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## Guest News

### Looking for a Great Valentine's Day Gift?

February is historically known as a romantic month. With Valentine's Day fast approaching, what better way to show that special someone just how much you love them than a Select Registry Gift Certificate?



Select Registry Gift Certificates are good for redemption at any one of over 400 inns and bed and breakfast's across North America. Take that romantic getaway for two you have

always wanted and truly make it a Valentine's to remember. Gift certificates are also an excellent way to tell mom and dad to take a weekend away or for anyone else who is close to your heart. Gift certificates can be ordered online at [www.selectregistry.com](http://www.selectregistry.com) or by calling the Central Office at 1-800-344-5244.

### This month's features:

#### Innkeeper Profile

Gary and Sue Mansfield, Romantic RiverSong Inn, Estes Park, CO

Gary, a former real estate trade broker, and Sue, a former wholesale tour operator, traded their home in Englewood, CO, for the inn over 20 years ago. They spent what little funds they had left on a bathroom for one of the rooms in order for all the rooms to contain their own bathrooms. And just 45 days after they moved to Estes Park, the Romantic RiverSong Inn opened its doors to the public, a remarkable achievement.



Norman Simpson, founder of Country Inns and Backroads (now Select Registry), visited the Mansfield's just six months after they opened their doors. It is a standard still in place today that an inn must be in operation (and/or under the same owner) for at least two years (among many other quality assurance aspects) prior to receiving membership into the Association. Romantic RiverSong was, however, the exception in Norman Simpson's eyes.

Norman Simpson decided to take a chance on the young inn and as they are now celebrating their 21st year as a coveted Select Registry Member, it is safe to say it was a choice well made.

The Mansfield's started their inn with just the two of them to do all the cooking, cleaning, and maintenance it takes to run a bed and breakfast. They had early success and now have a whole staff, which allows the Mansfield's to travel, a passion that is very important to them both. Don't get left out of the delightful romantic experience the Romantic RiverSong has to offer, go to their website [www.romanticriversong.com](http://www.romanticriversong.com) to make a reservation or to simply look around at

### The Winners Have Been Drawn!

In the last Guest eNewsletter, a feature on Select Registry's Golden Quill Club Loyalty Travel Program and Vacation of a Lifetime announced the date for the drawing of three vouchers or completed travel club cards for the great honor of winning a Select Registry Gift Certificate. The winners have recently been drawn and are as follows:

**1st Prize** (\$250 value): Michael and Rosalind N. from Pittsburgh, Pa. They redeemed their voucher at Deerhill Inn, West Dover, VT.

**2nd Prize** (\$200 value): Kent M. from Malibu, CA. Kent redeemed his card at The Inn at Turkey Hill, Bloomsberg, PA.

**3rd Prize** (\$150 value): Claude L. from Allistom, Ontario, Canada. Claude redeemed his card at The Domain of Killien, Haliburton, Ontario, Canada.

Congratulations to all our winners! Your gift certificates will be mailed to you this week. Thank you to all those who use our Golden Quill Club Loyalty Travel Program and be sure to continue using them to be eligible for next year's drawing!

all the wonderful amenities the inn has to offer. Valentine's Day is a perfect time as any to go!

### **Anniversary and Special Recognition Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa, Sharon, PA**

Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa celebrated 10 years of operation on New Year's Eve, 2007. The mansion was restored starting in 1996 after a century of it's being built by steel baron Frank Buhl for his new bride, Julia. The landmark is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The start of the celebration of ten years started off on a grand foot. Jim and Donna Winners (owners of Buhl Mansion) had the distinct honor of receiving the Pennsylvania Tourism & Lodging Association's Spirit of Hospitality Awards 2007 Innkeepers of the Year for both Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa and its sister property Tara - A Country Inn. For more information on Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa and Tara - A Country Inn (both Select Registry Members) please visit <http://www.buhlmansion.com/> or <http://www.tara-inn.com/>.

### **Five Select Registry Inns Receive "Top 10 Romantic Inns" Award**



Pearson's Pond Luxury Inn and Adventure Spa, Garth Woodside Mansion, Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa, Lake Pointe Inn Bed and Breakfast, and Hydrangea House Inn are five Select Registry Members chosen out of 19,000 bed and breakfast inns on iLoveInns.com to receive this year's celebrated "Top 10 Romantic Inns" award. The complete list and more information about the award can be found at: <http://www.iloveinns.com/2008romanticinns.htm>.

### **Specials and Packages**

#### **Inn at the Round Barn Farm, Waitsfield, VT**

##### ***Moonlight Snowshoe Tours***

Invite your partner, friends, or family for an unforgettable evening at the Round Barn Farm. Take a guided moonlight snowshoe tour through the woods to the Round Barn's rustic cabin, complete with fieldstone fireplace and a delicious candlelit dinner. Tours include snowshoe guides, snowshoe rentals, candlelit dinner (*BYOB, guides will pack beverages for you*).

Tours are \$85 per person and start at 6:30 pm (please arrive by 6:15 pm) on Saturday, February 16th, and Saturday, March 18th .

*Custom snowshoe tours are also available for groups of 10-18 for a private snowshoe tour and candlelit dinner party! Call 802-496-2276 to schedule.*

##### ***Winter Farmhouse Dinners***

Winter farmhouse dinners are special occasions when Cooking From the Heart Catering, led by Chef Charlie Menard, creates a sumptuous private dinner for Inn guests and their guests. While breakfast is served daily for Inn at the Round Barn Farm guests, these dinners are a special treat offered a few times a year.

Farmhouse dinners are \$35 per person and exclude tax and gratuity. Farmhouse dinners are scheduled this winter for Friday, February 8th, and Friday, March 28th.

***Reservations can be made by calling 802-496-2276.***

##### ***Ski Packages***

The Round Barn Farm is blessed by its proximity to some of the finest ski mountains in Vermont. Sugarbush and Mad River Glen are located in the beautiful Mad River Valley, just minutes away from the Round Barn Farm and Stowe and Killington ski areas are less than an hour away.

##### ***Sugarbush 3-Day Weekend Package***

This is an incredible deal for lodging at the Round Barn Farm and downhill skiing and riding at Sugarbush Resort. Three nights of lodging, breakfast daily, complimentary snowshoe rentals at the Round Barn Farm, afternoon cookies,

tea, and hors d'oeuvres daily, and 3-day lift ticket packages start at \$125 per person, per day weekends and non-holidays. *Based on double occupancy, three night minimum, January 1-April 8, 2008.*

### **Ski the Valley Ski Week Package**

This exceptional five-day, midweek Ski the Valley package includes five nights accommodations, breakfast daily, complimentary snowshoe rentals at the Round Barn Farm, afternoon cookies, tea, and hors d'oeuvres daily, and a 5-day interchangeable lift ticket good for both Sugarbush Resort and Mad River Glen. Packages start at \$525 per person, per package and non-holiday. *Based on double occupancy, five night minimum, January 1-April 13, 2008.*

### **Antietam Overlook Farm, Keedysville, MD**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Antietam Overlook Farm. Stay in one of their fabulous rooms, with chilled champagne ready, and enjoy a 3 course fine dining dinner prepared by their chef as well as a 3 course gourmet breakfast in the morning. Visit <http://www.antietamoverlook.com/> for more information about the Inn and to book your reservation now.

### **Hermann Hill Vineyard and Inn, Hermann, MO**

#### **Honeymoon Package**

Hundreds of couples honeymoon at Hermann Hill each year and the numbers keep growing especially now that they have opened a wedding chapel. In 2008 Hermann Hill is offering a no-charge value added package for all honeymoon couples booking at least two consecutive nights at the Inn or Village Cottages. The package includes:

- A Bottle of Champagne or sparkling grape juice
- Two Hermann Hill Champagne flutes
- A special Same Time Next Year package, including discounts

Make sure you mention "Honeymoon" in the comments section when booking online or tell them when making your reservations by phone.

Be sure to check out <http://www.hermannhill.com/specials.htm> for many more specials offered by Hermann Hill.

### **Richmont Inn, Townsend, TN**

#### **Rose and Romance Package for Two**

Anniversaries, Weddings, Honeymoons and Birthdays - For new love or rekindling old flames, snuggle up in an atmosphere of romance with The Richmont Inn's Rose and Romance Package for Two. Listen to the soft music, dim the lights, sensually soak in the spa tub, cuddle by the wood-burning fire, enjoy breakfast in bed (upon request) all in the privacy of your own room; or just lie around, read or meditate in the rocking chairs of Walker Lodge with breathtaking views. Features a streamside or fireside gourmet picnic, nightly turn-down service, a red rose and chocolates at your bedside. ( 3 nights )

#### **Weekend Rendezvous For Two**

This romantic rendezvous includes an intimate four-course classic Swiss fondue dinner at our small charming Cove Cafe, gourmet dessert and coffee by candlelight each night in our elegant dining room with majestic views; and a fireside or streamside picnic to enjoy alone in a quiet and pristine setting in the Great Smokies, only a 10-minute drive away from the Inn. (2 nights)

For more specials visit: <http://www.richmontinn.com/specials.htm#TOPOFLIST>.

### **Other News**

#### **Karen Brown Readers' Choice Award Winners**

Winners of this award were selected by Readers as deserving special recognition in different award categories. Readers were allowed to vote for the most deserving properties, and based on their voting, a winner was selected in each category for each guide region. Several Select Registry Members received one of these extraordinary awards;

Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel: Mid-Atlantic 2007 Most Romantic

Inn at Turkey Hill: Mid-Atlantic 2007 Greatest Value

Inn at Warner Hall: Mid-Atlantic 2007 Warmest Welcome

Maple Leaf Inn: New England 2007 Warmest Welcome

Lodge at Moosehead Lake: New England 2007 Most Romantic  
Sooke Harbour House: Pacific Northwest 2007 Splendid Splurge  
Channel House: Pacific Northwest 2007 Most Romantic

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