

August 2008

Wow. Summer is half over! We could have a frost in just 6 weeks from now. But between now and then we are beginning to see the bounty of the gardens coming in. The strawberries have gone by, and the raspberries are nearly done. Blackberries will be coming in shortly and the wild blueberries have started to ripen. YUMMY!! We're also beginning to see the early corn at the farmers' markets, tomatoes, zukes and cukes. Lots of canning and freezing going on around here, for sure.

We've had the pleasure of some wonderful guests in the barn this past month. People from all over – Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Georgia and Florida. We have a sign over the door – “Enter as Strangers, Leave as Friends”. I think we've made some great new friends!

We feel we have satisfactorily opened up the view to the mountains. Took out just as many trees as needed, having left lots behind but removed lower branches. Cut the overgrowth back on the hill. Bird feeders and planters in place. A few chairs to just sit and watch. It's like being at a drive in theater (who remembers THOSE???) – comfortable seating outdoors with a great show to watch. Still need to get the siding on, though. Anyone out there interested in helping??? You'll get a delicious meal, the beverage of your choice and our undying gratitude as payment.

On my way to Rangeley yesterday I saw the first color in the leaves beginning. Not much, mind you. Just enough to let you know it's coming. Our Maine Coon Cat, Very Silly Emmalily, has wanted to be indoors much more these past few days. Winter must be coming!

Star Barn Uniques, our gift shop, had a record setting month, selling \$290 worth of merchandise! The inventory is getting a little low! Always hoping to encourage more and more people to let us sell their wares.

Phillips Old Home Days fast approaches. August 10-17. If you're thinking of coming but haven't made a reservation, please consider staying at Star Barn B&B. We have a special for that week - \$50 per night with a minimum 3 night stay – honoring 50 years of celebrating Phillips Old Home Days! There will be lots of fun and amazing things to do and see. Visit www.phillipsmaine.com for more information. The schedule of events is at <http://www.phillipsmaine.com/oldhomedays/2008OldHomeDaysSchedule.pdf>

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