

This Little Red Schoolhouse Is a Survivor

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The same school bell that rang every day at noon for about 40 years to call farmers and students to lunch still rings above the Red School Nursery & Garden Center in Catharpin, Va. Built in the late 1890s, the old school was closed in 1935. After years of neglect, it was purchased by Norman Realty of Manassas several years ago. In January 1976, it was moved to a new foundation and renovated. Today it is the centerpiece of a nursery offering landscaping, ground maintenance and technical assistance. Merchandising functions are integrated with the old schoolhouse's past to preserve some of its charm. Weekly sales, for example, are listed on the same slate blackboards that once helped children with their lessons.



REFERENCE

Prince William Public Library
Manassas, Va.