

A Breath Of Spring

April 25, May 2 or May 9th

Spring ... that time of rejuvenation and awakening. Finally the snow has gone and the plants are pushing up through the earth. Without a doubt the absolute best time of year and one that we want to celebrate. Ladies, here's your chance to experience the magic of early spring in the Madawaska Valley, before the bugs come out! We have developed a great weekend package for you. A Breath of Spring is a women's only experience. You can bring your mother, daughter, sister or your best friend. We want to provide a special combination: lots of fresh country air, a little new knowledge, great food and conversation and perfect relaxation.

On your Breath of Spring weekend, you will learn first-hand from the experts in art, horticulture and forest stewardship. You will eat wonderful meals that you did not have to think up, prepare or clean up after! You will luxuriate under the attention of professional spa aestheticians and pamper yourself in the hot tub. When you leave you will be able to take with you the fruits of your labour in the form of a piece of art, a container planting and some new friends you met along the way.



The Place

Madawaska Valley Inn provides an ambience that oozes warmth, coziness and comfort. The Inn offers a relaxed environment to help you unwind and enjoy the stunning scenery of eastern Ontario—it doesn't hurt that it is nestled among soaring pine trees and that the grounds feature lovely gardens and lawns. And then there's the hot tub. It's open year-round and located in a separate cabin that provides shelter and plenty of fresh air.

The Food

Named a Destination Restaurant by Days Out Ontario, the Inn is renowned for its wonderful food, attention to detail, home-smoked food, and more. During A Breath of Spring, you will enjoy a spring-time menu featuring seasonal delicacies and comfort dishes that will pamper your palate. (Please tell us in advance about any special dietary needs.)

The Dates

We are offering this special package for three weekends only, arriving

Friday April 25

Friday May 2

or

Friday May 9 (Mother's Day Weekend)



Your Hosts

At the Inn: Nancy and Warwick Fortune

Art tutor and guide: Danielle Paul

At the Pinecone Forest: Gus Zylstra

Esthetician: Fatima Adams Zahn, Eve's Escape Spa

Itinerary

Friday evening: meet your weekend companions over a complimentary glass of wine and get settled in for a fabulous night's rest in amazingly quiet surroundings.

Saturday morning wake up to the aroma of delicious coffee and breakfast awaiting you in the dining room. Eat, drink, chat, enjoy. Soon we are off to drive in convoy to the Pinecone Forest Nature Sanctuary, located about 40 gorgeous minutes away on renowned Conroys Marsh. There the owner and steward of the forest, Gus Zylstra will guide you on a walk through his wonderful property. Take a deep breath, smell the earth thawing and the water running. The absolute best time of year! You will experience the bush in a semi-wilderness setting during your guided tour through the 150 acres of natural woodland. Pinecone Forest is home to many species, both plant and animal so bring your camera – you may catch a glimpse of deer, otter, beaver, fox, moose, elk, bear, wolf, chipmunk, red squirrel not to mention a host of local and migratory birds returning in the spring.

Saturday Lunch. Weather permitting we will enjoy a box lunch from the inn at the beautiful and historic Crooked Slide Park. (Inclement weather will see us use the Barry's Bay Railway Station and South of 60 Art Centre in Barry's Bay.)

Saturday afternoon's activity will be a *plein air* painting experience. Which simply means painting out of doors. Your host and art tutor today is Danielle Paul who is a professional visual artist and has taught adults at all levels - from absolute beginners to advanced students. The expert tuition means that even if you've never painted before, you will after this session! All art materials are provided, and your starter art pack is yours to take home – along with your painting.

Saturday evening finds us back at the Inn savouring a three course spring themed dinner. Each course of your meal is designed to please the palette and appease the appetite you acquired from your day in the wonderful Madawaska air! After dinner chat about the day's events and get ready to relax, relax, relax. We have a special spa evening arranged with Fatima and Chantal from Eves Escape Spa. They are coming to the inn to provide a very special treatment. Your feet are mirrors of your entire body and are directly related through nerve endings to your every organ. They carry the weight, take us where we want to go, and deserve their share of tender loving care. These women will treat you to a footcial (facial for your feet) which will have your feet loving you after the day's outdoor forest walk and plein air painting experience. Add in a soak in the hot tub and you are ready to sleep like a baby.

Sunday morning: Wake up refreshed and ready for a super spring breakfast. Then it's into the Inn's gardens for an expert chat and hands-on gardening session with Nancy. The Inn is known for its spectacular container plantings. Learn the secrets to this fabulous display. You'll get all the help and materials you need to plant out your own container so you can take home a living reminder of your Breath of Spring experience.

Departure will be around mid-day



Cost: \$457 per person(including tax) based on double occupancy.

Includes: Friday night welcome, two nights accommodation, two breakfasts, one dinner, one lunch, guided forest walk, outdoor art glass, container planting class, spa treatment and use of hot tub. All supplies for classes. Transportation not included

Payment and Cancellation by Participant

Due to the many people involved in providing this experience 50% of payment will be due at time of booking with the balance due 14 days prior to arrival.

Cancellation with more than three weeks notice: down payment will be refunded less \$50 fee. Between two and three weeks notice 50% of down payment will be refunded. With less than two weeks notice full rate will apply.

Cancellation by Experience Providers

In order for us to proceed with our special spring package we require a minimum number of six participants. If we are unable to reschedule and need to cancel due to insufficient bookings, full payment will be refunded.

