

I BELIEVE IN YESTERDAYS

Yesterdays ... a two story, white farmhouse with a red tin roof, nestled in the beautiful Smoky Mountains.

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“Oh, I believe in yesterday,” isn’t just a line from a popular song of yesteryear. It is also the theme of a two story, white farmhouse with a red tin roof that’s nestled in the beautiful Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. **Yesterdays Antiques and Collectibles** located at 921 Wears Valley Road in Pigeon Forge is all about authentic antiques from “yesterday” and collectibles from today.

Georgia Scott developed a love for antiques by frequenting antique shops and shows, flea markets and yard sales when she lived in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

After marrying Jeffery, they traveled and bought antiques for their home. And, although they are now Tennesseans, they return to the Finger Lakes area at least once a year, and have done so for the past fifteen years. They take a cargo van and buy, buy, buy.

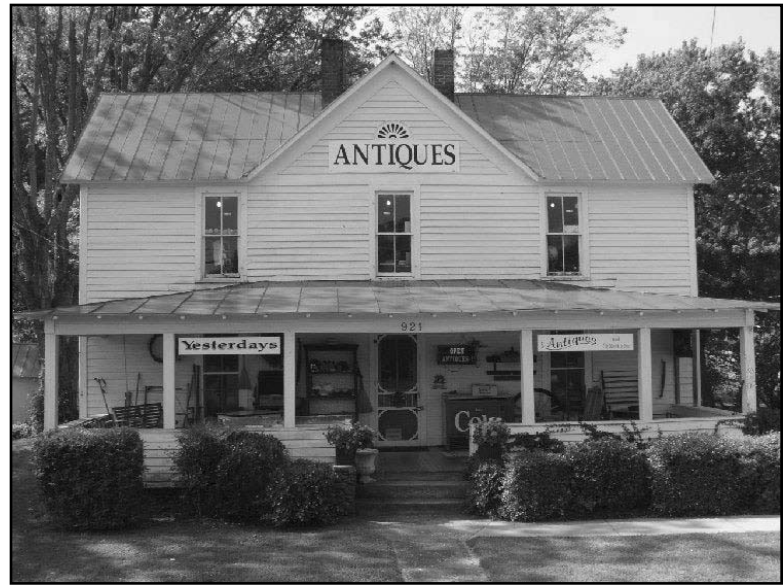
Georgia recounts the transition to Tennessee this way; “We bought our home on the mountain in Pigeon Forge a few years before we moved here permanently. We purchased our furnishings in the area’s antiques’ shops. When we sold our primary home, we decided we loved our little mountain home and chose to live in it instead of buying a larger home.”

“We drove past the old house on Wears Valley Road every day, but one day it had a For Sale sign in front of it, and the rest is history. We stored our furniture from our primary home in it for a couple of years, and eventually opened our shop on May 23, 1998.”

Yes, they have operated out of the old farmhouse for more than ten years. That is a lot of yesterdays and a lot of experience. Since Pigeon Forge is a tourist destination, they found out early on that they have to carry inventory that will fit in family vehicles. For example, they sell a lot of small tables, glass and collectibles.

Yesterday isn’t the only thing Georgia believes in. In February 2004, they opened an online shop at Ruby Lane. Please visit them at <http://www.rubylane.com/shops/yesterdays>.

Jeffery and Georgia and three ladies from church make up the



staff at **Yesterdays**. Georgia works at the shop four days each week. Jeffery, who works full time as Operations Manager at the Aquarium in Gatlinburg, is at the helm of **Yesterdays** on Sundays. Georgia credits Esther, Judy, and Martha for the hard work they do keeping the shop and inventory sparkling clean. Their efforts bring many compliments from visitors on the cheerful, bright atmosphere. These special ladies also give Grandma and Grandpa Scott a chance to get away and visit their eight year old grandson.

Jeffery retired from a career in the Army having spent five years in Germany. They have both lived in Kentucky, but Georgia lived most of her life in Ohio. Dayton, Ohio is the home of Georgia and Jeffery’s daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. Grandma says, “They visit us in April and October, and we drive there the other months.”

As yesterdays turn into tomorrows Georgia says, “We would like to continue our business catering to our customers and looking forward to their return visits each time they come on vacation to Pigeon Forge. We have made wonderful friends who keep in contact with us, sending announcements and baby pictures.”

Yes, they do believe in **Yesterdays**, and you will, too.