

Mountain Grove Bed & Breakfast, co-owned by Susan Cherones '85, is in a beautiful wooded setting in Cloudland, Ga.

Rest and relaxation

If some good old R & R is more your speed, check out the Mountain Grove Bed & Breakfast in Cloudland, Ga., co-owned by alumna Susan Cherones '85. In a beautiful wooded setting, guest rooms are named "Spruce," "Magnolia," "Maple," "Laurel," and "Dogwood."

After working in TV and film in Los Angeles, Cherones taught English as a second language and "fell in love with teaching," leading her to get her master's in education. She then worked in Mentone at Camp Saddlerock directing the "Nature's Classroom" program.

"After leaving Camp Saddlerock, some friends and I established ExperienceWorks, a company that provides customized school field trips, team building, and team training. Mountain Grove Bed & Breakfast seemed like just the place for our headquarters," Cherones says.

In addition to providing standard overnight accommodations, Mountain Grove provides for whole house rentals for weddings and reunions, special events, retreats, and workshops. The facility hosts board meetings, leadership development programs, and youth group events, among others.

Cherones says that Birmingham-Southern has shaped everything she's done since she attended the college. "I've been so proud of my education. I've had a real solid foundation. I gained great friends, a tight-knit group that provides support and camaraderie for one another ... and a liberal arts education provides such a broad base of knowledge ... it is a touch plate when you encounter things in the world. It makes lifelong learning just natural," she says.

For more information on Mountain Grove Bed & Breakfast, call 800-226-5585 or 706/862-6676 or go to www.mgbb.com. For more about ExperienceWorks, go to www.experienceworks.com.