



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: Carol Wallbridge

WHAT: Mountain Memories, a consignment shop

WHERE: 10 E. Main St.

HOW LONG: Since April 2003

DID YOU KNOW?: Carol has lived in six different countries, including Italy. She was born in Kalgoorlie in western Australia, known as the "Golden Mile." The city was built on a gold mine and is considered the most expensive piece of real estate in the world. She grew up Down Under and experienced crocodile hunting. In the 1960s she was the lone woman tracking the rate of satellites for NASA in the wee hours of the morning for the Mercury and Gemini programs. She met her husband and "conned" him into transferring to an American corporation. Her sons, Graeme Davies and Dean Wallbridge, own Mountain Memories Photography next door to her shop.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT DOWNTOWN LURAY?

It is great to walk down the street where everyone is friendly. I grew up in small towns in the Outback where one building was the whole town because it housed the post office, train station and grocery store. They are ghost towns now. So Luray is like a city to me. I took a Sunday afternoon drive with my mother and we worked our way to Luray. We fell in love with Luray and the Shenandoah River. I have lived in many places, but this feels most like home.



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