

October 2008

As I write, 3 of our 5 guest rooms are full for the night. A couple from Pennsylvania, a couple from Massachusetts, and a couple from Israel! We are feeling very blessed with the steady stream of guests this past month. It's been a tough row to hoe, but definitely feel our prayers have been answered.

The color in the trees is just about at peak. Though we continue to have more rainy weather than not, the next week or so promises to be very "autumnal" – temps in the 50s during sunny days and 30s during starry nights. Perfect weather for a leaf peeping hike, followed by a cozy night with hot cider in front of the fire. All doable here at Star Barn!

This coming weekend, we have some family coming to help finish the siding on the barn. This has been delayed so long at this point (due to reasons beyond our control!) that any landscaping around the barn will have to wait until next June. But that's OK. Siding on the barn means no more piles of wood means we can now mark the area as a parking lot. Yeah! If time allows, we'll start building the chicken coop in anticipation of providing our own eggs next year.

In the last month, David has built a shed to house propane tanks, the generator and a few other odds and ends. We both built a bridge from the parking lot to the pond. Next time there's sun, we'll take a picture of the bridge to add to the web site.

Still tweaking the inside; most recently hung some of Ginni's vintage aprons around the kitchen door. Have added a few moose banners to the walls and of course some fall décor. This weekend – Halloween goes up!

Star Barn Uniques continues to do very well. So well, in fact, the inventory is down. All the talented crafters are busy preparing new items. And we also have a new contributor this month, adding crocheted hats, slippers and lap robes to our collection.

Locally, the Phillips Library sponsors the annual "Scarecrow Reunion" starting October 4. Look for the Star Barn Witch – "Something good is always cookin' at Star Barn!" And the Sandy River Rangeley Lakes Rail Road will be offering a "Ghost Ride" on Saturday, October 11. A fun family time to be sure. Later in the month there are apple festivals in both Rangeley and Livermore, and you CAN get there from here!

Ginni and David Robie