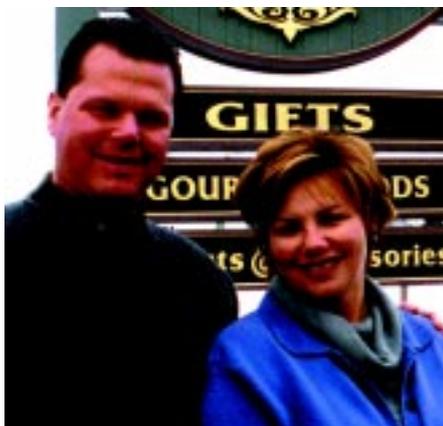


“Schoolhouse Earth”

*A Unique Place to Shop in
Garrett County, Maryland!*

Schoolhouse Earth — just the name evokes the kind of feeling that takes you back to a simpler time when individual attention was the rule instead of the exception — a time when visitors were welcomed as guests in your home, and the details really mattered.

Enter the magical world of Schoolhouse Earth, a charming cluster of shops nestled comfortably off the beaten path, but minutes from the bustling activity of Deep Creek Lake, Maryland. Offering an exquisite selection of fine gifts and accessories, owner Nancy Graham, her partner, Stephen, and son, Evan welcome you as part of the family.



Owner Nancy Graham and partner Stephen Nance.

Schoolhouse Earth began, as many businesses do, as the dream of someone with talent and determination. Countless businesses are successful based on that alone, but as Nancy says, her business was founded on this belief: “If you do what you love to do, and you do it from the heart, success will follow.” That belief is evident in each of the delightful shops that are overflowing with exceptional gifts, beautiful music, handmade ornaments and homespun touches. A unique gourmet food section, with sampling on weekends, will tempt even the most sophisticated palate.



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Each shop is a feast for the senses — and lingering is a must — since every inch is brimming with treasures. But as visitors will see, it isn't just the lovely items and how they are displayed that makes Schoolhouse Earth so special. It is the time and effort, and careful attention to detail that makes the experience so memorable. Whether it's the peaceful music playing, the intoxicating scents, or the soft whisper of wind chimes — the complete picture leaves no doubt that Nancy and Stephen truly love what they are doing. A warm and helpful staff is also there to enhance your experience and meet all of your needs.

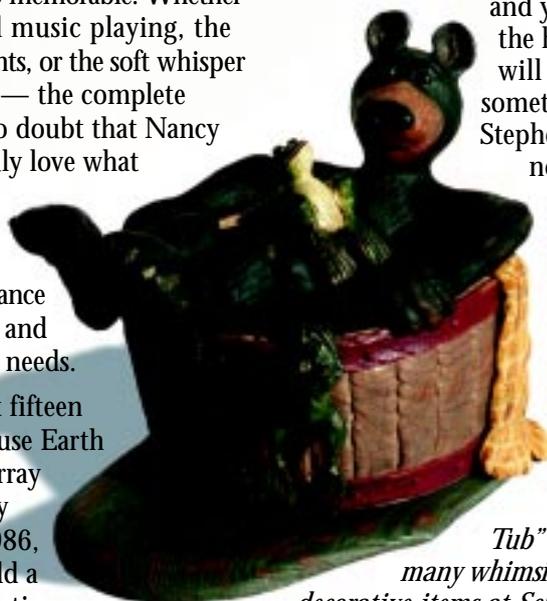
For the past fifteen years, Schoolhouse Earth has offered an array of extraordinary products. In 1986, while Nancy held a demanding full-time job, she also produced and sold folk art right from her home. Eventually, as the business grew, so did Nancy's desire to turn her part-time passion into a full-time way of life. Five years ago, Stephen also made the transition from other employment to the life,

the business, and the magic they now nurture together full-time.

Even the myriad of animals are part of the family—including “Scotty,” the huge Scottish Highlander cow; “Louie,” the goat who thinks he's a dog; “Abigail,” the donkey; and the irresistible “Cassie” the dog, who is sure to provide an enthusiastic welcome. All the animals are lovingly tended and delighted to have visitors!

Today, all the shops at Schoolhouse Earth offer unique products, but they also convey a unique sense of commitment, dedication and love for all things beautiful. You are invited to visit the shops at the Deep Creek Lake location anytime, or visit their new “home-site” as you sit back, relax and browse through the new on-line catalog—www.schoolhouseearth.com. Either way, the old-fashioned promise of fine quality and service is yours.

“If you do what you love to do, and you do it from the heart, success will follow” — something Nancy, Stephen and Evan not only believe, but they live it everyday at Schoolhouse Earth...a truly magical experience!



This “Bear in a Tub” is but one of the many whimsical and unusual decorative items at Schoolhouse Earth.

**Schoolhouse Earth • 301-746-8603
2 miles north of Deep Creek Lake
on Rt. 42 • Open 10-6 Seven Days a
Week (closed Easter, Thanksgiving,
Christmas, and New Year's Day)**