



Cousin Emma's Bed & Breakfast

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Winter 2020

Have a sit down and relax in Mayberry.

What's News?

Well, I hope you enjoyed a festive and joyful holiday season. All in all, it was a nice holiday in Mount Airy. I shared the house and



its decorations with a lot of people. This year, Cousin Emma's hosted a Holiday House Tour. The house was decked out for the holidays and opened to the public. It was a wonderful

way to mark the holidays and it raised money for Salvation Army children's summer camp scholarships. We raised over \$2,000!!!



Tour folks paid \$10.00 each to see the house, and a few came back the second day and paid again to take photos. A few long-time friends, two costumed Junior Historians from the Mt Airy Museum, and several

uniformed Salvation Army officers guided the crowds through each room. And each visitor was sent home with a cookie as they departed.

After the holidays, I had a 'taking down Christmas' potluck -early afternoon so everyone could get home before dusk. This sort of thing was popular in olden days, when folks went to a neighbor's farm or house, helped 'undecorate' and shared leftovers. Then, out came the fiddles and those young enough danced. Well, there wasn't dancing here.<grin>. I invited some of my childhood friends- many of whom are not so mobile as in former days.

As a child, I remember how it was always more fun to work at someone else's house, but not my own. Well its still true. And I was grateful my guests agreed. Those who could, took ornaments off the tree and others sorted in their laps and packed the storage boxes. We also lovingly shared their own wonderful Christmas memories. I served ham sandwiches and cake while all the holiday decorations were piled at the sun room door to be taken down to the root cellar when my yard kid has time. (He has just turned 13 so I pray the puberty angst will miss him but for now he is very responsible and a joy).

Otherwise, winter has been flirtatious here in Mt Airy. December saw us enjoying April-type weather. For a week, some foolish folks ran about in shorts and flip-flops and the rest are already in bed with a nasty cold. I've been making big pots of soup with Chinese herbs, putting into jars for the sick. It is impossible to make a small amount of soup so I am glad to share and this stuff really does help with congestion.

Several funerals, since the new year, for folks who were a big part of my growing-up-life; my favorite baby sitter, for one, and my best friend from diaper days. She played flute in the Moravian band for years and years....actually, all of us did, since our high school band director was also the local Moravian music minister. The flutes had only four or five notes so all of us sounded good. While winter and life continues, with all the ups and downs,

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calendar/](http://www.visitmayberry.com/calendar/)**

it is still a wonderful blessing to give and share and be present to it all.



Better and warmer weather is on its way and I am looking forward to sharing Cousin Emma's hospitality through the spring,

summer, and fall. From experiencing the charm of Main Street, to the classic car and hot rod cruise events, art and street fairs, music festivals, good eating, and enjoying the natural beauty of the Yadkin Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains, it is a beautiful world and I am happy to share my little part of it with you.

Check out <http://www.mountairydowntown.org/monthly-calendar.html> for local events and then book your stay at Cousin Emma's. Find me at <https://cousinemmas.weebly.com/>.



High Tea, Tales, and Tour

Well, winter is not stopping *Tea, Tales, and Tours*. Enjoy seasonal home-made cookies, refreshments, and refreshing tea while I share some of the history and

stories about my antebellum home.

High Tea, Tales, and Tour is a lovely complement to a small, special occasion. I have hosted several small weddings followed by high tea. 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.

Opie's Corner



He only looks innocent, but let me tell you, Opie only got coal this Christmas... such a deceptive picture, though he is still cute.

"High Tea, Tales, and Tour"

**Cousin Emma's Historic
Bed and Breakfast Inn**
(with original slave cabin - circa 1854)

501 South Main Street
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Book your reservations now for an
afternoon full of historic lore!

Call (336) 756-5656
Emma Suzanne Lewis Brown, Owner

\$10 per person (can accommodate 4-6 at a time)

Proceeds to benefit the Salvation Army's "Send A Kid To Camp" program

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

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