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Cavendish Antiques. The building, built in 1862, was formerly a train station.

## What Makes Orange County Antiques Stores Special? The Unique People Behind Them!

By Barbara Wimble  
Correspondent

**W**hat is the allure of antiques? There are books, magazines, guides, and television shows devoted to them. Why do people love shopping for antiques? The thrill of the hunt?

Searching for treasures? Nostalgia? eBay and other websites make it easy to find exactly what you are looking for, and they have their place, but those using the internet miss out on the ambiance of the stores and the fun of leisurely roaming through them searching for that perfect antique table to complete a living room, or Dresden china to add to a collection, or another cow creamer to add to a glass menagerie. What they also miss is the human contact.

This article is about five antiques stores in Orange, and in particular the diverse people who run them. Their stories and experiences are why it is so interesting to shop in their stores. All of the antiques store owners I talked with have things in common - they all benefit from the tourists who come through Orange County, their stores are all housed in historic buildings with stories of their own, they take pride in their stores, and they all love living and working in Orange County. But each of the owners I talked to is unique in personality, background, and the presentations of merchandise. In a future issue, I will

visit some of the antiques stores in the rest of the county, but for now let me introduce you to five antiques stores in Orange and their delightful owners.

### CAVENDISH ANTIQUES

*"Specializing in English, Asian and Early American"*

212 Byrd Street, Orange

When you enter Cavendish Antiques, you will most likely be greeted by a little dog named Porsche and the squawks of a parrot named Champaign. If you are lucky, you will be also be introduced to a Siamese cat named Coven. Anthony Smith, the owner of this menagerie of animals and this wonderful antiques shop, is a courtly and dapper Englishman who is quick with a story. And he has a lot of stories to tell!

Mr. Smith was born and raised in Darby, England. His father was a fighter pilot in the Royal Air Force in World War II. His mother died giving birth to him and his Granny did not want Anthony raised in a single-parent home, so he

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**The Cover**

The five antique stores in Orange, and the diverse people who run them.

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Anthony Smith with his dog Porsche in his store, Cavendish Antiques.

so he was adopted and raised by his aunt and uncle. He spent much of his childhood in his Granny's circa 1660s house that was full of antiques. Cavendish was his mother's family name that he honored with the naming of his various businesses.

Mr. Smith studied architecture and restoration carpentry in England. He is a trained master craftsman, but he chose a different path and spent 22 years in the hospitality industry, managing hotels around the world. His work took him to Zambia; South Africa; Kenya; Australia; Spain; Bangkok; Singapore; Japan; the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania; Washington, DC; Key Biscayne, Florida; Lewes, Delaware; Bethesda, Maryland; and finally, Orange. In 1985, he moved to Orange to return to his first love, restoration carpentry, and started his company Cavendish Construction. During this time, he also ran Cavendish Arms Bed & Breakfast in Orange.

When Mr. Smith was 70, his friend Jacqueline Gupton, owner of Restaurant Pomme, told him "You can't take it with you." He agreed, and in 2011, opened an antiques shop in Gordonsville. He moved to his current location on Byrd Street in 2016. He enjoys relating the history of the items in his shop. Many of the English pieces, including the prints and china, are from his family. He also has many other items in his collections, including vintage model cars and art and artifacts from his world travels. He built or expertly restored some of the furniture he found in pieces and has some unusual items he picked up here and there in the county, many from estates.

A visit to Cavendish Antiques and Mr. Smith to see these items and to hear his stories is well worth a spot of your time.



Finders Keepers. The building formerly housed the Eagle Five & Dime that served Orange from the 1950s through the 1980s. It was then the Ed Jaffe Gallery, and later the local headquarters of the movie *Coming Through the Rye*.

FINDERS KEEPERS

"An Eclectic Blend of Yesterday and Today"

108 West Main Street, Orange

The first things one notices about Finders Keepers are the beautiful seasonal window displays. Drivers at the nearby stoplight often pause to gaze at them before

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being honked at to move on. As you enter the 6,000 plus square foot store, items are displayed in an artful maze of vignettes and lit by sparkling chandeliers. There is something for everyone here from rare pieces like a 1720s Chinese cabinet to vintage kitschy 1950s items.

The owners, John Peregoy and Bradley Toombs, have varied backgrounds that have made them experts in their fields. Bradley began his career in historic preservation, museum design and interpretation, and architectural conservation, but life led him in other directions. He worked in retail, banking, the floral industry, and taught school. He has been a lifelong collector and credits his grandfather for his love of antiques.

From a young age, John was fascinated with antiques. His grandmother and great aunt took him to flea markets and auctions. He was inquisitive about why people like antiques, their value, and history, including the milk glass his grandmother collected. His family owned a country hardware store in Goochland that was decorated with antiques, and they found that their customers were interested in buying them. So, when Lowe's moved into town, they closed the hardware store and opened an antiques store in Richmond. John eventually got into estate sales, moved to Orange,



Bradley Toombs and John Peregoy posing in Finders Keepers with one of their many elegant china displays.

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# Annie Gould Gallery

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This show will include work from over 25 artists and artisans, both locally as well as around the country. The exhibit runs from November 9th - January 6th, 2019.



Kerith Lisi "Inside Out," 6"x6"  
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The Finders Keepers 2016 Christmas window display.



Indigo Gypsy on Madison Street across from the former American Silk Mill. The building was formerly a general store and meat market that served the Mill employees during its heyday. The Indigo Gypsy sign was painted by local artist Todd Brown.

Orange, and rented a space over the Silk Mill Grille. The estate sales demand grew, and in 2015, he and Bradley opened their Main Street store with the items left over from these sales. Their estate sales and liquidation business keeps them very busy. Many of their clients now are baby boomers who are downsizing, and John and Bradley often travel two or three hours to look at an estate. They have seen it all, including some very interesting hoarders. When they are traveling, their assistants Cheryl, Nancy, Deanna, and John's daughter Amanda ably mind the store.

John noted that customers have related to him that "their grandmother had an item that their mother gave away, and now they are buying it back." Nostalgia is a motivator for some purchases, but young couples still buy china and silver. One patron collects teeth – baby teeth, dentures, all kinds! They also have had patrons ask for Victorian hair jewelry, and many were very interested in the coffin they recently sold.

Bradley collects vintage toys but actually just about everything! John said that Bradley collects collections ... and dust. John collects cut glass and china. While shopping together, one would come across an item they both wanted, and would say, "I found it - finders keepers!" Hence the name of the store.

Until recently, Bradley has been responsible for the creative window designs, but has now delegated the task to Amanda and other staff. On another note, Bradley has designed many of the winning hats for the Montpelier Hunt Races.

Come see their fabulous creations and the beautiful floor design of this store.

### INDIGO GYPSY

*"Treasures, Junk and Bohemian Goods"*

290 North Madison Street, Orange

Probably the most eclectic and funky shop in Orange is Indigo Gypsy. Her



Pensive "Gypsy" in her store, Indigo Gypsy.  
All photos by Barbara Wimble

patrons know the owner as "Gypsy" and with her long curly black hair, she looks the part. (She cuts her hair every six years and donates it to charity.) She is also called Gypsy because of her love of adventure – she has moved 40 times in her adult life. When asked about the name "Indigo," she responded with one of her coy smiles, "What gypsy doesn't like indigo?"

Gypsy held many jobs, including as a mechanic, waitress, bartender, legal secretary, and spa technician. Family brought her to Lake of the Woods, and then to Orange, where she realized her dream of owning a "junk shop."

In 2010, with some items she received from her grandmother and a small income tax check, she opened her first store on Byrd Avenue

(where Cavendish Antiques is currently located). She soon became a mainstay in Orange, and in 2015 moved to her current location. The building, a former general store and meat market that served the America Silk Mill employees during the Mill's heyday, was vacant for many years. When Gypsy took occupation of it, there was still baby food, groceries, and cigarettes on the shelves, and it was in terrible shape. After her imaginative repurposing, the building now houses a jumble of fun, quirky items from vintage clothing and antique furniture to license plate art and chamber pots (which I collect.)

Many of her patrons are tourists or dealers. One of her customers collects whistles. He has thousands of them and has identified whistles in her shop that she did not know were whistles. She herself collects religious items and her bedroom is full of them. She is well watched over!

Lastly, inquiring minds want to know what Gypsy's real name is. It is Terra Devine – no really! Devine was her ex-husband's name. Her mother, although not a hippie type, named her Terra because she saw something special in her and because of the earth sign under which she was born. And Gypsy Terra is like an earth mother to many of the local denizens who patronize her shop.

Come visit Terra and her Gypsy Indigo shop and be dazzled by her magic.



Melrose Antiques & Decorative Arts on the corner of Main and Madison Streets. The building formerly housed a bank and a dress store.

**MELROSE ANTIQUES & DECORATIVE ARTS**  
*"Furniture, Oriental Rugs, and Fine Accessories"*  
 101 East Main Street, Orange

Gale Danos is passionate about rugs. How many people can you say that about?

Gale was born and raised in Connecticut and received her degree in Nursing Home Management; however, soon after college, she chose another path pursuing her love of rugs, and when she was 28 opened a rug store. Next door was an antiques business run by Joe Danos. Soon a romance developed, and they merged their shops and their lives. A perfect marriage of antiques, rugs, and love!

Gale and Joe moved to Orange in 2001 from Connecticut to escape the high taxes and winters and to be closer to Joe's daughter in Ruckersville. They bought their historic 1923 home "Melrose" in Orange. Joe soon visited the corner building on Main Street that was for rent and within 15 minutes, they had a handshake agreement with their landlord. They named their store after their home.

A Louisianan, Joe was outgoing and loved to tell stories, while Gale is demure, but their differences complimented each other. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease shortly after they moved to Orange, and he passed away in 2014. They were married for 17 years. Gale continues to successfully run the business by herself now.

For years, Gale and Joe traveled twice a year to England

on buying trips. She stopped these trips two years ago when U.S. Customs charged an exorbitant amount to inspect her purchases and often damaged the items during the process. She now primarily buys from private homes across the country, many of them from the contacts she has made during her 35 years in the business. Gale is very selective in the merchandise she sells and often travels to authenticate the provenance of the furniture and rugs she purchases for the store. Her showroom is well-lit and uncluttered and designed so that her customers, half of whom are designers and bed & breakfast owners, can see each piece to its best advantage.

Gale's rugs on display in her store are 80 years old or more, the industry standard for the "antique" designation for rugs. She is highly respected in the business and has been contacted to provide furniture and rugs for movie productions. Most recently, she provided items to be used in a movie about abolitionist Harriet Tubman currently being filmed in Richmond.

Gale greets her customers with an engaging and genuine smile. You will enjoy visiting her and her classy and classical store.



Gale Danos proudly posing with her stunning rugs and furniture in her store, Melrose Antiques & Decorative Arts. The basket on the table was recently purchased for use in the Harriet Tubman movie currently being filmed in Richmond.



Steve Sylvia with some of his military collection and memorabilia in his store, J.S. Mosby Antiques & Artifacts.

**J.S. MOSBY ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS**  
 125 East Main Street, Orange

*"Specializing in Civil War Relics, Books, Memorabilia, and American Antiques"*

If you are interested in the American Civil War, this is the store for you. With his silvering curly hair and mustache, owner Steve Sylvia cuts a figure as dashing as the Civil War legend for whom he named his store, Col. John Singleton Mosby, the Gray Ghost.

Steve's fascination with the Civil War began when, as a young boy in the 1960s, he spent countless hours in the Smithsonian Institute exploring the Civil War exhibits while his brother was taking art lessons at the nearby Corcoran School of the Arts and Design.

But Steve is more than a proprietor of an antiques store and Civil War relics. A native of Maryland, he grew up around music and studied tenor sax for 11 years with a teacher who once played with Benny Goodman. When he was 12, Steve played in his father's 14-piece orchestra and later in rock-and-roll bands for years. He studied journalism in college but found playing music was more lucrative.

Steve's writing background paid off when he got his first professional job as the first editor of the North South Trader's Civil War Magazine. In 1977, he moved to Orange to be near the magazine's operations in Fredericksburg. He bought the magazine in the mid-1980s and moved it to Orange. He participated in several reenacting adventures in order learn more about his subject so that he could write more intimately, accurately, and authentically about it.

Steve opened his Orange store in 2000, primarily to help his colleague Richard Neville. Richard helped him with his own expertise in the Civil War and the antiques business and successfully ran the store for Steve until he passed away from cancer in 2003. Now Steve's friend Joe minds the store when he is on the road traveling to trade shows, primarily in the cities of the Civil War triangle - Gettysburg, Charleston, and Nashville.

Steve's store offers military relics from the Revolutionary War through World War II, and a wide assortment of ephemera and antiques, including coins, china, books, pictures, and furniture. Confederate Civil War artifacts are popular with most of his patrons -- this is the South, after all -- but he offers a wide collection of Union items as well. Serious collectors who are interested in items such as pistols, belt buckles, and buttons come to him. Tourists are curious about the relics and ask questions such as, "Why are bullets white?" As a writer, he enjoys teaching his patrons. One remarked that his store was like a museum, except that you could touch the stuff.

He was recently deposed as an expert witness in the high-profile lawsuit in Charlottesville concerning the statue of Robert E. Lee. He also has been called on as a consultant in movies, including Gods and Generals and Gettysburg, and for television shows, most recently as an on-camera appraiser on the Antiques Roadshow.

Whether you are Civil War enthusiast or not, you will enjoy exploring this exceptional shop and talking with its charming owner.

I am confident that you will enjoy visiting and shopping in these distinctive antiques stores and meeting their unique owners as much as I have. And keep them all in mind while holiday shopping! I look forward to visiting and writing about some of the antiques stores in the rest of Orange County soon.



The J.S. Mosby Antiques & Artifacts building can boast that it was the first movie theater in Orange, opening around 1910. The side opening was the concession stand. It was later Grymes Drugstore.

# Orange County Happenings



## Orange Community Chorus and Band to Hold Concerts




**December 15th at 7:30pm - The Orange Community Chorus** presents a Christmas concert at Orange Presbyterian Church. The concert is filled with a blend of sacred and secular music of the season, with exciting and fun arrangements of some of your favorite Christmas songs. Come here your Community Chorus sing the season! Admission is Free. For more information, visit at <http://www.orangechorusandbnd.com> or visit us on Facebook.

**December 16th at 3:30pm - The Orange Community Band** celebrates the season with a concert at Orange County High School. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of wonderful music that will fill you with the spirit of Christmas. Admission is free. For more information, visit <http://www.orangechorusandband.com> or check out the band on Facebook.

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Course: 1 mile

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All proceeds from this event go to support the programs and services The Arc of the Piedmont provides for people in Charlottesville and the surrounding community living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you for supporting our mission!

#### Event Day

Registrants will receive their costumes (Santa suit for adults and elf ears for children). Please arrive to the check-in location at the Sprint Pavilion on the Downtown Mall between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. to receive your costume and turn in any donations if necessary. No paper tickets are necessary.

Awards will be presented to the top corporate team and family team for raising money for the Arc of the Piedmont mission!

Enjoy light breakfast snacks and refreshments beginning at 9:30am to fuel up before your run/walk!

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# Orange County Happenings



## Downtown Orange Holiday Village December 1 @ 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

On Saturday, December 1, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. downtown Orange becomes an old-fashioned holiday village! filled with holiday music, a model train display, food, seasonal vendors, and Santa!

The annual event will bring together live holiday music, downtown merchant Open Houses, a Makers Craft Village, restaurant specials, Santa!, children's activities, and local church bazaars.

There will be plenty of free parking readily available within easy walking from all the activities so don't hesitate to plan on spending a wonderful Saturday in downtown Orange.



## Montpelier Holiday Open House December 1, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free

Tour the Madisons' home, decorated according to 19th-century customs, and visit with the Madisons. At the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center, enjoy visits with Santa, hands-on history activities, and delicious food.

## Let Us Treat You in This Season of Giving

James Madison's Montpelier invites you to a free community holiday event, in a gesture of thanks for the ongoing support of our neighbors and friends. Take a break from the holiday frenzy to relax and enjoy the season with a bit of history, tradition, and family-friendly activities.

## Make Montpelier a Part of Your Holiday Tradition

The Madisons' home will be decorated according to 19th-century customs. The House is open for tours from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and the Madisons will be at home and greeting guests. At the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center, enjoy visits with Santa, kids' hands-on history crafts, a delicious soup buffet with cornbread, rolls, and pumpkin cake prepared by the Exchange Cafe (\$10/adults, \$6/kids 12 and under), and free cookies and cider. Browse the galleries and do some Christmas shopping in the Museum Shop, where you'll get a 10% discount. Become a member, and enjoy an additional 10% discount! Register for an opportunity to win a gift basket worth \$200. Bundle up and head out into the brisk weather, walking along Montpelier's 8+ miles of trails through horse pastures, meadows, and old-growth forests.

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## Orange County Economic Development and Tourism Office Relocates to the Historic Town of Orange Train Depot



On November 1, 2018, the Office of Economic Development and Tourism relocated to a "new" temporary location. The historic Town of Orange Train Depot, located at 122 E Main St, Orange, will house the department while renovations take place to their future and permanent home, the Historic Clerk's Office. More information regarding the renovations to the Historic Clerk's Office will be made available in the coming months.

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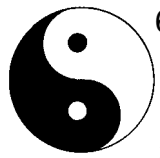
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# THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER to Open at Four County Players

To kick off their 46th holiday season in Barboursville, Four County Players is proud to present *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER* by Barbara Robinson opening November 30th on the Mainstage.

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids—probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem—and the fun—when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story

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This production is directed by Jane Gargett, and stars Karen Zimet, John Baker, Tarran Loveday, Anya Rothman, Susanna Johns, Matty Ward, Sophia Levine, Sarah Lindsay Merriman, Evan Munnikhuysen, Caroline Wright, Hazel Loveday, Melina Zimet, Anthony Hearn, Aiden Peters, Caitlin Alberts, Morgan Boisvert, Sophie Alberts, Bernadette Moran, Sophie Elvgren, Brienna Moon, Ian Amos, Ethan Phelps, Lea Johns, Erin Wallace, Nate Hutchins, Hayden Mabie, Abby Layman, Hudson Merriman, Grace Taylor, Lisa Medders, Laura Loveday, Tres Wells, Jen Merriman, Meghan Wallace, Cherish Alberts, and Paige Campbell Johns.

Several roles in the show are double-cast. All children appear in all shows – they have an alternate non-speaking (but featured) role on those shows when they are not playing a principal role. Please visit [www.fourcp.org](http://www.fourcp.org) for the complete schedule of performances and performers.



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Barbara Robinson's *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER* opens November 30, 2018, and runs weekends on the Mainstage through December 16, 2018. Friday & Saturday night performances are at 8PM, Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2:30PM. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/seniors & students; \$14/children, and all Friday tickets are \$10! Our holiday shows tend to sell quickly, so reserve your seats early!

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**ACROSS**

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- 5 Hang down
- 10 Box-office bomb
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- 15 North Carolina's \_\_\_\_\_ Banks
- 16 Greet the judge
- 17 Paper purchase
- 18 City served by The Daily Planet
- 20 Classic Cadillac
- 22 Pig's innards
- 23 Floral necklace
- 24 Date-night hires
- 25 Hollywood Foreign Press awards
- 30 Bay window
- 31 Maid Marian's man
- 32 Barbecue bit
- 35 Actress Tuesday
- 36 Question
- 37 Foal's mother
- 38 "\_\_\_\_ a chance!"
- 39 Lethal loop
- 40 Kind of roll
- 41 Bright side
- 43 Mayor in Madrid
- 46 Irish rebel group
- 47 "Death of a Salesman" writer
- 48 Texas nickname
- 53 Modest
- 55 Bit of filming
- 56 Blood fluids
- 57 Chop finely
- 58 Rainbow goddess
- 59 Paleozoic and Mesozoic

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- 60 Look of disdain
- 61 Small price to pay
- 12 Basket willow
- 13 Annoyances
- 19 Communion plate
- 21 Casting need
- 24 Lamenting one
- 25 Prom purchase
- 26 Cookie with Peeps and Peppermint varieties
- 27 Cheerful tune
- 28 Disco favorite, "Shake Your \_\_\_\_\_ Thing"
- 29 No-good sort
- 32 Indian princess
- 33 Hotel amenity
- 34 Floating ice mass
- 36 Low spirits
- 37 Like some religious orders
- 39 Frasier's brother
- 40 Bring on board
- 41 Cantina dips
- 42 Hang around
- 43 Give the giggles
- 44 Eyelid cosmetic
- 45 Red Cross founder Barton
- 48 Cash biopic "Walk the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 49 Grimm beginning
- 50 Scale deduction
- 51 Comparable (to)
- 52 Medical advice, often
- 54 Time div.

## Crossword Answers page 15



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room watching television.”

Tootsie Roll was the first of her petting zoo potentials to move onto Misfit Acres, an eight-acre portion of a larger tract of land that had been in the Sharp family for four generations. Great-granddaughter Tina lives in a house built by her late father, who also cleared much of her land as well as constructed the barn and other out-buildings.

Tina's next save was Beefcake, a miniature bull with an untreated upper respiratory infection, which meant it potentially was destined for another sale. In fact, most of the older animals came to Misfit Acres with a not too satisfying history. Jelly Bean, a Jerusalem donkey, was not “living in the best situation and was probably destined for some kind of a sale,” so Tina purchased her only to find out she was in foal. Cookie, a 22-year-old Shetland pony, had once lived on a farm where teenagers used her for paintball practice. Now, she will live out her life visiting fairs and being petted by kinder kids.

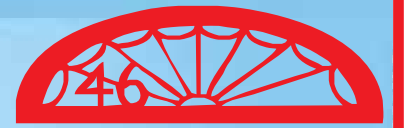
Some animals were lucky enough to have always grazed at Misfit Acres. Jelly Beans' foal, Skittles, was born there as were triplet goats and Hercules the donkey, among others.

“I called the farm Misfit Acres because my animals are all misfits in way. Some were neglected, abused, old or born with deafness,” she said. “Some are just odd, like my three barn cats with six toes that we rescued and bottle fed or Jelly Bean, the donkey, who should get along with the goats but doesn't.”

Tina soon wondered what she was going to do with the ever-increasing menagerie. It was the suggestion of Blaine Courtney, her farrier, which led to the mobile petting zoo. After research and mandatory inspections, she gained licensing

See Petting Zoo Page 14

# THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER



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Zack and Olivia share grass with Jelly Bean.



To prepare them for the petting zoo, Tina Turner is hands-on with her animals including the young goats.

through the Food and Drug Administration. Insurance and marketing the business came next. Tina bought a tent, some panels and constructed coops and other portable enclosures. She added rabbits and chickens for variety.

## On the Road

As a result, weekends don't allow Tina to relax. Major chores are balanced with taking the petting zoo on the road. Pens, buckets and other supplies are stored in the dressing room and overhang of her trailer. Small animals travel in crates. Larger animals are separated by panels. Her first outing was being hired by the Fredericksburg Kids Expo last year.

"Within two months, I had multiple engagements booked, some for a year in advance," she said. "We go to the Richmond area, Fredericksburg and Northern Virginia, mostly to festivals, fairs and expos. I will do birthday parties and offer either the full zoo with a minimum of ten animals or a smaller version with fewer animals."

Her exhibit includes props like a western saddle on which visitors sit wearing a cowboy hat while family members take pictures. A display area has coloring pages and a sensory table. The charge for each event is for a minimum of two hours and rates can vary considering the distance involved.

"I will do pony rides for up to ten kids, but I won't go just for pony rides. That is an add-on to the petting zoo," she said. "I hope to find more bookings locally, and will only travel three hours or less, because of the animals."

Tina will alternate which goats, ponies, chickens, rabbits or other pets she takes depending on the location of the event and current disposition of the individual animal. Opie, the goat, doesn't get to go anymore.

"At the farm, he jumps over the fence to greet me on the porch in the morning which I enjoy," she said. "But, at his last event, he jumped out of a pen to get to me, so I had to put him on a leash for the rest of the day."

## Farm Life

After rising at 5 a.m., Tina feeds the livestock then drives to Richmond where she is an operation's manager for a paper company. Returning home, she feeds and completes other chores, often after dark in the winter months.

"It's a long day, but there is nothing more peaceful than sitting on the porch in the late evenings and watching the animals. It makes it all worthwhile," she said.

Soft-hearted Tina admits that she took in many of her first animals because of their living conditions, but she has reached the limit of animals for which she and her son Joshua can properly care.

"I'm not a rescue but if I hear of animals needing help, I try to find suitable homes or rescue organizations," she said. "I need to concentrate on keeping the animals I use for the petting zoo healthy and in tip-top shape."

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Tina Turner sets up a display table with activities as part of the Misfit Acres Mobile Petting Zoo.

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