



Mountain Discoveries magazine is celebrating 16 years!

Back to the Beginning...

A 2001 idea developed by Lance Bell and Kathie Smith, co-owners of Advertising Art Design, Inc., has turned into a semi-annual event. *Mountain Discoveries* magazine has been produced in the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter of each year since 2002.

Evolving from the focus of Allegany and Garrett County, Maryland, to a larger area including regional portions of Western Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, *Mountain Discoveries* has opened up little-known attractions, historic topics and personalities to visitors and residents of our distribution area and reaches around the globe through the Mountain Discoveries website www.mountaindiscoveries.com. All *Mountain Discoveries* stories are included on the website.

The first issue, shown on the facing page at the bottom, featured stories on Natural Resources, Transportation, Education, Food, Retail, Crafts, Businesses, Recreation, History, Collectibles, Music, and Events. The stories share the magazine with beautiful photography mostly supplied by Lance C. Bell. Mixed with advertisements that also contain some of Lance's beautiful area photography, the magazines are something that people keep and collect.

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.

The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

— Dr. Seuss

Mountain Discoveries' First Issue – Spring/Summer 2002 Featured the following:

The scenic mountain background cover photo was taken on September 11, 2001, an infamous day in U.S. history. The inset on the cover features Melissa Maines, weaver at Spruce Forest Artisan Village at Penn Alps.

Articles that appeared in the first issue were:

- Sugaring (Maple Sugar Camp)
- Maryland's Coal Heritage Trail – Part 1 – Allegany County
- Mountain Thunder in the Night – Western Maryland Scenic Railroad
- The African American Heritage Society Museum
- Uncle Tucker's 1819 Brew House
- The Knot Hole Craft Shop
- If Daniel Boone Could See Us Now (Log Homes)
- Brant Mine at Deep Creek Lake State Park – DNR Feature
- Flaming Pasta at Will O' the Wisp Four Seasons
- Four-Seasons of Outdoor Adventure at Wisp
- A Welcome Party at Deep Creek Lake
- Western Maryland ATV Tours
- Schoolhouse Earth – A Unique Place to Shop
- On the Road to the Pow Wow
- Prehistoric Arrowheads...Stories from the Past
- You Could Hear it Talk, You Could Hear it Sing (Bluegrass Festivals)
- Rockin' USA (Rocking Chairs)
- A Sawmill on Wheels

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Mountain Discoveries' premiere issue, Spring/Summer 2002, along with subsequent issues.