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The Harpswell Inn

The Harpswell Inn was built in 1761 to house workers who built wooden masted sailing ships in the Curtis-Estes shipyards. At that time it was named The Lookout Point House. "In 1913 it was purchased by a neighbor to protect the character of the neighborhood. At that time it became a hotel and most of the guests arrived by steamboat from New York or New Jersey. This is also the time when indoor plumbing and hot and cold water was added," said Anne Moseley, current proprietor of the Inn with her husband, Dick.

Susan Curtis Ransom took over in 1960 and ran the place until 1975. Anne recalls the Lookout Point House in it's hey day. "I used to come here and occupy the Pierce cottage next door with my grandmother. We would eat all our meals at the Lookout Point House and participate in weekly events at the Rec Hall," she said.

It wasn't until the early 1990s, when Bill and Sue Menz owned it, that the name was changed to The Harpswell Inn. Today there are 8 rooms, three of them suites and four cottages. "We can have 34 people sleeping in the main house and 50 people total if you count the cottages," said Dick.

"The Middlebay Room is a nice size space that can hold 50 people for any type of event, like a conference, wedding reception, anniversary or birthday. We can arrange events for up to 50 people indoors all year around, and in the warmer months we can have up to 150 people outdoors," he said. "We try to limit ourselves to having 4 weddings here per year. But other special events we can arrange any time, like an anniversary, birthday or reunion"

The Moseley's took over 8 years ago and they do all their own cooking for the Bed and Breakfast as well as any event that is held here. "We tried using outside caterers, but it just didn't work," said Dick. "Dick graduated from the culinary institute, so we prefer to make all the food that we serve here," Anne said.

Dick's favorite dish to serve to his guests is a fresh spinach and cheddar omelet. Anne likes to make baked eggs with tomato and basil. "But her blueberry coffee cake is really good too," he said.

They estimate that 75% of their guests are from out-of-state. "We house a lot of Bowdoin alumni or Bowdoin parents. That's why we call ourselves 'your spare bedroom'. We are open 365 days per year. I think a lot of people think we are only seasonal, but

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we are open year-around," Dick said.

They have had visitors from nearly every country in the world. "This year we had guests from Australia. They were here to take a photography class from Kathleen Clemons. She's a well-known, local Maine photographer. But for the most part guests are from the New England states," said Dick. Their son Jeremy created and keeps up their website, which is how most people find them.

To contact the Moseley's or make a reservation:
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