



The Log Book

What's New at the Snickersville Academy & Bluemont

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"Where the Bears Are"

Blue Ridge Mountain Home Tour: October 19
Art in the Foothills: October 18-19-20

At the turn of the century, many escaped the city heat of Washington by building gracious vacation homes on the Blue Ridge. Now Friends of Bluemont's first-ever **Blue Ridge Mountain Home Tour** of historic homes on the Blue Ridge will benefit **Snickersville Academy restoration** (Bluemont's first schoolhouse and church -- built in 1825) and the **Boulder Crest Retreat** (welcoming its first rehab recovering veterans and their families this September).



Advance tickets cost \$25 each; \$30 on Day of Tour. After August 15, buy online using credit card — visit <http://bouldercrestretreat.org/>. Or send check to "Friends of Bluemont," P.O. Box 214, Bluemont, VA 20135.

Friends of Bluemont's "**Art in the Foothills**" — an annual juried showcase for local artists — will be held that same weekend (18th-19th-20th) now at The Lodge at Boulder Crest Retreat.

Volunteer for the Home Tour. Take a half - or full-day shift as a Home Guide or Parking Ranger. Contact Susan Falknor, 540-554-2964, susanfre@roadstarinternet.net. Home Tour details at www.BluemontVA.org.

Remembering visits to Grandma — Susie Neal's grandchildren (now themselves grandparents), will talk with visitors at the Snickersville Academy during the Bluemont Fair (September 21-22). Susie Neal's family lived in the Snickersville Academy building from the 1940s through 1970s.



Green Spring Farm, one of the homes on the tour, with the Loudoun Valley in the background. The house originated as a log cabin in the late 1700s.

Home Tour Highlights

- **Green Spring Farm.** Expanded from 1700s log and stone house. Dramatic views across the Loudoun Valley.
- **Twin Oaks, Tavern & Winery.** Stunning Stone Home, now a winery.
- **Checkmate Farm.** Sheep & Chicken farm. Early 1800s. A dramatic southeastern viewpoint for Mosby's Rangers,
- **Eagle Rock.** Beautiful late 19th century Victorian stone home
- **High Meadows.** Built 1896, elegant Victorian stone home, with six out buildings, including a schoolhouse.
- **Foxglove Retreat.** Lovely home and gardens, lots of antiques, luxurious guest suit with spectacular view of the Shenandoah Valley.
- **Snickersville Academy.** Bluemont's first schoolhouse (1825) now being restored.
- **Art in the Foothills.** Juried show for local artists — at the Lodge, Boulder Crest Retreat.

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