



THE INNKEEPERS

University sweethearts, Brian and Mary Ellen Shields shared a dream since their wedding in 1977 - to own and manage an inn. Over the years, they both pursued successful professional careers and raised a family in Canada, but continued to discuss their “dream”.

Becoming innkeepers had been a long time desire the Shields’ both shared. By 1995, they decided to enroll in a course for aspiring innkeepers. The Shields’ completed the course with a stronger desire to fulfill their dream of purchasing a place where people could go to relax, revitalize themselves, and affirm their affection for one another. They looked for years for the right home and location and in November 1999 they purchased the Manor On Golden Pond and began their new passion.

Much like the Van Horn’s, New Hampshire’s Lakes Region and the Manor’s beautiful setting captivated the Shields’. Together, they set out to create a unique luxury property. Their philosophy is simple, “we see our guests as old friends – some of whom we have not met yet,” stated Mary Ellen.

Combining their creative talents, the Shields’ set out to restore the inn and establish a world-class restaurant. Under the direction of the Shields’, the Manor has seen improvements in accommodations, facilities and services that have resulted in the Manor being acclaimed as one of the finest and most romantic luxury lakeside inns in New Hampshire. The Shields’ most ambitious goal of becoming New Hampshire’s first member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World was achieved in September 2004.

The magic of a dream-come-true can still be felt throughout the Manor On Golden Pond. New ideas, creature comforts, and warm aromas wafting from the kitchen all illustrate the love and care this couple and their staff exudes.

The Shields’ agree, “the Manor isn’t just a vacation spot, it’s an experience. Our mission is to give people the best of the finer things in life – outstanding food and wines, impeccable service, an array of recreational activities, the friendliest staff, and quiet venues to relax and reclaim the soul. We vow never to cease in our efforts to keep improving the quality of our inn and our ability to cater – in style – to our guests’ every need.”