

On May 17, 2008 we had the opportunity to stay at the wonderful Wild Orchard Farm in Deerfield, NH. My companion, Ann and I were out for a weekend cruise in our 1959 Austin Healey through the beautiful country side of southern coastal New Hampshire and it was a glorious spring day. We arrived at the Wild Orchard Farm late afternoon and were greeted warmly by our host, Molly Grant. We really didn't know what to expect of our accommodations and we were in for quite the surprise when Molly showed us around. The guest accommodations are in a 4 bedroom antique colonial, and since there were no other guests this weekend, we had a whole house available to us, complete with a kitchen, living room, dining room and study. We stayed in the Eleanor bedroom (named for Eleanor Roosevelt and there were 2 letters from her hanging on the wall), which was spacious and comfortable; with a beautiful high pencil post bed.

Dinner that evening was better than we expected, as the only game in town was the [Lazy Lion Restaurant](#) and it didn't look like anything special on the outside. Ann had a dinner of shrimp stir-fry and I had a blackened swordfish and it was delicious! We are really not dessert people, but were tempted by the carrot cake and it was fabulous. The restaurant is only a mile from the inn and the service was way better than average, we highly recommend the restaurant (the Windmill Zinfandel was well priced and it is a high quality red wine).

If you are city folk, be aware that is really dark in Deerfield, NH and we had a marvelous nights sleep.

The following morning we enjoyed a fantastic breakfast and then had a tour of the Cordwainer Shop on site that Molly and her husband Paul own, making incredible hand made leather shoes that they sell all over the country (and currently have a six month back log).

Ann and I highly recommend the Wild Orchard Farm; it is off the beaten path and well worth the trip.

Ann and Jim - *Marblehead, Mass*