

About the Authors of the *100 Days Key Moments and Memories at Baldpate Inn* blog

This blog is a collaborative effort by Innkeeper Lois Smith, her daughter Jen Macakanja, and niece Liz Rodgers. Our collective years of knowledge, experience and investment allows us to provide you with variety of perspectives that we hope you truly enjoy.

Lois Hoke Smith



Lois Hoke Smith has been the owner of the Baldpate Inn since 1986 functioning in countless roles but mainly as Innkeeper, Chef and seasonal Mom for her incredible staff. As a former military wife, she spent many hours entertaining and giving service as a Red Cross Volunteer and Project Director. Lois holds a degree in Chemistry from Wheaton College. She has been long active with local business organizations, especially as a founding member of the Estes Park Wedding Association. She is blessed with two children, Jen & MacKenzie and their spouses, Pete & Holly, along with five grandkids, Megan, Mason, Emily, Nick & Lola, who keep her busy during Baldpate's off season. Lois enjoys experimental cooking and baking, and is author/publisher of Baldpate's Collections, our cookbook and history. She is an exceptionally experienced procrastinator and as such is a great crisis manager, a helpful skill when you run a 100 year old Inn!

Jen Smith Macakanja



Jen is a wanderer, editor, crafter and foodie. She spent nine summers working in every position at Baldpate before serving as a missile officer in the Army and then working as a technical editor. In 2000, she returned to Baldpate with hubby Pete to run the lodge for two years alongside Lois. Now Jen is a stay at home Mom, volunteers in her community, works part-time in her parish office and travels whenever possible. She has a degree in Education with a minor in English. Jen lives with her family in Wisconsin and loves to send the next generation (her two daughters) to work at Baldpate!

Liz Bollinger Rodgers



Liz is a writer, artist, educator and adventurer! Liz has degrees in English Literature and Elementary Education. With a variety of work experiences including a ceramics instructor, a software trainer, and an equestrian coach in Alaska, it's clear she embraces a love of learning and a zest for life. Liz is currently writing and illustrating an adventure story for children of all ages. She has thoroughly enjoyed her work and leisure experiences at The Baldpate Inn, and anticipates great things to come for its future!