



Brewster House News

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Time to Make Plans for 2007

As most readers will already know, this was the first year for us (Ruth & Scott Thomas) as new innkeepers at Brewster House. We've enjoyed meeting hundreds of you throughout the summer and autumn months, and look forward to meeting many more over the remaining weeks of 2006, and into 2007.

We have found the innkeeping life to be one we thoroughly enjoy - mostly because we enjoy the guests who visit Brewster House!

We're seeing an increase in bookings as people begin to make plans for Christmas shopping in Freeport, however we still have plenty of space available for the shopping season.

During the Christmas season we are also running a special. If you stay two or more nights (December 5 - December 17) you will receive a discount of \$10 per night on Queen rooms (Rooms 2-5) or \$5 per night on the other rooms (Rooms One, Six and Seven). This discount is off our already discounted quiet season rates, and may not be combined with other discounts (including discounted gift certificates).

If you book online at our web site, any stay which qualifies for the special will automatically be booked at the reduced rate. If you call, please mention the *Christmas Stay and Shop* package.

It's hard to believe, but it is already time to begin making plans for your 2007 trip(s!) to Freeport and Brewster House. Several guests have already booked return visits for next season. In addition, there are certain weekends (Camp Weekend in mid-July, College Parents' Weekend in the fall - see Notice on page 2) that are always booked a year in advance.

Please plan early, so you don't lose out on the date you wanted for your visit! **BH**



Ruth & Scott Thomas,
Innkeepers

Getaway Suggestions (*but these dates fill up quickly!*)

MLK weekend: Jan. 12-15

Valentines Day: Feb 14

Presidents weekend: Feb 16-19

St. Patrick's Day: Mar. 16-17

Easter weekend: Apr. 6-8

Mothers Day: May 13

Fathers Day: June 17

Independence Day: July 4

and of course, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.



Fall Painting Completed; Only One Side to Go!

A number of our summer/fall guests had the "pleasure" of visiting Brewster House while it was undergoing a transformation from its former gray/green colors to its new slate-gray and dark gray look. Often there were ladders against the house and on the roofs. One guest even opened her shades in the morning to find a painter standing on the roof outside her window, painting the adjacent wall! Fortunately she had been alerted to this possibility, so it wasn't a problem - just a surprise.

We're happy to report that the painting is finally finished - at least the three sides we had planned to complete this fall. The north side will be painted next spring, as soon as weather permits! BH

Upcoming Specials

Everyone loves a bargain, or so 'they' say! We're working on several new bargain packages for our guests. Here's a sampling:

- **Romantic Getaway Packages:** special in-room treats and possibly a discounted or included dinner at one of Freeport's best restaurants.

- **Girls Getaway:** shopping, in-room treats, special rates, more.

- **Frequent Guest Program:** tentatively called "The Jarvis Club," beginning in January, 2007, stay at Brewster House 12 nights (not necessarily all at once, but 12 total nights) and receive one night free for two in a queen room.

- **Other:** we're also working on high-season specials for golf and whale watching packages. If we're able to get partners for them, we will let you know the details on our web site at <http://www.brewsterhouse.com>.

Notice: Parents Weekend Dates Changed

College Parents weekends are always busy! In fact, Brewster House is usually booked at least a year in advance. Many parents have commented to us that they wish the three nearby colleges, Bates, Bowdoin and Colby, would have these events on separate weekends.

Apparently the colleges listened, because for 2007 they are all on different weekends:

Bates: Sept. 28-30, 2007

Bowdoin: Oct. 26-28, 2007

Colby: Oct. 12-14, 2007

If you have booked for Parents Weekend 2007, please confirm the dates with us, so that we both know what dates you are planning to be here, and also any unbooked rooms will be available for other parents. BH

Winter Wonderland

It seems a little odd to be decorating for Christmas well before Thanksgiving, but that is what we have been doing.

Many are aware of the first big Christmas event in Freeport - Sparkle weekend (Dec. 1-3), with its many activities, parades, hayrides, etc. But less well-known is that the Christmas lighting contest is the day after Thanksgiving!

Since there is no way that the two of us (even with the help of our tireless housekeeper, Ivy) could get the house ready for a lighting contest in one afternoon (between turkey, lobster -- yes, lobster -- football games and family), we've been busily decorating for several days before Thanksgiving.

Speaking of Ivy, one of her many talents is that she is a wonderful artist! We've had her painting winter scenes of the Brewster House on handmade sleighs for holiday decorations.



Two guests saw the early ones and both immediately placed orders to buy one!

Look for the sleighs and Ivy's Brewster House Christmas ornaments on our web site! BH