the Country Suite," she says of the spacious apartment. A queen bed, a set of bunk beds, a day bed, a kitchen, large bath and separate entry make it a home away from home.

Quilted wall hangings of Candy's creation bedeck every room in the house with splashes of rich color.

Two new baths were installed. Tim, like his spouse, has a knack for the unusual, and did most of the work, using clever ideas that would elude the thoughts of most folks.

Like that of its counterparts, a ceiling fan brings summer comfort to the Cherry Blossom Room, where a thematic quilt that Candy pieced together, tops the double bed and where a love seat, an antique desk and a wash stand are attractively grouped and convenient for guests.

An enchanting fireplace adds charm to the Blue Willow Room where Candy added blue stencils to the light-colored wall. On crisp autumn or cold winter mornings its glowing heat is bound to be welcomed.

Guests find the video library and game center upstairs in the airy hallway.

Separating the kitchen-dining area and the den — where the Amish momentos are displayed — is the convivial sitting room, begging for company, conversation, and music.

White wicker furniture with floral cushions, a fireplace and chimney, leafy plants, an antique player piano that Tim gave to Candy one Christmas, a grandmother's antique lace curtains and



Candy and husband, Tim, have revitalized a large, century-old house in Grantsville, Md. through extensive renovations. It is now a homespun bed and breakfast inn with a player piano, wonderful antiques, and a den flavored with Amish accents.

the cuckoo clock from Germany, blend well together.

A backyard gazebo houses the wood-fired hot tub used in all seasons. Candy recalls how some skiers last winter bravely got in when the outside temperature was down near the zero mark.

"I love flowers," she says. "In summer I usually try to have cut flowers in all the rooms." She rattles off a bunch of varieties that to spell, one needs aid from an encyclopedia. "You name it I've got it," she adds with a grin.

That explains why her house appears to be well-loved, cuddled on every side by brilliant, new flower beds and showy gardens. An antique wagon on the lush front lawn will tell you by its sign if a current vacancy exists at the Walnut Ridge B&B.

By raising numerous vegetables, planting fruit trees and berry bushes, Candy hopes the harvest from her own labors will eventually yield a good variety of produce to serve in the growing season.

Homespun ingenuity caused Candy to see exactly why a small gift shop would fit perfectly into a

nook just off the front porch. And though a few other folks have contributed to its inventory, every item fits the "homespun" category. They've established a country-style theme which seems to project their own personalities into both the striking and subtle crannies at Walnut Ridge.

Fall is the busiest time, but any season in the area offers unique attractions, plus, the area is rich in the history of the people of Appalachia.

Walnut Ridge B&B skirts the very edge of town, yet is within walking distance of fine restaurants and other quaint shops.

Additionally, the famed Casselman River Bridge, built in 1813, which the stagecoaches rumbled over long ago when they traveled east and west on the Cumberland Road (Route 40), is only a quarter-mile away. It is now managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and overshadows a pleasant picnic area.

The Walnut Ridge Bed and Breakfast telephone number is (301) 895-4248. The address is: 92 Main St., P.O. Box 368 Grantsville, MD 21536.



Among Candy Fetterly's multiplied talents is a knack for gardening, which is a bonus for her bed and breakfast business. She says you'll always find a zucchini when you go to the veggie and herb garden.



Candy Fetterly has used wicker furniture to create a homey sitting room in her home.



At Walnut Ridge Bed and Breakfast in Grantsville, Md., some mornings are fine enough to eat breakfast outside on the porch, looking over the mountains split by I-68.

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