

# Rock Creek Bed and Breakfast: *Home Away From Home, Only Better... in Vernonia*

By Scott Laird

When Patti Davis welcomes you into the Rock Creek Bed and Breakfast, it feels like you have entered your own small apartment- which, in a sense, you have. Only, the Rock Creek Bed and Breakfast is decorated with great taste and style, with extra details everywhere you look, and special amenities most of us probably would not take time for in our own living space.

"We wanted to have all the special touches, and try to give our guests what they need," said Davis during a recent tour of the newest B&B in Vernonia. And Patti and her husband Gary have done just that, providing all the comforts of home- and then some. The Davis's have created a space for guests that is part warmth and welcome, is homey and comfortable, but also makes you feel luxurious and pampered. "We want people to feel comfortable, but also give them special things they would not have at home. We want them to come here and feel refreshed."

The Davis's have turned the downstairs of their two-story mill house, on State Street in Vernonia, into a private oasis, with bedroom, living room area and dining area, all



closed off from the rest of the residence. There is access to the deck, yard and incredibly beautiful gardens, and a private entrance. And since the Rock Creek B&B has just one guest room, it means guests have the entire downstairs and guest areas to themselves. "When we started thinking about this, we were told to make our B&B a place we would want to go and stay," said Davis. "And that's what we've tried to do: provide

"Special touches can mean so much. And sometimes people just need to get away- have some comfort and privacy, and be pampered."

The entire guest area is located on the ground floor, making it easy for visitors with mobility concerns to access- it's just a few steps up to the front porch.

Back to those breakfasts- Davis prides herself on serving gourmet full-course breakfasts for her guests. A typical menu might include an Artichoke Baked Omelet, Chicken and Apple Sausage, Baked Apple Oatmeal, Best Blueberry Muffins, and Fresh Fruit Compote. Other items you might come across: Ham and Cheese Strata, Spiced Pumpkin Pancakes with Apple Cider Sauce, or Blueberry Creme Cheese Bread Pudding. "I try to serve homemade foods, or products that are special," said Davis. "And we are very flexible with dietary needs or preferences- including vegans and vegetarians."

The Davis's are targeting travelers to the Pacific Northwest, friends and family of local residents who want to treat their visitors to someplace special, couples who want to be pampered, and "Just Married" couples looking for that special honeymoon suite. "We have a nice room right here in Vernonia for after the reception," said Davis. They also hope to cater to bicyclists, offering secure, off-street bike parking, healthy breakfasts, and easy access to the Linear Trail. "Vernonia is a wonderful destination for bikers, and we hope to offer them something when they visit," said Davis.

Patti and Gary Davis have created a home away from home for visitors to Vernonia, a place where visitors can relax and enjoy themselves, feel and be treated special, and leave refreshed and rejuvenated.

Rock Creek Bed and Breakfast is located at 1162 State Street in Vernonia. For more information you can contact Patti Davis at 503-429-2503.



Patti Davis, owner of Rock Creek Bed and Breakfast

privacy, comfort and special touches."

Regular B&B visitors will find that the Rock Creek has the usual amenities you look for in a special getaway spot: queen size bed, electric fireplace in the bedroom, separate shower and vintage claw-foot tub in the bathroom, satellite TV/DVD, wireless internet, and air conditioning. But the Davis's have taken it all just a few steps further, with a beverage tray and newspaper outside your bedroom door in the morning; coffee, tea and fresh-baked cookies always available in your dining area; handmade soaps and bath amenities like bubble baths and lotions; gourmet picnic baskets that can be arranged for day trips; fresh flowers every day ("In my mind, fresh flowers are a necessity, not a luxury," says Davis); a piano for you to play in the living room; use of a BBQ grill on the deck to cook your own private dinner; and breakfast always served to you on china.

"I love to give people what they really need- it's the part of hospitality that is so important," Patti explains.



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