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The trees are leafless and there was a layer of ice on the pond this morning. Winter is definitely coming.

The outside of Star Barn B&B doesn't look much different than it did last month with the exception of some rearranging of soil around the foundation so that the water will drain away rather than to the building. A good thing to be sure.

Inside, however, things are humming! The only rooms left to paint are the halls and loft. 3 bedrooms are ready to go, complete with gas fireplace, ceiling fan, and all bathroom necessities. More than half the floor has been laid. The kitchen is ready to do its thing with stove, refrigerator, cabinets, counter tops and sinks in place. David has been working hard to incorporate much of the old barn wood back into the new building and has been quite successful. Beams in the corners of the dining room will make you think you are still in a post and beam structure. Other wood has been used as wall covering in the upper half of the 2 story foyer. The railing in the loft is next, also using the old barn wood. You'll also find the barn wood in the kitchen, common room and yoga studio. All the electric work is done. How great to walk in and flip a switch! The boiler works great and the radiators are warm. Even the fireplace is good to go.

Later this month we will be hosting a Card Party. Not your typical Card Party. No Aces or Jokers. Our guests will bring their Christmas cards, address lists, stamps, return address labels and of course a snack to share. There will a decorated tree in the common room of the B&B, with tables and music and a fire going. A pleasant way to spend an evening getting one of the holiday chores taken care of while we chat and snack.

If you are considering a trip to the Western Mountains region in Maine this winter, give us a call. You can snowmobile to the Guest House and B&B off ITS 89, just down the hill from the house. And we're only ½ hour away from Saddleback for terrific skiing. We are also taking reservations for next summer.

Ginni and David Robie