

We asked Laurie a few questions, take a look at her responses below!

➡ Tell us about the Evergreen Inn.

Evergreen Inn offers four (4) furnished apartments as lodging for overnight and short-term rentals close to downtown Covington. We are situated at the trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail and Alleghany Outdoors, which offers opportunities for walking, biking, kayaking and other outdoor activities for our guests. Each apartment has a private entrance and three are equipped with kitchenettes. It's also possible to open the entire home for a large group of up to 18 people. We can provide a meeting space with tables and chairs for small groups. We've tried to make it cozy while keeping as many of the original details as possible and adding some unique things like barrier-free showers, the 1950's working oven and a 1950's soda shop milkshake maker!

➡ What inspired you to open the Evergreen Inn, and how long have you been in business?

Evergreen Inn opened in November 2019 after evaluating the need for this type of lodging in our area. We have a love for older buildings and had a desire to see new life breathed into this beautiful 1900's home. We are so happy to see it repurposed and used to meet a need in the community.

➡ What do you enjoy most about doing business in and supporting our Alleghany Highlands community?

We live in such a beautiful area and have enjoyed meeting new people and sharing things about our community with guests who visit. People from all over—as far as Australia—have stayed with us and we hope that they take with them some great memories made possible by the beautiful natural setting and the welcoming spirit of the people here in the Alleghany Highlands that is truly unique.

➡ How long have you lived in Alleghany Highlands?

We have both lived in the Alleghany Highlands for most of our lives—over 50 years without giving away any ages. We enjoyed raising our daughter here. Her husband is also from the Highlands and we are now able to share all the great outdoor things to do and see with our grandson, Finn.

➡ Do you have any favorite things to do, places to go or dine, etc. in the Alleghany Highlands?

Jon loves to fish so there are lots of great opportunities to do that on the Jackson River, Dunlap Creek, Douthat and Lake Moomaw.

➡ Is there anything else you would like to share?

We have truly felt supported in so many ways by the Chamber of Commerce as well as people and other businesses in the community in this adventure of opening Evergreen Inn. We feel so blessed to be a part of the Alleghany Highlands!

For more information and to book your stay, visit: www.evergreeninnco.com