



# Reflections

A newsletter for friends of the WilloughVale Inn – 2008

WILLOUGHBY LAKE, VERMONT.



festivals, music and some of the best biking both on and off road.

Also, just 15 miles from the Willoughvale Inn is the Northwoods Stewardship Center, which offers a variety of interactive educational and wellness activities including moonlight paddles in the summer time and moonlight snowshoe treks in the winter. They have a ropes course, guided bird watching hikes and a monthly Kingdom Coffee house which features local talent and an open mike. Visit [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org) for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Inn!  
Sincerely,

*The staff at the WilloughVale Inn*

## Greetings from the scenic Northeast Kingdom!

We are delighted to introduce to you our new Inn-keeper, Dana Wehe. Dana joins the Inn with over 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Prior to working at the Inn, Dana ran the Partridge Inn in Stowe, Vermont, with his wife, Deb. He is a graduate of Champlain College with a degree in Accounting. Originally from Ithaca New York, Dana now lives in Morrisville with his wife. Dana's passion for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tennis and golf, make him a great resource for guests staying at the WilloughVale Inn.

As you know, the WilloughVale is centrally located amidst cross-country skiing, ice fishing, dogsledding, snowshoeing and riding on the 5,000 mile-plus snowmobile trail system in the winter.

In the summer months, guests visit the south end of the lake where trails take you up to great views on Pisgah and Hor. There is also the CCC road, which has trails to Ducks and Blake Ponds, some of the greatest natural brook trout fishing in the country. Other activities include, of course, boating and swimming on beautiful Lake Willoughby, and camping, bowling, auctions,

## Enjoy our new Lakeview Cottages!

### **Special pricing for previous guests**

Spring, Summer 2008: 20% off

Late Fall and Winter 2008/2009: 40% off

*Excluding July, August and holiday periods*

### **Each cottage offers:**

Scenic views of beautiful Lake Willoughby  
A relaxing vacation spot | Fully equipped kitchen



*A view of Songadeewin.*

# Innside News

## It's a girl!

Owner, David Gamaroff, his wife Brenda and their two sons, Ben, age 5 and Matt, age 3, recently welcomed a baby girl into their family. Rachel Eve was born on March 31st weighing 7 lbs, 3 ounces. A warm congratulation goes out to the Gamaroff family! The Gamaroff's reside in Montreal and love their visits to the WilloughVale Inn.

## Going WiFi

In a continuous effort to accommodate all our guests' needs, we are planning to install WiFi throughout the Inn and cottages. For those of you who travel with your laptop and communicate via the web, this will ease your mind while you relax and enjoy the picturesque scenery that envelopes the Inn.

## Tearin' down the barn

Our barn has been deemed structurally unsafe due to the foundation being undermined, so we will be dismantling it and recycling as much of it as we can. Since it is a historical building we have documented every aspect of the building and have submitted the information to the Historical Society. In its place we will be building a smaller structure that will serve as a storage unit and Innkeeper apartment.

## Dining at the Inn

The WilloughVale Inn offers guests American cuisine with an Italian flair accompanied by fresh local fruits and vegetables. We are committed to using the freshest local ingredients to serve our guests.

*A sampling of our summer menu includes:*

### Appetizer

Italian Wedding Soup  
Stuffed Mushrooms  
Mozzarella & Tomato ala Basilica

### Entrée

New York Surf & Turf  
Salmon en Envelope  
Pasta Pomodoro

### Dessert

Fresh Fruit Flambe  
Chocolate Decadence Parfait  
Cinta's Homemade Pie

*Children's menu  
available for those  
12 years and younger!*



# Things to do

## Spring

- Relish in Vermont's sugaring season and enjoy some famous Vermont Maple Syrup
- Fish for steelhead trout on the Willoughby River
- Spot a moose at dawn
- Explore the quaint villages of the Kingdom
- Cycle along the scenic lakeshore

## Summer

- Horseback riding
- Walk or bike the Kingdom trails
- Hike Mt. Pisgah via the South Trail
- Swim, boat, paddle or fish
- Golf at the Orleans Country Club
- Attend an old fashioned country fair

## Fall

- Photograph Vermont's gorgeous foliage
- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Hunt for antiques & treasures
- Drive the Burke Mountain Toll Road
- Hike up to the fire tower on Bald Mountain
- Paddle on a quiet, brisk autumn morning

## Winter

- Snowmobile in the Vermont wilderness
- Alpine skiing/riding at Burke or Jay Peak
- Cross-country ski
- Snowshoe on the South Trail of Mt. Pisgah
- Ice fish on the lake
- Take a dog sled tour
- Relax by the fireside with tea and cookies at the Inn

## Poet Leland Kinsey's new work

The tranquil setting of the Northeast Kingdom has long since been a place of inspiration for many poets and writers. The picturesque landscape lends itself to the creative craft of storytelling. And this year the tradition continues.

Most recently, poet Leland Kinsey, of Barton, released his latest masterpiece, *The Immigrant's Contract*. The book is a series of poems depicting the life of a French-Canadian immigrant who came to Vermont during the turn of century by horse and buggy. The story combines history and biography and covers the evocation of a life that no longer exists.

Kinsey grew up on a farm in the Northeast Kingdom and currently lives in Barton with his family. He comes from a long line of ancestry that settled in the Northeast Kingdom. *The book is available at Barnes and Noble and other local bookstores.*



# Our New Lakeview Cottages

## HISTORY ON THE HILL

Last spring we added four new lakeview cottages behind the Main Inn. With views of Mt. Pisgah and Mt. Hor, it's no wonder this is a popular spot. As with all our rooms at the Inn, each room is carefully named to encompass the rich history of the Lake Willoughby area. Below are the names of these new cottages with a brief history of each:

### Twilight

Named after Alexander Lucius Twilight, a native Vermonter, who was the first African-American college graduate in 1823 and the nation's first African-American state legislator. He built what is currently known as the Old Stone House Museum, now owned and operated by the Orleans County Historical Society. The museum is a short drive from the Willoughby Inn and worth a visit.

### Peregrine

Named after the Peregrine Falcon which was on the endangered species list during the 50's, 60's and 70's. In 1975 they were successfully reestablished to the eastern United States and reoccupied the cliffs of Mount Pisgah. The Peregrine Falcon was removed from the U.S. Threatened and Endangered Species list on August 25, 1999.



Above: A view from our Peregrine cottage.

Below: The outside of Peregrine.

Below Left: Peregrine's Living Room



### Songadeewin

Named after the girls camp on Lake Willoughby, directly across the lake from the Willoughby Inn, founded in 1921. The camp existed for a half-century, however, due to overwhelming financial demands it had it's final season in 1976. The camp property was recently sold and is now private homes.

### Conley

In the early 1900s the George Conley family operated a farm on Lake Willoughby that also served as a boarding house for road workmen. In 1909 the Robert Frost family rented a tent-site on the lake next to what is now the Robert Frost Cottage. As a result of their stay, Frost became inspired by Mrs. Conley and wrote his famous poem "A Servant to Servants" in 1914. The original farmhouse was eventually demolished and new structures were built and rebuilt over time. The structure that was completed in 1987 is now the Willoughby Inn.

**Each cottage has a fully equipped kitchen, flat screen televisions, oversized Jacuzzi and all the comforts of home.**

# WilloughVale Inn

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A sample of events in the  
Northeast Kingdom throughout the year:

Bread and Puppet Theater – [www.breadandpuppet.org](http://www.breadandpuppet.org)

VT Classic Horse Show - beginning in May at the Caledonia County Fair Grounds, Lyndonville

Dearly Beloved, The Mikado & Nunsense at Haskell Opera House – Productions beginning in April by the Haskell Opera House, QNEK. Call 802.334.2216 for information. [www.qnek.com](http://www.qnek.com)

Music for a Sunday Afternoon, Newport – [musicforasundayafternoon.org](http://musicforasundayafternoon.org)

Stars and Stripes Festival, Lyndon – July 19, 2008 at 10am in Lyndon. The event celebrates the community with music, a parade, vendors and crafters. [info@lyndonvermont.com](mailto:info@lyndonvermont.com)

Music Festival, Hilly Rand, Albany, VT – Aug. 1-2, 2008. [www.nekmf.com](http://www.nekmf.com)

Orleans County Fair, Barton – Aug. 13-17, 2008. [www.orleanscountyfair.org](http://www.orleanscountyfair.org)

Autumn Woods Walk – Nov. 9, 2008 at 9am, explore the forests and observe the sights and sounds of a changing season with the NorthWoods Stewardship Center. [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org)

Wild and Woolly Snowshoe race – A NorthWoods tradition of skiing, snowshoeing, guided nature tours, food, prizes and races. [info@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:info@northwoodscenter.org)

Full Moon Snowshoe – Join the NorthWoods staff as they take you on a tour of the winter landscape by moonlight. [info@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:info@northwoodscenter.org)

Northwoods Holiday Craft Fair – Dec. 8. Over 20 local crafters and antique dealers will be offering a variety of handmade crafts, local foods and antiques. [info@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:info@northwoodscenter.org)

## Special pricing for the Green Mountain Inn

Celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Green Mountain Inn, our sister property, located in the heart of historic Stowe, Vermont.

Specialty shops, art and jewelry galleries and a variety of restaurants all within walking distance | Hike, bike, paddle and more, in the scenic Green Mountains | Ski/Ride | Music, golf, romance, wedding, holiday and family packages

**Willoughvale guests receive a 10% discount off lodging, dining + massage, valid through March '09.**

