

June 2011

What a transformation between early May and early June, moving from green to GREEN! The trees are leafed out, leaving what may be sauntering up the hill behind the pond to our imaginations. However, a hike in any direction reveals 'evidence' of deer and moose. And the bucks and bulls are getting their new antlers, the does and cows delivering their babies. Activity along the roads is increased right now, so be extra aware!

We've enjoyed rhubarb a few times, people proclaiming "Yours is the biggest rhubarb I've ever seen!" And the asparagus has already gone by. As I said last month, when things wake up, they wake up quick!

We enjoyed lots of family time last month: another trip for granddaughter Kaya's annual dance recital; a trip to NJ to visit the twins, Addison and Evelyn, and of course their Mom and Dad, Kate and Joe (we shared a great Mother's Day together, evening getting some time in with our son, Adam); a trip to PA to visit with David's Mom and a few of his siblings; and Ginni's sister, Judy, and her husband, Tom, drove from NJ to visit a few days. They, like others who come to the area, enjoyed hiking Star Barn property as well as Smalls Falls. Also a trip to Bog Pond Pottery, where all their items are fired in a wood burning kiln. We unfortunately were unsuccessful in sighting and hearing any loons, but we had a wonderful time traveling to 3 lakes in the Rangeley area for the search. We are just so blessed with the beauty that abounds here!

There are graduations and family reunions bringing guests to Star Barn over the next few months. We'll be making new friends as well as welcoming back some previously made friends! Looking ahead, we'll be having our next yoga retreat in September, and our friend, Patty from Columbus, Ohio, will be bringing a women's adventure group here for a long holiday weekend in October, when they will enjoy hiking, kayaking, and mostly the breathtaking autumn colors! Both events are open to the public. Let us know if you want more information.

Old Home Week in Phillips is August 14-21. There are SO many fun activities during this festive week, one of the biggest being the parade on Friday, August 19 at 5:00. The theme this year is, "The Best Things in Life are Free." Should be fun coming up with a float expressing that! Ask about our special rates during Old Home Week for stays at least 3 nights.

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