



THE REBIRTH OF THE NORUMBEGA INN

Maine's "Stone Castle by the Sea" to reopen its doors Memorial Day Weekend

CAMDEN MAINE – APRIL 3, 2013: An iconic landmark in the heart of mid-coast Maine, The Norumbega Inn is reopening its castle doors this Memorial Day weekend (Friday: May 24, 2013 – Monday, May 27, 2013). The property is one of Maine's premier historic destinations and will be brought back to life by new owners, Sue Walser and Phil Crispo.

Manhattan business executive, Walser, brings to Maine more than 20 year's experience managing, guiding and working with Fortune 500 companies in the pharmaceutical and professional services industries. She made the leap to running her own strategy-consulting firm two years ago. Crispo comes to Camden from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park NY. He possesses over 30 years of culinary excellence; with accolades that include a win on the Food Network show "Chopped" and the Societe Culinaire Philanthropique's Grand Prize of Honor. Crispo also has solid credentials in the broader hospitality industry; having run his own restaurant in Scotland, served as Chef Instructor the CIA's renown Escoffier restaurant and cooked for H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. His culinary palate has broad international range.

The dynamic duo met when Sue's failed attempt at mashed potatoes required emergency assistance from "Chef Phil," during a CIA Boot Camp program. Phil 'fixed' her potatoes and love ensued. Their story now continues as they embark on this adventure together. The dynamic duo will restore the castle to its rightful standing as one of Maine's most celebrated landmarks -- clearing out the cobwebs and reawakening the legacy of Norumbega.

"We strive to create an ambience that is second-to-none, where our guests find that the combination of our location and bespoke service sets us apart from other destination choices," said Sue Walser, co-owner of The Norumbega. "We take our mission, '*simple things done exceptionally well*' to heart. Delighting our guests and exceeding their expectations are the hallmarks of our personal style," adds partner, Phil Crispo.

In addition to the breathtaking views of the Penobscot Bay and activities that include hiking and fishing, visiting wineries, perusing antique shops and a great selection of dining options, there is plenty the region offers.

The Norumbega Inn Offerings:

- Emphasis on quality of service and total guest experience;
- Reawakening and updating of the spacious guest rooms;
- Daily Breakfasts made using fresh, locally sourced ingredients;
- Guest service provided by staff that anticipates needs and exceeds expectations;
- Dinners available to guests with menu dependent on what is fresh and best each day;
- Coordinated special events and programs for guests based on interests;
- Cook alongside Chef Phil for you own unique culinary experience;
- Weddings, family reunions and corporate events hosted at the castle with every facet focused singularly for that particular occasion.

Crispo and Walser purchased the property on March 15, 2013, and immediately undertook the process of cleaning and initiating renovations and refurbishment. A new roof will be put on over the next several weeks and critical repairs to the Penobscot Bay-facing decks and stairways are getting underway.

Reservations are being taken now for stays beginning Friday, May 24, 2013 and beyond. Each of the 11 en-suite guest rooms (including 2 luxurious suites) has its own style, layout and décor. The Norumbega Inn's main floor includes: a central living room, sitting room, dining room, library and solarium. It has several decks for outdoor seating, where breakfast or an evening glass of wine can be enjoyed as weather allows. Flower gardens will be replanted, bringing The Norumbega's four acres of land back to life.

ABOUT THE NORUMBEGA INN

The Norumbega Inn is a distinguished landmark that sits atop a rise overlooking the Penobscot Bay in the picturesque coastal town of Camden, Maine. Built in 1886 by Joseph Stearns, The Norumbega is on the National Historic Registry. This "Stone Castle by the Sea" is unique in design and structure from all other properties along the Maine coastline.

Stearns took his favorite architectural aspects of European castles he visited and incorporated them into the design for his "Norumbega". (The word "Norumbega" has origin in early maps of the region where it was used to describe a yet undiscovered "land of riches with pillars made of gold and silver.")

After being run as a private residence for nearly 100 years, The Norumbega Castle was converted to a bed and breakfast in 1984 and was considered a luxurious destination reminiscent of the golden age.

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