



The History of The Mansion at Bald Hill

The stonewalls and wrought iron gates beckon you to the rolling driveway which winds through the woods up to the top of Bald Hill. This scenic byway brings you not only to the majestic Mansion at Bald Hill but back in time.

The year is 1892, Roxanna Wentworth Bowen, heiress to the Pullman Train fortune and her husband Clarence Bowen had purchased the 91 acre parcel known locally as Bald Hill. For the Bowen family this was a continuance of family roots “on the hill” which date back to late 1700’s and Henry Bowen. The industrialist brought fame to the small town of Woodstock at his Victorian summer home, “Roseland Cottage”, from which he entertained dignitaries and three Presidents. The three Presidents of the United States to visit the Cottage were 18th President Ulysses S. Grant, 19th President Rutherford B. Hayes, and 23rd President Benjamin Harrison.

Prior to the Bowens owning Bald Hill it was just that - a barren crown- associated with the farm as open fields and crop growing. This was remedied quickly by the planting of thousands of maples and beeches, pines and oak. While the trees were taking root, the Bowens built the most ambitious of houses on the hill.

The Mansion is a grand structure set at the top of the property and now completely hidden from any views of the outside world just as Mrs. Bowen had planned. The Mansion stretches 4 stories high over the ship like basement and is over

13,000 square feet. A tour of the home along the three main floors would guide you through 21 rooms, constructed in the late 1890’s.

In 1952, Albert and Nancy Simonds purchased The Mansion and Bald Hill property. The Simonds had relocated from Southbridge, MA with their family and continued to develop the Simonds Machine Company, which serviced American Optic by producing optical lens grinding machinery.

Albert Simonds found that he needed a reliable foot switch to use on his machines, which would allow the machine operator to have both hands free for whatever task was at hand. He developed the foot switch and subsequently, Linemaster Switch Corporation was born. The Mansion was used as office space for the company into the 1990s, while a barn was built a couple hundred yards away to support Linemaster manufacturing. The manufacturing facility is still located on the grounds of Bald Hill encompassing over 50,000 square feet.

In the summer of 2002, Linemaster celebrated 50 years of business. After celebrating 60 years with Simonds Machine Company and Linemaster, its owner Nancy Blakely (Simonds) sold the company, property and Mansion to company President, Joseph Carlone, who continues the development of Linemaster, while bringing The Mansion back to life.

Mr. Carlone, in his desire to continue Nancy Blakely’s vision for The Mansion as a gracious Bed & Breakfast, selected Joel and his wife Jennifer Theriaque along with partner Scott Plantier and Janet Waterman to manage and develop The Mansion at Bald Hill.

With new management The Mansion at Bald Hill has taken on a new life as an elegant restaurant to compliment the Bed and Breakfast and special events side of the business. Located in The Last GreenValley on the northeast coast spanning from Washington D.C. to Maine; The Mansion now serves as a haven for celebrations and a retreat for relaxation. It is in the heart of what the New York Times calls “One of the most ten scenic drives in the nation.”

The Mansion retains the beauty that was built into it more than 100 years ago. The grounds remain pristine and set the backdrop for hosting events of any size and style. From Grand to Gracious the Mansion can fulfill your requests in so many ways. All are welcome to visit, whether it’s for dinner, an extended stay, or for a special event. Your comfort is our mission, your pleasure is our goal, and your happiness is our reward.

Directions to the Mansion

FROM THE EAST - PROVIDENCE:

Take Rt. 44 West to Junction CT-171 West in Putnam, CT. Turn right at traffic signal onto CT-171 West and follow to Woodstock, CT (approx. 5 miles) to the junction for Rt. 169 north. At the junction of Rt. 169 north, continue straight, following 171 to the first traffic signal. Turn left at traffic signal and follow CT-171 to Plaine Hill Road (first right, approx. ¼ miles). Take first right onto the “Linemaster Switch” property entrance and follow the signs to the right for The Mansion.

FROM THE NORTH - BOSTON/WORCESTER:

From I-90 West or 290 West, Take I-395 South to Connecticut. On I-395 South, take exit 97 to Rt. 44 West in Putnam, CT. Follow Rt. 44 West to junction CT-171 West. Turn Right at traffic signal onto CT-171 West and follow to Woodstock CT (approximately 5 miles) to the junction for Rt. 169 north. At the junction of Rt. 169 north, continue straight, following 171 to the first traffic signal. Turn left at traffic signal and follow CT-171 to Plaine Hill Road (first right, approx. ¼ miles). Take first right onto the “Linemaster Switch” property entrance and follow the signs to the right for The Mansion.

FROM THE NORTH - STURBRIDGE, SOUTHBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, BROOKFIELD:

Take Rt.131 South to the junction Rt. 169 South in Southbridge. Follow Rt. 169 South to junction 171 in Woodstock, Ct. Turn right at traffic signal and follow CT-171 to Plaine Hill Road (first right, approx. ¼ miles). Take first right onto the “LineMaster Switch” property entrance and follow the signs to the right for The Mansion.

FROM THE SOUTH - NORWICH:

Take I-395 North to exit 97, junction Rt. 44 West in Putnam, CT. Follow Rt. 44 West to junction CT-171 West. Turn Right at traffic signal onto CT-171 West and follow to Woodstock CT (approx. 5 miles) to the junction for Rt. 169 north. At the junction of Rt. 169 north, continue straight, following 171 to the first traffic signal. Turn left at traffic signal and follow CT-171 to Plaine Hill Road (first right, approx. ¼ miles). Take first right onto the “Linemaster Switch” property entrance and follow the signs to the right for The Mansion.

FROM THE WEST - HARTFORD

Take I-84 East to Rt. 74 East (exit 69). Follow Rt. 74 East to Rt. 44 East. Continue on Rt. 44 East to the junction for Rt. 169 North in Pomfret, CT. Take left onto Rt. 169 North and follow to Rt. 171 in Woodstock, CT. Take left onto Rt. 171 and follow to first traffic signal. Turn left at traffic signal and follow CT-171 to Plaine Hill Road (first right, approx. ¼ miles). Take first right onto the “Linemaster Switch” property entrance and follow the signs to the right for The Mansion.



Hours of Operation:
Dinner

Tuesday thru Thursday - 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Friday and Saturday - 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Sunday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Reservations are Recommended

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Executive Chef | Owner

Joel Theriaque
Chef de Cuisine | Owner

Janet Waterman
General Manager | Director of Events

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Appetizers

Maine Lobster Strudel Plum Tomato Relish, Chive Pesto	13
Escargot Bouchée Puff Pastry Bouchée Cups, Pinot Gris Garlic Cream, Fried Spinach.....	11
Goat Cheese Tart Caramelized Onion, Apricot Marmalade, Strawberry Balsamic Syrup.....	9
Eggplant Involtini Sweet Basil, Ricotta Cheese, Roasted Tomato Marinara	8
Blackened Ahi Tuna Sashimi * Wasabi cream, Pickled Ginger, Shoyu Dipping Sauce .	10
Duck Confit Potstickers Ginger-Plum Dipping Sauce, Spring Scallion Confetti .	9
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail Martini Traditional Horseradish Sauce, Fresh Lemon, Citrus Cream Sidecar	12
Maryland Skillet Crab Cakes Dijon Aioli, Citrus Endive	11

Salads

Garden Salad Leaf Greens, Local Garden Vegetables, Citrus Vinaigrette	5
Mansion Caesar Romaine Hearts, Romano Cheese, Toasted Croutons, House Dressing.....	7
Classic Baby Spinach Crisp Bacon, Tomato, Mushroom, Boiled Egg, Warm Balsamic Vinaigrette	6

Soups

French Lobster Bisque Cognac-Saffron Cream infusion, Crème Fraîche and Lobster Garni.....	8
Baked Onion Soup Au Gratin Classic Bald Hill Recipe, Gruyère Parmesan Crouton...	6
Soup du Jour Chef's Daily House Creation	5

House Entrées

Spring Duckling Napoleon Sliced Hudson Valley Duck Breast, Pan-Wilted Spinach, Sweet Potato Pancakes, Caramelized Bermuda onion, Wild Maine Blueberry Demi.....	23
Sesame Crusted Salmon * Japanese White Rice, Steamed Baby Bok Choy, Coconut Teriyaki Sauce	25

Prosciutto and Smoked Mozzarella Wrapped Shrimp Garlic-White wine Scampi Sauce, Spring Sweet Pea Risotto, Oven-Toasted Parmesan Crisps	24
Baked Dover Sole Artichoke Florentine Filling, Château Potatoes, Native Asparagus, Champagne Beurre Blanc Sauce.....	19
Honey Roasted Statler Chicken Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Spinach	18

Fettuccine Allegro Garlic-Tomato Cream Reduction, Sweet Basil, Romano Cheese, Italian Garlic Crostini.....	17
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New Zealand Rack of Lamb * Château Potatoes, Slow Roasted Bermuda onion, Native Asparagus Rosemary Demi-Glace.....	30
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Tuscan Veal Rib Chop * Sautéed Baby Bella Mushrooms, Caramelized Onions, Broccoli Raab, Creamy Gorgonzola Polenta, Chianti Pan Reduction	34
Filet Mignon * Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Native Asparagus, Sautéed Mushrooms, Sauce Béarnaise	29

New York Strip Sirloin Au Poivre * Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Native Asparagus, Fried Onions Cognac Peppercorn Cream.....	28
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*Thoroughly Cooking Meats, Poultry, Seafood and Eggs
 Reduces the Risk of Food Bourne Illness

Step back in time.

You are invited to a summer residence built with grace and elegance during the Industrial Age. Enjoy the serenity of a century ago still preserved in the last remaining green valley in the Northeast corridor. Enjoy rooms of substance while surrounded by the pastoral beauty of the Bald Hill property.

The Wentworth Room - A corner room with its presidential blue walls features ample space a classic fireplace, King sized bed, private bath with deep claw foot soaking tub and marble sink..... \$165.00

Mrs. Bowen Room - The original mistress of the house private suite. This extra large room, features a fireplace, King sized bed, writing desk, window seat, sitting area, the original private bath which features a sumptuous claw foot soaking tub, marble double sinks and for conversation a baby's' tub.\$210.00

Mr. Bowen Room - The gentleman's private abode, fireplace, substantial King sized bed, sitting area with a comfortable lounging couch. The bathroom features a large space with all the amenities, tiled floor and comfortable walk-in shower..... \$185.00

Bald Hill Suite - A very comfortable room with Queen sized bed, fireplace, window seat, private bath with claw foot tub for a soothing soak, adjoining room with a small sofa with a single pull-out as an additional private area separate from the main room..... \$165.00

Roxanna's Suite - A spacious suite overlooking the side garden, a center sitting room with fireplace and Sofa with Full size pull-out, Queen sized bed, an inviting window seat, private bath with a huge tiled shower. \$190.00

Garden Room - This corner room overlooking the formal garden is quiet and cozy, Queen sized bed, large private bath with walk-in shower..... \$125.00

All rooms are double occupancy and are subject to a lodging tax of 12%. Room Amenities include: CD player with alarm clock, in-room coffee makers, hairdryers, iron & ironing boards and exquisite breakfast accompanies your stay. All rooms are available with Cable, high speed internet access and TV's with a VCR/DVD players as well as a library of materials to access for your enjoyment.