



Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 12:30 - 3:30 PM

RFA *Home Tour*
and the *Taste of Rangeley*

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**The Loon Lodge, The Portage House, The Shed
Sarge's Pub and Grub & Oquossoc Grocery.**

Welcome to the RFA's annual Home Tour fundraiser to benefit arts education programs for local youth. All properties are open for the tour from 12:30-3:30 PM. This is a self-guided tour and you can begin at any location.

General Information: Plan to begin the tour promptly at 12:30 PM as it will take the three hours to visit all the properties.

The Home Tour is Exclusively Sponsored by ENS Associates. This year's tour is focusing on beautiful area gardens and unique properties and highlights the work of local architect Ellen Albrecht of ENS Associates. At each location, enjoy local fare donated by area restaurants: Loon Lodge, the Portage House, The Shed, Sarge's Pub and Grub and the Oquossoc Grocery.

Social distancing will be observed and hand sanitizer will be available at all locations; if you are unable to maintain social distance, masks are required - please bring your own.

Thank you to the property owners for opening up their properties. We are also so grateful to our volunteers; without them we could never hold this traditional event.

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THE HOME TOUR LOCATIONS

Loon Lodge Inn

Located at 16 Pickford Road, Rangeley.

1909 This grand old lodge was built as a family camp by the Ludeke Family and originally named "Camp Weduba." **1923** The Lodge was sold to the Smith family which had seven children and was lovingly known as the Smith Family Camp for many years. **1952** The Davis Family purchased it as a private home. **1960** The lodge opened to the public for lodging and dining as "The Davis Lodge." This was also the first year that Saddleback Mountain opened. **1966** Guy Gannett of Gannett Publishing purchased the lodge for use as a vacation retreat for his employees and visiting business guests. **1973** Chester and Burdys Page purchased the lodge and renamed it the Rangeley Lake Lodge. In **1976** they added the pub. **1980** New owners, Joyce Martin and Fred Slater, changed the name back to Davis Lodge. They kept the lodge open for guests and dining. **1984** Sold to the Prescott family who rented the lodge not as an Inn but as a home for families for all occasions. They renamed it "The Loon Lodge" and the small cabin on property was named "Mookwa" meaning "Little Loon" in Algonquin. **1998** New owners Steve & Fernlyn Philbrick re-opened the dining room to the public. **2000** New owner Winter Knight put a foundation under the lodge. **2006** The present owners, Usha and Gawain Wood, have enhanced the aesthetics of land and lodge, creating elegant gardens and landscapes and in **2010** renovated the lower level to create a beautiful room on the garden level with a private bar.

Directions: From downtown Rangeley, drive 1.3 miles South on Route 4. Turn Right onto Pickford Road, then Left into Loon Lodge.

Pickford Cottage at Loon Lodge

About Loon Lodge and Pickford Cottage: "At ENS Associates, it has been a pleasure being involved with the renovations and interior details over the years, since the Wood Family purchased the historic, 100-year-old log building in 2006. In the Main Lodge, the basement, garden-level renovation involved the addition of the Copper Tap function room, which is all about creating a warm and welcoming entry into the elegant rustic Rangeley experience. Just recently in the Great Room we recovered the hickory furniture with an updated camp pattern and new cushioning; new, locally built tables and lamps round

out the seating group. In 2019 they annexed the Cottage up the hill, and keeping with the camp aesthetic atmosphere did a full renovation using faux metal ceilings, copper counter tops, wood blinds, paint colors, rugs and traditional window treatments." – Ellen Albrecht

Directions: Handicap parking ONLY on Route 4, all others please park at Loon Lodge and take the path. From downtown Rangeley, drive 1.3 miles South on Route 4. It is on your right after you pass the Loon Lodge Sign.

Blueberry Hill Farm (Formerly the Nile Farm.)

Located at 650 Dallas Hill Road in Dallas Plantation.

Original Farm- 160 acres-Built by James Hoar Nile & Samantha Hinckley Nile about 1864, originally as a log cabin.

Rebuilt as the present home around 1880 with lumber cut and sawn from trees on the farm woodlands. Cost of construction was \$1,000. The barn was destroyed and lost in The Hurricane of 1938. Some of the barn-boards have been repurposed in the main home.

Monet Robbins and his wife owned the property for many years along with the Saddleback Lake Lodge. Some of the buildings on the present property were moved from Saddleback Lake to the farm's property. Monet had blueberry fields and gardens that helped supply the lodge with fruit and vegetables. He ran an antique shop in several of the outbuildings which stayed open until 2002, when Don & Stephanie Palmer sold the property to the present owner.

The present owner moved in and started to bring the property back to blueberry fields, fruit, and vegetable gardens. Through the years, part of the property was split off and sold. Currently, the twenty-two acre property boasts three acres of low-bush blueberries, half acre of garden, quarter acre for a spring fed pond, two acres of home, out buildings and lawn. The remaining property is a 60-70 year old spruce tree farm. The current owner has recently added a sawmill on the property and is turning out lumber from the property.

Under the present ownership the fields have been brush hogged and sulfur added to restore and reestablish the low-bush blueberry fields, which were commercially harvested years ago. The garden space (always a project) was started to be brought back twelve years ago with lots of clearing, plowing tilling and removal of boulders as large

as cars. The greenhouse and farm stand were constructed six years ago. The owner is proud to say that he is able to produce a great crop of vegetables, fruit and boulders!

Directions: from downtown Rangeley, head South on Route 4, travel 0.9 miles, turn Left onto Dallas Hill Road and travel 3.2 miles.

Camp Waya Awi

Located on 68 Ouananiche Road, Rangeley

Excerpted from "History of Rangeley Hotels and Camps" by Gary N. Priest

In May **1934**, Addie Tilney of Windsor, CT leased her land and buildings on the northeast shore of Gull Pond to Camp Waya-Awi Inc. for five years with an option for an additional five years. John Mason Tilney was president of the camps and Page Sharp its secretary. Page and Laura Sharp opened a tutorial school for boys that summer with a main lodge, servant's quarters, guesthouse, workshop studio and boathouse/garage. It is said that all the sand for the beach at the boys camp came from Portland by ox cart, a three-day trip in the early 1900s. In **1948** they leased the adjoining Wadsworth property (this was just south of their property) and accepted girls for the first time in what they called Ouananiche. By **1955** there were 37 buildings on 2.5 miles of shorefront. There were six class periods in the morning and in each period there was one teacher per student. The afternoon was devoted to camp activities and there was a two-hour study period every evening except Saturday. At the height of the operation there were over 200 campers. In December **1958** Willard Wadsworth and his sister in law, Anita Dunn Kaufmann sold all their property to Camp Waya Awi. After Page died in May **1961**, his wife ran the camp for three years and in February 1964 sold the Ouananiche section to Dallas Plantation Inc. Two other individuals involved were Andrea Masse and Arthur Johnson. The purchase included about 2800 feet of shorefront. The boy's camp section was subdivided separately and sold as individual lots by S C Noyes and Mrs. Sharp sold the land on the south shore of the pond to several different individuals. In **1967** the main lodge and boy's dining room, which served 175 people, were torn down. The camp operated until **1978** when it closed. Many of the buildings in the Ouananiche section are still there including three log

cabins connected by a long porch, which was the main camp of Willard Wadsworth.

Directions: from downtown Rangeley, travel north on Route 4 0.1 mile, turn Right onto Pleasant Street/Route 16, keep right onto Route 16, travel 1.3 miles, turn Left onto Camp Waya Awi Road and bear Left on Ouananiche Rd. Stay alert for Parking Attendant.

Rangeley Inn Gardens

Located on Route 4 in Rangeley Village: 2443 Main St.

The Rangeley Inn has invested in beauty! Hidden behind this classic inn on Main St. are new and amazing gardens created by Travis Ferland, owner-operator of the inn. Enjoy over 150 feet of wide, classic perennial gardens with over 40 different species of perennials intermixed with vegetables and annuals for a truly spectacular display. There will be live music to keep you entertained as you experience all the visual and aromatic splendor on display.

The historic Rangeley Inn, built in 1907, has recently undergone several interior renovations. The most recent, completed in 2018, focused on the Inn's Ellis Wing. This project required the addition of new foundation walls and the excavation of the Inn's courtyard, including its elaborate perennial gardens. Many of these plants were relocated during the project, and the new gardens were established after its completion. Interestingly, the Ellis Wing was originally a separate establishment located nearby on Main Street called The Frazer Inn; it was purchased in 1919, moved a few hundred feet, and attached to The Rangeley Inn.

Directions: from downtown Rangeley, travel south on Route 4 and the Inn is on your left at the base of City Hill. Park in their Lot or the nearby public parking lot.



The RFA Home Tour 2020

