

JANUARY 2010

WOW! The first decade of the new century gone – in a flash! Not even a new century anymore! In retrospect, I'd have to say the first decade was good to us. It brought us to this magical place in the middle of forests and mountains. It brought us many new friends, new ideas, new dreams to be dreamt, new realities to be realized. Of course we went through some low times, but they made us stronger and more diligent and grateful for the blessings we have...which include grandchildren. Number 8 is due to arrive in February. With grandchildren ages 11 to almost born, we are truly blessed. We love the time we spend with those we can, and look forward to times we will spend with the others. One opportunity will be next Christmas. Don't even try to make a reservation at Star Barn B&B, because it will be chock full with most of our family! We cannot wait!

“Uniques” has been an amazing feature at Star Barn. What an awesome group of people sell their wares here! 2009 had total sales of over \$3,500; more than double the sales from 2008. With continued reservations and more local interest, we will continue to help support the economy in Madrid, Maine and surrounding areas. Thank you to all our customers!

We had pretty yucky weather the day of the Candlelight Service at Reeds Mill Church. But 24 brave souls ventured out to hear Ginni give a sermon by the glow of many candles. Most traveled up the hill to Star Barn for a time of refreshment and fellowship following the service. It is a lovely tradition.

We've had plenty of snow and are keeping the trails broken for snow shoeing. A retreat next month will be featuring times on the trail as well as an introspective theme for several women from Ohio. A group from Massachusetts will be retreating here in February as well. And the next Yoga retreat will be in March.

May you all enjoy a happy, healthy, and prosperous (however you define that!) 2010.

Ginni and David Robie