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I am more than happy to report all 5 rooms are up and running at Star Barn B&B! What great news that is to share with you! The last two rooms were completed in time for Memorial Day weekend, when we had a full house in the barn and room in the guest house rented as well. The weather was great that weekend, and I feel that we are well on our way! We have a few reservations for the summer but still room for more.....

Now to the outside again. Quick – before it snows!!! We've started moving piles of the old barn wood to new locations and need to get the rest of the siding up. Some detail paint on the outside will be good. Need to get the wheelchair ramp done and rebuild stair cases to the outside doors. Have started gardens in the front of the barn with rhubarb, horse radish, lilies, pussy willow and daphne. I have a few annuals to put in and some cedar mulch delivered from a neighbor's yard (well, when I say neighbor, I mean about ½ mile from here!). I have some herbs I'll want to be using in the breakfasts, so they'll go in a planter just outside the door. A few other planters I started early have some dahlias, freesia and orchids. Two big wagon wheels really make it look barn-y. As soon as the gardens are finished, there will be a new picture on the home page of the web site. If that doesn't happen soon, the snowy picture will be appropriate again!

We've loved having several moose meander through the yard as well as a black bear and a friendly porcupine. We have phoebes building nests all over and a great crested flycatcher, which is new one for me, is starting a new family in a birdhouse gourd. I love adding new birds to my life list! Also tree swallows and many others. The fish have been jumping and there are lots of tadpoles swimming in the pond. A variety of frog eggs are to be seen, some new to me. Can't wait to see what kind of a frog they are!

The rhubarb is ready to pick, which will make David happy. He loves a bowl of stewed rhubarb and sugar. Lots of flowers on the pear trees this year, so hoping for some good fruit there. And of course the apple trees are looking good, especially the trees we cleared around and year and a half ago.

Ginni is doing 8 yoga classes a week right now, which is certainly keeping her busy. If you are local and interested in classes, check the yoga page for the schedule of where and when.

Summer in Maine is wonderful. Come see for yourself!

Ginni and David Robie

