

Inn at Deep Creek

Formerly Alpine Village

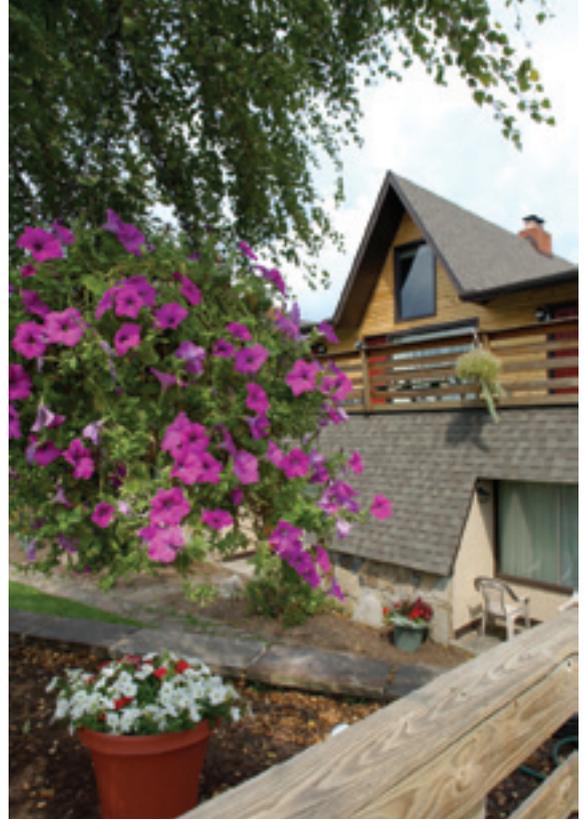
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Alpine Village was one of Deep Creek Lake's best known landmarks for more than four decades.

The distinctive A-frame cottages were appropriately named for their design and easily viewed by motorists driving along Glendale Road at Maryland Route 219. Theodore "Ted" and Celeste Lascaris started the hospitality business in 1960, in a section of Deep Creek Lake referred to as Thayerville.

The four children of Ted and Celeste Lascaris, recall that the entire family was fully involved in the new enterprise. "We worked day and night to clear the land. My Dad worked as a carpenter's helper, we planted shrubs, cut grass and cleaned cottages. It was hard work."

The hard work eventually paid off when *Alpine Village* opened for business in 1961. The original village consisted of five A-frame units designed and supplied by Acorn Homes, a firm specializing in pre-packaged dwellings. Business prospered and the family embarked upon a major expansion in 1964 when they acquired property located in front of the original five units. Eight A-frame and twelve conventional units were subsequently built that featured air conditioning and color television.



Celeste and Ted Lascaris inspect their dream.

In 1974, an adjacent property was acquired that included a log building that would become known as the *Silver Tree Inn*. Two years of renovation on the rustic log structure known as Nemaocolin Lodge was necessary prior to opening under the *Silver Tree Inn* marquis. According to the Lascaris family, "Both the *Alpine Village* and the *Silver Tree Inn* were family enterprises—all the way." Over the



An early aerial view of The Alpine Village shows little development in the area. The Lascaris family were well ahead of their time in their planning.

years the *Alpine Village* and the *Silver Tree Inn* established themselves as two of Deep Creek Lake's premier hospitality enterprises.

In 2001, the *Alpine Village* was sold by the Lascaris family. The new ownership lasted until 2010 when Beechtree Properties acquired the property, renamed the inn, and began renovations. The Lascaris family endorses the recent improvements undertaken by Beachtree Properties. "The new owners have done a beautiful job and deserve accolades for the renovations."

Formerly the *Alpine Village*, the newly renovated *Inn at Deep Creek* features 29 large guest rooms, private suites with fireplaces, new beds, coffee/tea in each room, complimentary Wi-Fi, a large heated outdoor pool, a lakeside grilling area, and private beach facilities.

Anthony Flatt, General Manager, notes that "We have a perfect location at Deep Creek Lake because of our

proximity to nearby events. Since opening in July, 2010, we have been sold out every weekend."

Assistant Manager, LaDonna Stem, has 20 years of business experience at Deep Creek Lake, including working for the Lascaris family at the *Silver Tree Inn*. Being familiar with Garrett County makes her new job enjoyable. "I love Deep Creek Lake and meeting guests coming to the area and staying at the *Inn at Deep Creek*. I am also happy to guide them to all activities and restaurants they will enjoy. Our location is close to the town of Oakland and other major attractions at Deep Creek."

LaDonna's familiarity with the lake also provides for a unique perspective on the recent changes at the inn. "We were aware that *Alpine Village* was a landmark to residents, so its heritage was preserved during renovations. When we conducted tours this summer, the number of residents who attended surprised us. The tours brought back memories



Above: The Deep Creek Inn today with new log siding, new roof and new interior is comfortable, convenient and reasonably priced.

Right: A view of the lake and Inn docks.

Below: The Inn's heated pool is refreshing on a chilly day.



for residents and long time visitors; we have received positive feedback from both groups.”

To date, the *Inn at Deep Creek* has proven to be popular with families. “With adjoining rooms, families can easily be together. They can also be together on the deck, patio, pool area, and beach. The facilities and amenities are really nice for small family reunions and weddings.”

The *Inn at Deep Creek* reminds visitors of Deep Creek Lake’s past while also providing enhanced amenities and services. In the words of LaDonna Stem, “The *Inn at Deep Creek* is preserving local heritage in a newly renovated setting. We encourage everyone to stop by and see us.”

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Editor’s note: We deeply regret the passing of Celeste Lascaris as we were preparing this story for publication. Our condolences to her family.

