

December 2007

Though the date belies it, winter arrived about a week ago, bringing with it temps in the single digits at night and over a foot of snow on the 3rd. Yes, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The guest house is decorated, inside and out: garland and bows, lights and a tree, holly and poinsettias. Little touches everywhere you look.

And in the barn? Well, on November 28th we held the First Annual Christmas Card Writing Party. A wreath on the door, candles in the windows, fire in the fireplace, the table set with Christmas cloth, wassail and wine, tasty snacks to share, Christmas music and friends, some new and some old, sharing a time, the first time, in the parlor of Star Barn B&B. It was lovely and fun and I'm already looking forward to next year's gathering.

Of course, the day after, everything got taken down and removed. The rented sander came in 2 days later and David sanded the first and second floor's floors. Since then they have been polyurethaned, resanded, and polyed again. On the 12th we will start to move pieces of furniture in to their permanent location. There is still much to be done; perhaps the largest job being the rebuilding of the staircase from something temporary and utilitarian to something permanent and elegant. David's done all the measuring and figuring and will begin that project on 12/15/07. I still have a few windows to paint and the hallway walls. We anticipate opening the B&B in January. We KNOW the yoga studio will be opening with its first class scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2008 at 5:00 PM. YEAH!!

With the leaves off the trees you are treated to an amazing view from the parlor and yoga studio windows. Mt. Blue, Pope, Blueberry, and Jackson Mountains all in their glory and splendor with their snow covered caps in full view. A little bit closer - deer and moose tracks through the meadow. And a lively ermine scampering through the wood pile. These all bring such peace to the mind and heart.

OH! The star from the original barn has found a home on Star Barn, in pretty much the same location it hung on the original barn (see the picture on the Exciting Plans page).. The star can be seen not only when driving toward the B&B from the west along Reeds Mill Road, but also when following Fish Hatchery Road from the South. A star that beckons the weary traveler to a place of welcome, comfort and rest. Come see for yourself!

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