

Visitors From Around the World at the Old Mill House Inn

By Brooke VanMeter

Nearly six years have passed and we are still opening our Bed and Breakfast doors to guests from near and far. We get some of the same inquiries asked over and over about our special home based business. So, we thought we would write an article to answer the most commonly asked questions.

Why did you want to run a Bed and Breakfast?

Well I think the seed was planted when I was growing up and my parents hosted visiting missionaries from church in our home. I found those guests and their lives interesting as a kid and it apparently left a lasting impression. So after David and I got married we started doing the same thing. When people from church needed a home to stay in or a home cooked meal we would volunteer. Sometimes we would even leave our home on vacation to people ministering in our town and let them live there during their stay. We believe that the Lord provided us with all things and that our material possessions are to be used to bless others and to glorify Him.

Does it scare you to have strangers stay in your house?

Well I suppose the first step is if you have to believe in the best in humanity. If you look suspiciously at people and wonder if they are ax murders or stalking your house to rob you then mmmmm.....this isn't the business for

you. My Dad instilled in us to look for, and at, the best in people and you will find it, a good life lesson and also good for me as a Bed and Breakfast owner. Now, I have had some strange things



happen and unique people stay, but 99% of the time we have had really nice and interesting people visit. People from all walks of life, farmers, teachers, a former nun, lawyers, NASA scientists, commercial pilots, entrepreneurs, Hollywood sound mixers and producers are just a few of occupations of those who have stayed with us. You find that people are people no matter where in the world they come from or what they do for a living.

What do you serve for breakfast?

We always serve a hot breakfast. Now I have

this thing about not serving the same thing twice during your visit with us. Not a problem when guests stay a couple of days but we have had guests stay up to two weeks and there are thousands of recipes for eggs but really when it comes down to it there are maybe less than a dozen ways to fix them, you are just combining the ingredients a bit differently. So, I try to keep things "mixed" up each morning. I also I have "dish addiction" so your breakfast will not be served on the same set of dishes during your stay. I'm pretty sure a lot of guests don't notice this little detail but it keeps things "fresh" for me to create a new and bit different table setting each morning. Hey I still have that little girl deep inside me playing "tea party" and this is one of the ways she emerges!



Lastly, when we opened back in 2007 we had many people ask "why" would you want to run a Bed and Breakfast in Vernonia, "who is going to stay there?"

Well many of you are to thank for sending guests to our Inn and for that we are so very thankful. We would like to especially thank Mike and Georgeanna Seager for continuing to send us so many guests from their aviation business. Because of all of you, it turns out the world is coming to our lil' logging town. We have entertained guests from Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Honduras, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, England, Switzerland, Israel, as well as all over the U.S.A. In fact, we have each guest place a pin on a map of the United States to show where everyone has traveled from to stay here in Vernonia.

The beauty of owning a business such as ours is every guest brings their own experiences and adventures with them and so in a sense we have had a world tour right from our breakfast table. We start our day traveling through the lives of others and give back not only a hot country breakfast but a bit of Vernonia hospitality for our guests to add to their story. Hopefully they take with them warm memories that they will share and that will bring them back to our little town nestled in the woods!

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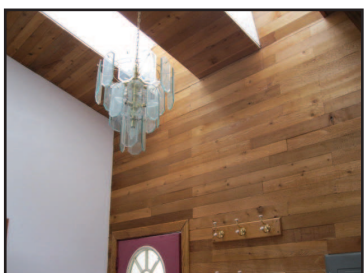
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1050 Riverside Dr., Vernonia \$142,500
Charming and spacious home by the river! Expansive outdoor entertaining areas on nearly an acre. Enjoy your own piece of riverside viewing and fishing! Lovely 2 level, 3 bdrm home. Oversized double garage. High ceiling with skylights, chandelier and ceiling fan. Oak through out - Cabinets, doors, & wainscoting cedar walls provide cozy warmth. Walk-in pantry and gas appliances. Expansive covered patio to keep you dry. Tool shed for extra storage space! Short walk to Vernonia Lake.



55512 SW Horner, Gaston \$45,000
3 Bdrm home. Wood heat. Bring your hammer for this fixer. Located on TWO tax Lots. Sold "As Is".



21046 Scappoose/Vernonia Hwy \$265,000
Country Home. 13.64 Acres. Bring the horse - Good pasture. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, library and 4-Bay shop. A serene setting.



1142 Columbia St. \$85,000
DOLL HOUSE CUTE! Remodeled 3 bdrm bungalow, complete w/ white picket fence. Newer roof, cozy gas stove. Affordable home clean & bright. Why rent? You could own!



700 Adams Avenue \$129,900
Many possibilities! - 5060 sq.ft. Wooden beams, divided rooms. Pristine Rock Creek frontage. Bring your imagination!



175 North Street \$110,000
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, spacious kitchen with garage/shop. 14x20 covered porch for entertaining.



18621 Oblack Lane \$199,000
Cozy cabin-4.02 acres with Nehalem River frontage (did not flood). Sweeping views, extensive cedar walls & cozy wood stove. Recent remodel, newer roof & septic, landscaped.



Mellinger Rd. \$549,000
32.92 Acres - 45 pristine lots of approximately 1/2 acre each. Preliminary approved Nehalem View planned development within city limits. A place to build your future!



Spencer Street, Vernonia \$80,000
TWO adjoining, buildable tax lots. 11,551 SF. and 8,542 SF. Surveyed and ready to build or place Mfg home. All services available. Great location with Vernonia Lake nearby.