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summer 2007

THE WOODSTOCK INN & RESORT FOR ALL THE RIGHT SEASONS.



SPEAKING INN GENERAL

Dear Friends,

The mid-April snow has finally made way for the warmer spring and summer months. As I look out my window, I see green grass and colorful wildflowers everywhere. The birds are back and our sleeping friends in the forest are waking. The days are getting longer and activity abounds. We too have been busy preparing for our warm weather travelers.

We love this time of year. School vacations mean we get to see plenty of families. Whether traveling together or meeting here for special occasions and reunions, The Woodstock Inn & Resort becomes the family base camp. Nothing brings a greater smile to my face than the sight of grandparents who visited as young couples sharing the Woodstock experience with their grandchildren. Remarkably, the allure and beauty of our Inn and the area remains unchanged. While I read how multi-generational travel has grown to represent one-third of all domestic vacations in the past six years, it has always been a tradition here at The Inn.

To aid in making your trip to Woodstock outstanding, we have planned activities for visitors of all ages. Please be sure to look inside at our Calendar of Events or visit us on the web at www.woodstockinn.com for an event that piques your interest. We have assembled some wonderful packages for you to enjoy. For those returning, welcome back and for those visiting for the first time, welcome.

All the best,

Chet Williamson

President & General Manager

THE *Wonderful World* OF WOODSTOCK

This spring and summer, Woodstock is filled with events and activities to make your time here as exciting as you want it to be. There are educational and fun events at the farms and museums, fireworks, symphony concerts, balloon festivals and more. Our nicely-priced family package makes it easy to hold reunions or shared vacations here—and we'll be the ones doing the dishes! Check inside for our calendar of events. *continued on page 2*

Photo, above left: Three generations of the Marshall family gather every year at The Woodstock Inn & Resort.



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WOODSTOCK (CONT'D)

The Woodstock Experience: A Calendar of Events

Be sure to check our website www.woodstockinn.com frequently for updates and additional information.



SHEEP SHEARING WEEKEND AT BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM May 26 - 27

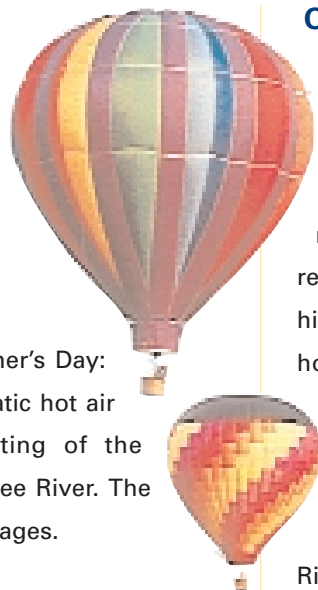
Join us for the spring shearing of the Southdown flock, plus carding and spinning wool, planting the heirloom garden, historic games and more.

THE QUECHEE BALLOON FESTIVAL, June 15 – 17 (Father's Day Weekend)

What a great way to spend Father's Day: watching the colorful and dramatic hot air balloons in the exquisite setting of the Quechee Gorge and Ottauquechee River. The festival includes activities for all ages.

VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA June 28, 29 & July 7

Attend nearby performances of this season's "Passion Trend" where tragic lovers, visionaries, free spirits, and scoundrels fill the stage in this tribute to living life on a grand scale. Dances, overtures, and tunes selected from passionate works by Dvorak, Berlioz, Wagner, and Tchaikovsky among others, are led by guest conductor Andrew Massey.



OLD VERMONT INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4

Relish a traditional barbecue on The Inn's front lawn from 11am-2pm and take a walking tour of Woodstock's history and architecture. At neighboring Billings Farm & Museum, enjoy a reading of the Declaration of Independence at noon, historic debates, related crafts projects for kids, horse-drawn wagon rides and other activities throughout the day. And, after dark, fireworks!

KILLINGTON WINE FESTIVAL, July 12-15

Ride to Killington peak in a K1 Gondola on Saturday, July 14 for the event's centerpiece, the "Grand Tasting." Taste up to 100 featured wines and a selection of gourmet foods while you enjoy one of Vermont's most spectacular settings.

COW APPRECIATION DAY AT BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM, July 28

Participate in dairy education programs, judging Jerseys with the farm manager, butter and ice cream making. Have fun with dairy trivia in the *Cowlege Bowl* competition for all ages, make a cow pizza, and more.

SHEEP HERDING WITH BORDER COLLIES AT BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM August 11

Watch as these natural shepherds use instinct and training to herd. Meet a Southdown flock ewe, learn about her care, and why this breed was once so important. Spinning, natural dyeing and weaving.

HARVEST WEEKEND AT BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM September 29-30

Celebrate the Vermont harvest with a traditional husking bee and lively barn dance. Hands-on activities include cider pressing, shelling corn, putting food by, threshing grain, and historic games while you feast on spiced cider and homemade doughnuts.



WAGON RIDE WEEKEND, October 13-14

Admire the brilliant colors of a Vermont autumn during a 30-minute narrated, horse-drawn wagon ride around the Billings Farm fields and the scenic Ottauquechee River.



Summer Packages

THE WOODSTOCK INN'S HERITAGE GOLF PACKAGE 2 nights accommodations, 3 days unlimited greens fees at our historical Robert Trent Jones, Sr. golf course, golf cart fees, hearty country breakfast daily, use of all facilities at our 41,000 sq. ft. Racquet & Fitness Center. Starting at \$145 per person, per night, double occupancy. Minimum 2 nights stay. Subject to availability. Restrictions apply.

FAMILY AFFAIR PACKAGE Bring your family and add extra rooms for \$75 each thru May 31, or \$100 each starting June 1. Tickets to Billings Farm & Museum, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Montshire Museum, and Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences.

Gift Certificates for overnight stays or dining can be purchased by calling 866-448-7900.

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All packages are subject to availability. Restrictions apply. Not applicable to groups. Maximum 2 additional rooms at discounted rate.

THE INN-SIDE SCOOP

JOIN OUR CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN AND BECOME CHEF FOR THE DAY!

That's right, Chef Bock is opening up his kitchen to those of you who want to experience what goes on behind the scenes of a AAA Four Diamond restaurant. You'll wear a Chef's jacket and toque,

learn pastry-making in the morning and create that day's dessert special. Then you'll receive instruction on Hot Line and Cold Line kitchen positions, learn about various knife cuts and cooking methods, and create the evening's featured dinner entrée in the afternoon. You'll

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take home a Woodstock Inn & Resort logo apron, your toque, a framed photograph of yourself with the Chef, and a signed menu signifying the special was created by you. We only accept two participants per session for \$125 each (does not include lodging).

And to introduce the program, Chef Bock is offering you a chance to win Chef for a Day along with a night's lodging for two and dinner. For details on the program and how to enter, go to www.woodstockinn.com/chef



Executive Chef Victor Bock

Down the Road Apiece

A LOT IN STORE AT OUR COUNTRY STORES

Woodstock is surrounded by traditional country stores with that tinkling bell as you open the door, and the snoozing dog on the porch. Here are five of our favorites. Each is just a short trip away and all will envelop you with their classic Vermont charm.

F.H. GILLINGHAM & SONS, Woodstock

Frank and Jireh Billings, fifth generation owners of this vast country store, still oversee operations and uphold founder Frank Henry Gillingham's promise from 119 years ago: You must be fully satisfied or you get your money back. This is an astounding record

given that the store carries everything from fresh organic produce, locally made foods and condiments, a vast array of wines, toys, books, kitchen-

ware, dishes, tools, household cleaning products, hunting and fishing equipment, foul-weather gear, unusual toiletries, candies, old-fashioned boutique sodas like birch beer, shoes and boots, to musical instruments. Plan on spending a full morning or afternoon to explore their assortments of high-quality goods.

BARNARD GENERAL STORE & CAFÉ Stage Road & Route 12, Barnard

Owners Carolyn DiCicco and Kim Furlong are celebrating the store's 175th anniversary this August with a reunion of all former employees, a road race,



soap box derby, mid-way games and the 11th annual street dance. Step back in time at their 21-foot long 1950's ice cream counter and order a root beer float or an ice cream sundae for old time's sake. They will even pack you a special picnic to enjoy on beautiful Silver Lake. Locals and visitors alike love their take-home meals and feel at home here enjoying the all-day breakfast, lunch, or just shopping for groceries, wine and beer.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK COUNTRY STORE Route 106

If you want authentic Vermont gifts, just travel five miles down Route 106. Brother and sister owners Dan Noble and Holly O'Brien have selected hand-hooked rugs with scenes from Vermont paintings, wooden salad bowls from the Bowl Mill in Granville VT, hand-embroidered pillows with Vermont scenery, colorful Sol-Mate socks whose kids' pairs come with a spare - great for 3-legged racing! You'll find brass thermometers and rain gauges, pottery, scarves,

engraved slate items, leather boots, Woodstock-made belts, several lines of jewelry by Vermont artists and much more.

TAFTSVILLE COUNTRY STORE Route 4, Between Woodstock & Quechee

This rambling country store has operated since 1840 across from the second longest covered bridge in Vermont. Proprietor Charles Wilson cuts to order his hard-to-find specialties: local artisan cheeses. Favorites include fresh cow's

milk cheeses from Thistle Hill Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese, who together monopolize the blue ribbon for best farm cheese at the American Cheese Society competition. Also try Bailey Hazen Blue from Jasper Hill Farm, and dozens of others. Select a complementary wine from 130 well-priced offerings and be sure to greet the "store managers," golden retrievers Annie and Ruby. *continued on page 5*



Photos clockwise from left: F.H. Gillingham & Sons in Woodstock, Taftsville Country Store on Route 4, between Woodstock & Quechee, A look inside South Woodstock Country Store.

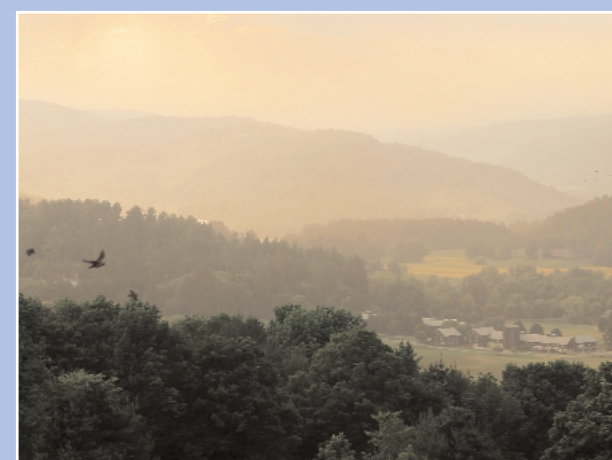
VERMONT'S ONLY NATIONAL PARK IS OUR BACKYARD

The **MARSH-BILLINGS-ROCKEFELLER NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK** was once the boyhood home of George Perkins Marsh, one of America's first conservationists, and later the home of Frederick Billings. The property was given to the American people by its most recent owners, **LAURANCE S. AND MARY F. ROCKEFELLER** and, by a 1992 Act of Congress, it became **VERMONT'S ONLY NATIONAL PARK**. Tours and education at the park focus on conservationist thought and practice while they document the histories of these three extraordinary American families.

A fine way to experience the park is to walk some of the **20 MILES OF CARRIAGE ROADS AND TRAILS** that crisscross Mount Tom. You can visit the Pogue, a pond tucked in the cleft of the mountain, and enjoy **MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF WOODSTOCK** and the surrounding hills from the top of Mount Tom.

The park includes a **MANSION BUILT IN 1805-07** for Charles Marsh, Sr., the father of George Perkins Marsh. Guided tours allow you to view the intact 19th-century Queen Anne style architecture, furnishings and gardens, along with an **EXTENSIVE ART COLLECTION** of American landscape paintings by such renowned artists as Thomas Cole, Albert Bierstadt, John Frederick Kensett and Asher B. Durand. The collection illustrates the influence of 19th-century landscape painting, photography, and writing on the environmental movement.

GUIDED TOURS led by park staff are offered Memorial Day weekend to October 31 and can be arranged for you by our guest service representative at the Inn.



Down the Road Apiece (continued from page 4)



TEAGO GENERAL STORE

Barnard Stage Road, South Pomfret

Formerly a Rock 'n Roll disc jockey, and chef at the Prince & Pauper, long-time proprietor Chuck Gundersen now writes a weekly column for the *Vermont Standard*. He has made a delicious contribution to the South Pomfret breakfast and lunch scene with homemade breakfast sandwiches and pastries, homemade soups like the popular Spicy Black Bean, and his unique pizzas served on Fridays. Try his white four-cheese pizza, and his new Shepherd's pie pizza. Chuck says it tastes delicious but looks kind of funny so he's still working on that. And, if you are a history buff, his assistants Samantha Frary, and Carlene Hewitt descend from generations of local Vermonters.

Photo, clockwise from above left: The Mansion; A couple strolling through Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park; A family enjoying Billings Farm & Museum; Aerial view of the Park.



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Behind these walls, wonderful new changes are underway.

Our new ballroom got more than a facelift this spring: we've raised the ceilings, covered them with a special French fabric to reflect light softly, upholstered the walls in rich red, installed a custom carpet handwoven of natural materials in the Vermont style, added brushed nickel wall sconces, glass doors to the lobby outside for added light, and more. Improved acoustics and a brand new, state-of-the-art AV system complete the picture beautifully.



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