

September 2011

Maine in September is wonderful. The bugs are gone, the nights are cool, a sprinkling of color in the trees as the end of summer draws near. Not that the end of summer is a good thing, but all these things combined make autumn the special season that it is here.

But let's step back into August. The first weekend, Star Barn hosted the Cyr/Dorr wedding party and friends. Jason and Jen recited their vows at Reeds Mill Church, with Ginni officiating. The groom and his men all wore tuxedos with hunters' caps, arriving in the back of a pickup. The bride and her ladies looked lovely in their gowns, also arriving in the back of a pickup, whooping and hollering from the barn to the church. What a great day! Between the barn and the house, we accommodated 27 people. It was quite a party.

Granddaughter Kaya arrived here on the 10th for her annual summer stay with Granma and Grandpa. One of our goals, besides having as much fun as we could, was to create a float for Old Home Days in Phillips, our neighboring and sister town. The theme this year was "The Best Things in Life are Free." We decided to 'share' our view for free, which changes beautifully with each season. Our 4 season view is free. Our efforts paid off as we won a 3rd place ribbon. Kaya's dad, Alex, rode on the float with us. We had a great time!



Hurricane Irene will long be remembered as the storm that robbed us of Old Home Sunday at Reeds Mill Church. She blew up the coast and came inland. Six inches of rain and lots of wind caused flooding and power outages. Just didn't seem like the kind of day folks would want to picnic let alone come to the service. We cannot recall a time when this final summer service was canceled. Hopefully our Hymn Sing on September 11 will be a grand one.

Hurricane Irene also prevented family from coming up. Daughter Kate with her twins, hubby and dog tried to make the trip, but there were roads closed and they just couldn't get here from there. Fortunately, they were able to rearrange their plans and will be joining us for a week in September.

Though not likely, it is possible we'll have a frost by the middle of the month. The vegetable garden finally got going about 2 weeks ago. Oh well. We did have a bumper crop of blackberries this year and have made some really yummy jam!

The next Star Barn Yoga retreat is completely booked. Yeah! You can find out more about our yoga retreats by looking at the yoga page on the web site. The next one will be in March, 2012. Please email or call with any questions about retreats you might like to plan or attend.

If you're looking for a great place to stay while leaf peeping this year, give us a call. We've got some rooms left during "peak" at very reasonable rates and would love to share the view with you – that's free!

Ginni and David Robie