



THE FACES

of Main Street

The Luray Downtown Initiative was formed to facilitate rehabbing the town through the Virginia Main Street program. This feature is an introduction to some of the folks that form the fabric of Luray's Downtown ...

WHO: Ann Baukhages

WHAT: Virginia Gift Shop

WHERE: 24 E. Main St.

HOW LONG: Virginia Gift Shop, under various owners, is celebrating 60 years of serving Luray and Page County. Ann has been owner since 1986.

DID YOU KNOW?: Ann's grandfather, E.C. Harnsberger, owned Page Milling Co., Blue Ridge Creamery, and the Luray Electric Co., which supplied electricity to the Luray Caverns in 1904 and the first street lights in downtown Luray. At the time, the line was the most extensive electric light display other than that of New York's Grand Central Station.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT DOWNTOWN LURAY?

“ Having grown up and raised two boys here, I find Luray is the ideal place for Fritz and me to be in business. I love and appreciate the opportunity to help patrons and visitors choose gifts with charm and meaning.

Loon and Fu, our dogs, are also fixtures of the shop and are eager to greet our downtown neighbors and friends. ”



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