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Virginia Indulges Travelers with a Passion for Pampering
-Joyce Blair's southern sophistication makes the Magnolia House B&B an indulgent retreat-

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RICHMOND, Va. – Virginia is a destination full of southern sophistication that will indulge travelers with a passion for pampering. [Joyce Blair](#), innkeeper extraordinaire of the Magnolia House Bed & Breakfast in Hampton, touches on the heart of upscale travel in Virginia. Joyce is passionate about caring for others, and her passion has translated into an inn that is a respite for travelers seeking luxurious comfort.

Joyce and her husband Lankford Blair have spent their lives caring for others – she as a surgical nurse and he as a mental healthcare provider. When they decided to realize their dream of starting a B&B, no detail was overlooked. The result is the Magnolia House B&B, a beautiful Queen Anne Late Victorian architectural masterpiece in Hampton, boasting period furniture and southern hospitality to melt your heart.

"Operating a B&B seemed a natural progression for us," explained Blair, "as we love to entertain and have been raised to take care of all who cross our threshold."

Joyce's passion for music and prose inspired unique guest rooms– the jazzy Ellington Suite, the quiet Haven and the scrumptious Writer's Retreat. Located just steps from urban downtown Hampton, the Blair's inn captures the essence of Virginia's southern sophistication.

Virginia is home to more than 200 B&Bs such as the Magnolia House, as well as fine hotels and luxury resorts that are decadent respites for travelers seeking a more refined travel experience. Scattered throughout Virginia, they showcase a diversity of architecture and taste and can be a crowning touch to a wonderful trip or destinations all in themselves.

World-class hotels such as the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, the Williamsburg Inn in Colonial Williamsburg, the Inn at Little Washington and the Martha Washington Inn in Southwest Virginia are just a few of Virginia's finest lodging choices that have pampered governors, presidents and royalty. The Mobil Travel Guide has awarded the Jefferson Hotel and the Inn at Little Washington with the prestigious five-star lodging recognition.

Virginia's luxurious resorts are surrounded by beautiful scenery, from the Allegheny Mountains to the edges of the James River, and take pampering over the top.



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The Homestead Resort in Bath County has been a luxurious retreat since 1776, with natural hot springs that soothed Thomas Jefferson. Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville is known for an exquisite spa and culinary perfection. Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg hugs the banks of the James River and spoils guest with exotic spa treatments and fine ale and food pairings. And Lansdowne Resort in Northern Virginia is known for modern luxury, with a 12,000-square-foot destination spa.

Virginia's upscale accommodations are surrounded by world-renowned historic sites, from Monticello to Jamestown as well as 130 wineries, impeccable small towns and excellent restaurants.

Ready to give into your passion for pampering? Visit www.Virginia.org to find a southern sophistication getaway in Virginia and watch Joyce Blair as she shows off her passion in life, the Magnolia House B&B.

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Video and downloadable images of Joyce Blair and this feature in Word and PDF format are available for media use at www.vatravelstories.com.