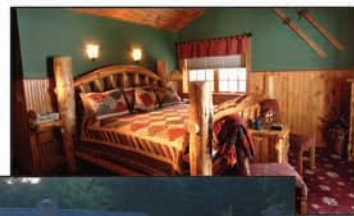




Boathouse B&B

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Success Magazine: Why did you purchase the Boathouse in 1996? Why was this estate in particular so appealing to you?

Joe & Patti: Prior to purchasing the Boathouse, we had a cabin cruiser that we used in the summer months ... and that was our summer place on Lake George. We decided in 1995 that we wanted to rent a home on the lake for the summer. The Boathouse was for sale at the time. The local realtor agreed to ask the sellers if they would consider renting the house for the summer; they agreed, and that is where we stayed that summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day. After renting the Boathouse for those few months, we knew it was the place for us, and we actually rented it again in 1996. Although it needed a lot of work, we were hooked on calling it our own, so we made the owner an offer. In Sept of 1996, it became our summer home. Its beauty, uniqueness, and warmth have charmed us from the beginning. Any other home would have been second best.

SM: What prompted your decision to turn your summer home into a full scale, year round bed and breakfast?

J&P: We decided to turn the house into a bed and breakfast a short while after Joe retired in 2000. We were so used to having friends and family here, that when the kids grew up and moved away we missed the feel of having people around. It was too quiet and lonely with everyone gone, so we started research on the subject. We thought that this would be a perfect avenue for us, as we love to entertain.

SM: How did you adjust to this huge life change?

J&P: There really wasn't much of a life change. We both come from large families, and we have always had our friends and families around.

The bed and breakfast just seemed like a natural progression of our everyday lives.

SM: Tell me about the newest addition to your bed and breakfast, "Miss Boathouse."

J&P: The Miss Boathouse was added in 2007, so this is our second season with her. She is the second lady of the Boathouse, of course I (Patti) am the first. She is a 33 ft. Mahogany Hacker Craft that we had built by the Hacker Boat Company in Hague, NY. For a fee, we offer our guests an hour and a half tour of the lake, by Captain Joe after breakfast. The original owner, George Reis had a HackerCraft called the El Lagarto here, so it just seemed fitting to have one too.

SM: What has been the most rewarding aspect of this experience for you?

J&P: First, our biggest reward is that we get to wake up everyday and look out at the water and mountains. We truly are blessed, and we are so happy that we are able to share that with all of our visitors. Secondly, each and every person that has stayed here has brought something special to our lives; we hope that we have given them the same in return. Approximately 1,500 couples come through these doors every year and with over a 60% return rate, we have made some wonderful friends. We look forward to making new friends, and seeing are old friends every year, and catching up on all the news. Actually, one of the first couples that stayed here in our first season participated in our wedding in 2005!



The Boathouse Bed & Breakfast

The Boathouse Bed & Breakfast offers four seasons of beauty, romance, relaxation and fun, with convenient access to all the exciting activities of breathtaking Lake George and the surrounding Adirondack Region.

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