

June 2010

The warmer end to winter stirred things up with the end result being earlier arrival or migrating birds and blooming plants. Lilacs and Spirea are blooming a full 2 weeks early. When I moved here, I was told to not put out the vegetable or flower plants until after the full moon in June. Well, that won't be until the 26th, so I planted right after the full moon in May and have not regretted it. The tomatoes, broccoli and peppers are actually growing! The planters are nearly all full, the gardens mostly weeded and mulched, and the grass needs mowing every 4-5 days.

You may recall reading about the Wood Ducks in last month's newsletter. The pair was joined by 2 more males, but no ducklings ever appeared. They stayed with us about 3 weeks and then they were gone. We would have loved to see ducklings hanging out on the loafing log! We left the log in the water anyway, a reminder of the possibilities!

Ten ladies from Litchfield Plains Baptist Church traveled to Star Barn for a bible study retreat in mid May. They kept busy with their planned program and enjoyed their walk to Reeds Mill Church for a morning devotional. Singing songs of praise and sharing about their lives, they felt right at home in the "church in the wildwood." It was a beautiful day for a beautiful event.

Plans are in the making for the next Yoga Retreat in September. There will also be an "Autumn Sanctuary" retreat lead by Patty Geiger of "Stepping Up And Out". Go back to the home page to access information about that and other retreats.

We have joined hands with High Peaks Alliance, a group of local people working to preserve and enhance recreational access to the open space forestlands of the High Peaks area of northern Franklin County, Maine. They are connecting trails between Strong, Maine and Rangeley, Maine to create the Fly Rod Crosby Trail (google "Fly Rod Crosby" – a fascinating woman!). Part of the walking trail will go through Star Barn property. We are pleased and honored to be able to participate!

We are pleased to see reservations for the summer coming in. We are also pleased to see repeat guest! What a compliment to have people WANT to return to our little piece of heaven on earth. We would love to share that with you, too.

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