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Afton Area Business Association
Quarterly Newsletter



Afton, Denmark Township, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, St. Mary's Point, West Lakeland Township

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*Deadline to submit articles for
the AABA Spring '10 Newsletter
is March 1, 2009.*

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**AFTON
HOLIDAY MAGIC**
December 4-6, 2009

Step back in time as you stroll through the shops of the quaint village of Afton, a river town on the edge of the St. Croix River.

Events scheduled throughout the weekend. Visit www.aftonholiday.com for specific events, times and dates.

- breakfast & photos with Santa • face painting • skating
- christmas stories • horse & wagon rides • strolling carolers
- style show • cookie decorating • wine tasting
- chair massages • live music • shopping
- decorating tips & appetizers



Celebrating the Season at Lakeland Antiques



The holiday season provides so many opportunities for displaying collections, showcasing favorite décor, and experiencing entertaining at its most elegant. Shop owners, sisters Susan and Sharon Lee, share a passion for the holidays. They feel a real connection to the community and want to spark interest in the heritage revealed through vintage and antique items.

Experiencing memories from the past can be a "peak" experience. Gift giving is a cherished holiday tradition. Our dealers love to help your search. A gift certificate lets you share that "hunt" with someone on your holiday list.

Lakeland Antiques is decked for the season, as well as, everything needed to create a festive mood. Post cards, jewelry, tableware and furniture are just a few favorites. From Steiff animals to vintage dolls, the toy selection is impressive. Books, advertising, and coins are popular choices. Craftsmanship and quality distinguish these timeless treasures.

Off the roundabout on St. Croix Trail in refurbished Lakeland Village - open til 6 p.m. We look forward to your visit and wish everyone a joyous, peaceful, and healthy holiday.

Upcoming Events

November 13	SailAway Café - Woody Balsimo & Rita Perkins Acoustic Guitar and Harmonica Blues
November 14	SailAway Café - Phil Berbig, Solo Guitar
November 20	SailAway Café - Kenzie Joy, 6:30 - 9 Acoustic Indie Guitar & vocals
November 20	Afton House Inn's Italian Dinner and Wine Tasting. 6-course dinner plus hors d'oeuvres paired with 6 outstanding wines of Northern Italy. 651.436.8883.
November 21	SailAway Café - Rudy Rudesill, Solo Guitar, 7-9
November 26	Thanksgiving Buffet – Afton House Inn 651.436.8883.
December 4	SailAway Café - Kenzie Joy, Holiday Tunes, 6:30-9
Dec 4-6	Holiday Village Weekend in Afton
December 5	Baglio's Fashion Show – 11:30 am www.aftonmnarea.com
December 5	Afton Alps Grand Re- Opening of Alps Café and Paul's Pub 3-6pm - Food and Drink Specials - Live Music
December 6	Bed & Breakfast Inns of the St. Croix Valley Holiday Tour. Enjoy 15 of amazing Inns of the St. Croix Valley, all decorated for the Holidays. Tour any or all of the Inns from 1:00pm to 5:00 pm. www.innsofthevalley.com • 651-998-0185
December 12	SailAway Café - Phil Berbig, Solo Guitar
December 12	Afton Alps Breakfast and Photos with Santa
December 18	Holiday Wine Dinner, Afton House Inn 3-course dinner • 651.436.8883.
December 19	SailAway Café - Rudy Rudesill, Solo Guitar, 7-9 pm
December 31	New Years at Afton House Inn. Live music 7:30-midnight. 651-436-8883
December 31	Afton Alps New Years Eve Party - front lifts and tubing open until midnight. Torchlight Ski Parade, live band, free appetizers, toast and party favors 11pm-12:30am
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January 22	"A Taste of Down Under", Afton House Inn Australian & New Zealand Wine Dinner Event, 4 course dinner plus hors d'oeuvres paired with 5 wines. 651.436.8883
February 11	Sweetheart's Wine Dinner, Afton House Inn 4-Course Dinner plus hors d'oeuvres paired with 5 wines. 651-436-8883
February 14	Valentines at the Afton House Inn – Dinner & Lodging 651.436.8883
March	Chocolate March Tasting and Tour - Each Sunday in March you can visit several inns from the "Inns of the Valley" group and taste chocolate at each inn. www.innsofthevalley.com • 651-998-0185
April 4	Afton House Inn's Easter brunch buffet. 9 AM – 5 PM. 651.436.8883.

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2009 Art in the Park a Success

This year's Art in the Park was deemed a success, attracting huge crowds on both days of the festival. It is estimated that over 5,000 people attended the event, an increase over previous years.

Over 50 artists participated, many for the first time. Artists displayed a wide range of products such as photography, jewelry, lawn sculpture, pottery and more. Attendees gave the event high marks, saying they enjoyed the new variety of artisans, plus the addition of live music and the MG Car Show.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Art in the Park a success and a special thanks to the sponsors: US Bank of Lakeland, St. Paul Harley Davidson-Buell, Renewal by Anderson and the Pioneer Press.

Chelsea Rose Antiques

After nearly twenty years in the antique business in Stillwater MN, Pauline Michalski and Patricia Andersen moved eighteen months ago to their new location in the Historic Afton House Inn in Afton MN. Having both been born and raised in the United Kingdom, the English touch is definitely foremost in their wide variety of furniture and accessories.

Crystal chandeliers and wall sconces are very big sellers along with ornate mirrors and English porcelain. For the true anglophile, English Staffordshire china dogs sit majestically on the fireplace along with brass and crystal candlesticks. Silver is very big this year and makes for wonderful gifts.

Zen soaps, lotions and salts in a variety of scents make for wonderful tuck-in" gifts.

Our vintage jewelry is bought from all over the United States and the pieces are wonderful. Everything from old cameos to garnets, turquoise, pearls and diamonds ~ all vintage and all beautiful. Stop in and see our new line of hand-made Swarovski crystal enhanced greeting cards.

Our winter hours are: Tuesday – Sunday 11 AM – 5:00 PM until the first of the year.

Come visit the "Jewel" on the main street of Afton ~ you won't be disappointed!



Afton House Inn
Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner
Serving 11-5

Roasted Tom Turkey
Ham with Brandy Raisin Sauce
Old Fashion Beef Pot Roast Bordelaise
Parmesan Crusted Cod
Wild Rice Pilaf & all the trimmings

Adults \$23.95 – Children (6-10yrs) \$13.95 – Tots (5 and under) \$6.95

Sunday Brunch Buffet
Complimentary Champagne
10 am - 1:30 pm
Adults \$18.95
Child 10 & under \$9.95
Tots 2 & under Free

Thursday Night Dining
Buy One Entree Receive One Complimentary Entree
of equal or greater value up to \$20.00 with purchase of a minimum of 2 beverages
Expires: 12/17/09

Nov. 20th - Italian Wine Dinner 6:30pm (Call for early Reservations)
Fine Dining and Traditional Lodging
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