

# INNTOUCH

NABB Newsletter – March 1, 2018



Spring is just around the corner! Are you as excited as I am? Hopefully, you've had a chance to get your taxes together, do a little pre-spring cleaning, and most importantly, joined us at our Annual Conference!

We had a great time at our conference this year! Held at Pine Crest Farms Bed and Breakfast in Valparaiso, our hosts Harriet, Don and Jack did an outstanding job! The food was delicious, accommodations comfy and company was the BEST! We also had some great

presenters/trainers! We heard from Beth Foland at Nebraska Life Magazine about an advertising opportunity. Details are still being worked out but if you are interested in advertising your inn for approximately \$60 a month, please contact me as soon as possible. We heard from Byron Chaves from the Food Safety department at UNL... I will never eat a grape at the grocery store again. Very interesting information. Though it is not required in Nebraska, I will be taking the ServeSafe course very soon! We learned how to use Instagram to promote our businesses with Jen Gjerde and Erin Wirth from the Nebraska Tourism Commission... challenging but fun! (If you still need help, let me know!)

We had a discussion on short term rentals (Airbnb style properties). There is legislation currently being written to address this issue in Nebraska. Keep an eye on Senator Adam Morfeld's bill LB756. This topic was a focus last March at the PAII conference and has been a hot topic in many cities, with laws finally being enacted to level the playing field. Wrapping up the day, Jeanna Stavas (Whispering Pines B&B) and Bruce Stahr (Prairie Creek Inn B&B) gave us a bit of information and insight on hosting events at our inns. Great day! Thank you to all who attended!

During our business meeting, we approved our updated Bylaws, which you will find posted on the website. We also bid farewell and thanks to board members Jim Wunderlich (Wunder Roost) and Sandi Gulbranson (Victorian Inn) and welcomed Brenda Knehans (Red Coud B&B at The Kaley House) and Cher Maybee (Barn Anew) to our Board of Directors. Your board members for 2018 are Karen Baker, President; Tiffany Kegley, Vice President; Bruce Stahr, Secretary; Gordon Mueller, Treasurer. Pat Coldiron, Brenda Knehans and Cher Maybee. We all look forward to serving you and growing our bed and breakfast family!

Please add the dates for our 2018 Mid-Year Region Meetings to your calendar now, so you don't miss out! The West Region meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> (location TBD) and the East Region meeting will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> at West Fork Acres in Milford. More information will be sent out in May.

Looking forward to an amazing 2018 year for our NABB family!

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# Welcome Joni's Bed & Breakfast

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Welcome to our newest member Joni's Bed & Breakfast in Hastings. Joan Shaw is the Innkeeper of this establishment.

Joni's is unique, in that it offers more than just a place to lay your head, but an experience that will remind you of home. Joni's Bed and Breakfast has a warm, inviting atmosphere where you are treated like family. Joni's has two guest rooms, with two bathrooms. One bathroom is equipped with a jetted tub. The grounds are highlighted with a beautiful flower garden with seating for a relaxing evening stay. Joni's has a coffee bar, offers cable TV, and free Wi-Fi.

The house is located close to the downtown area, as well Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings College and the Museum. Also nearby are many restaurants and entertainment.

For more information on Joni's B&B, check her out on our website at [www.Nebraskabb.com](http://www.Nebraskabb.com) or [www.jonisbnb.com](http://www.jonisbnb.com) .

The Board of Director's are compiling a list of active Bed & Breakfasts throughout Nebraska that are not members of our Association. If you are aware of any from around your area, please let Harriet Waite know by emailing her the name of the B & B. We would love to invite them to join our Association. Thank you for your assistance.

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## PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Here are a few photos from our Annual Conference held January 28-29, 2018 at Pine Crest Farms Bed & Breakfast. Thank you to the Gould's for being marvelous host. The accommodations and the food were delightful. Making new friends and seeing old friends is a highlight.



Harriet preparing Crab Bombs

What a breakfast spread!



Networking during breakfast



A time to learn new tricks

Enjoying sometime in the sunroom



Hand's on instructions on how to use our website

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR INNKEEPERS – Heidi and Clay Schultz

In each issue of INNTouch, we will be doing a feature story on our member Innkeepers, as a way to get to know each other better. In this edition we are featuring Clay and Heidi Schultz of Cedar Hills Guest House.



While the guest house at Cedar Hills Vineyard and Gardens has been around since around 2010, owners Clay and Heidi Schutz moved into the role of innkeepers in 2014 when they purchased the property just outside Ravenna, NE. A bucket-list dream of owning a winery and vineyard led them to the discovery of Cedar Hills being up for sale at the time, and it made sense for them to jump into a "turn-key" operation they could manage from their home in Grand Island. When they first met with the previous owners and surveyed the business and property, finding out there was a bed and breakfast on site was one item that helped seal the deal!

The Cedar Hills Guest House is a fully-functional little cottage attached to their winery operations building. It includes a bedroom with queen-size bed, a full bathroom, and an open concept living room/dining room/kitchen area. The kitchen is fully functional, and guests often stay for several days at a time with the ability to bring in their own groceries and cook their own meals. The living room includes a futon-style sofa that can accommodate additional guests. The guest house is situated across the driveway from the tasting room, which includes a huge wrap-around deck that guests are welcome to enjoy. Complimentary wine tastings and a continental breakfast are included in a stay at Cedar Hills.

One of the beautiful things about a stay at Cedar Hills is that once Clay and Heidi depart back home to Grand Island in the evening, guests have the property to enjoy to themselves! Beautiful, dark star-lit skies, an amazing panorama view of the South Loup River Valley, and acres of fruit trees and bushes, grape vines, and pastureland are all available for their enjoyment. Guests have access to a fire pit, as well, and the natural wildlife, as well as the farm animals on site, help provide for an unforgettable experience of peace and relaxation!

As mentioned before, Clay and Heidi have owned the property since the summer of 2014. A second marriage for the both of them, they have nine children between them, and reside in Grand Island with the youngest of the nine, Elise, who is currently a sophomore in high school. Once they become empty-nesters, they look forward to being able to build a home on their property and make the move to the country. Their other combined children run in age from 27 to 21, and are scattered throughout the country. Four of them, Heidi's quadruplets, are all college juniors, and two of Clay's kids are now married, with a first grandchild on the way in May! Besides the myriad of kids to keep track of, they also have an assortment of pets, both at home and at the winery property, which includes a family of miniature donkeys.

Prior to being winery and vineyard owners, as well as innkeepers, Clay was a probation officer and Heidi was an assistant lab manager in a local physician's office. Both were eager, yet a bit apprehensive, about this new life they embarked on. Apart from owning and operating the winery, vineyards and gardens, and guest house, Clay and Heidi are both active in their communities of Grand Island and Ravenna. Heidi has served on the Grand Island Public Schools Board of Education for the past 13+ years and Clay, also a past school board member, has put his name in the hat for the Grand Island City Council. When they do have some free time, though it is little and far between, they enjoy spending time with their kids, animals, and traveling. While neither has any regrets in moving to this lifestyle, both are anxious to see what's next in store for them and take their business to the next level.

Here is the recipe for the egg casserole Harriet Gould made for us at the conference. Oh so yummy!!!

## Chilies, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Casserole from Pine Crest Farms B&B

½ cup butter  
½ cup flour  
1 t salt  
½ t pepper  
1 t baking powder  
12 eggs  
1 pint cottage cheese  
1 pound Colby jack shredded cheese  
2 4 ounce cans diced mild green chilies



Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Put stick of butter in 9x13 pan and place in oven to melt butter. Mix dry ingredients together. Break eggs into separate bowl and whisk until smoothly blended. Add cottage cheese to eggs and blend. Add shredded cheese and blend. Add canned chilies and blend. Mix dry ingredients into egg mixture. Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 325 and bake for 45 minutes. Let casserole cook until slightly brown on top. Let sit for a few minutes before cutting. Rich, fluffy, and delicious! Serves 12 average people or 6 large servings. Excellent for brunches and showers. Recipe may be cut in half for smaller group.

### Some things to do:

- Update your information on the NABB website
- Help us get your presence on our Facebook
- Like us on Instagram
- Set up an Instagram account
- Let Harriet Waite know about any special occasions coming up in your area at [hwaite@abbnebraska.com](mailto:hwaite@abbnebraska.com)

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