

Flowers and shrubbery add to the inn's curb appeal.



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Milford's Harrington House is a bed-and-breakfast that brings old-world charm to visitors all year-round. *by Dana Morris*

Nestled in the center of historic Milford, Pa.'s business district, Harrington House brings old-world charm to visitors throughout the year. The historic Victorian home that boasts original pine plank floors, a wrap-around porch and a new back deck offers guests a secluded spot for a cup of coffee or a glass of wine.

Innkeeper Adriane Wendell is a relative newcomer when it comes to running a bed-and-breakfast, but has dreamt of the day when she could call one her own. She took over Harrington House—it was formerly called Hattree Inn—in September 2008.

The inn's guests range from the seasoned and frequent bed-and-breakfast travelers to a younger, 30-something audience visiting for the first time. Wendell is happy to be the breakfast chef serving signature dishes like lemon-ricotta pancakes.

History and Transformation

The inn's history can be traced to 1860. It was once home to Henry Graves, who was the second chief of the United States Forest Service, succeeding Gifford Pinchot, whose home, Grey Towers, is also a local attraction. Before becoming the Hattree Inn, the build-

ing was the home and office to Dr. Joseph and Ellen Harrington.

"Everyone in town seemed to know the house by relating it to Doc Harrington," says Wendell, "it just seemed right to name it after the Harringtons."

With the help of a local interior designer, Wendell worked in paint colors that added warmth to the room; the ambiance was built in with five working fireplaces. The innkeeper's personal touch is evident from a mixture of pieces from her former home, her mother's family farm, and local artists' original works.

The pet-friendly inn has four guest rooms along with a concierge room on the upstairs level where visitors can enjoy all the modern conveniences. Each unit offers hidden flat-screen televisions and private baths with luxury robes. The Monet Room delights guests with a fireplace and a private balcony with French doors.

The Stratton Room is the coziest at the inn, with displays of ink drawings from Wendell's travels as well as a large, newly remodeled bathroom.

In December 2009 Wendell called in a consultant who helped make the Victorian house more energy efficient. With the comfort



Wendell's personal pieces add to the charm of the common space.

of her guests in mind, the innkeeper had the home re-insulated, helping eliminate cold drafts and reducing energy costs by up to 45 percent.

Summer Retreat

The inn's outdoor space is a summer treasure with lush grass, herbs and flowers. Perhaps, the most relaxing spot in the house this season is the new patio, which sports comfortable seating. Wendell is looking forward to hosting small events or weddings in the future.

Outside the gates of the inn, guests can easily stroll to events held in town, such as the traditional arts-and-crafts show and the secret garden tour. Throughout the summer, Grey Towers offers tourists and history buffs a variety of activities, including the Forest History Hike and the Pinchot Family and Milford Downtown Walking Tour.

Those seeking to beat the heat can spend time swimming at Milford Beach, hiking in Bushkill Falls, kayaking on the Delaware River, or boating on Lake Wallenpaupack. Shopping excursions and fine dining are within walking distance of the inn.

Wendell is happy to just cater to all her guests' needs by providing the best tips on vacationing in Milford. "There's so much to do here. I just enjoy entertaining and would love to have people come and visit."

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The Rose Room bursts with the light of the morning sun and the warmth of the fireplace.