

December 2008

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go...” That includes here at Star Barn. Our winter white landscape is fully in place. Seeing the tops of the mountains go from green to orange to brown to white is such a wonderful way to appreciate each season in turn. We’ve had a few snows with more in the forecast. Are you thinking about getting out the **Skis? Snowmobiles?** A stay at Star Barn keeps you just a hop, skip and jump away from plenty of opportunity for both.

Star Barn hosted the second annual Christmas Card Writing Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A time of fellowship, food and fun while getting a job done (that can sometimes feel like a burden) in a very pleasant way. The tree was lit; the fire was crackling; the record player played beautiful carols; and the dining room was filled with luscious snacks and hearty beverages. Next up: Reeds Mill Church Christmas Candlelight Service – Ginni’s opportunity to lead a service at the little, one room church within walking distance of Star Barn – 3:00 PM on December 21. Star Barn will host an open house following the service.

Ginni is still organizing the Yoga Retreat scheduled for the end of January, ‘09. In addition, there is a Poetry Writer’s Retreat scheduled for the end of February (go to [www.maineword.com](http://www.maineword.com) for more information) and a day long Quilters Retreat, also in February.

Are you wondering about those twins? Addison and Evelyn came home before Thanksgiving, which was cause for much thanks! They are growing and thriving and are just the cutest little girls in the world! (This, from much biased grandparents!)

David has just started reconstructing his HO Train set in the Star Barn attic. His hope is to someday have this layout patterned after the Narrow Gauge run between Phillips and Rangeley, Maine. Stay tuned!

If you are considering a 2009 stay in Maine’s Western Mountain and Lakes Region, you should know Star Barn is offering a money saving deal right now. If you book your 2009 reservation before January 1, when the rates go up, you’ll get in on the 2008 price.

**Happy Holidays!** -Ginni and David