



## WOOLVERTON INN BACKGROUNDER

### **Preserving Its Historic 18<sup>th</sup> Century Legacy While Incorporating 21<sup>st</sup> Century Foresight**

A visit to this idyllic country estate near the banks of the Delaware River in Stockton, New Jersey is a transformative experience. Surrounded by 300-acres of farmland, forest and sweeping vistas, [Woolverton Inn](#) is the perfect combination of American history, ecotourism and modern luxury. As a multifunctional Bed and Breakfast minutes from Lambertville, NJ and New Hope, PA, the Inn is a convenient place for a restorative midweek excursion, successful business meeting or executive retreat, memorable weekend getaway, distinctive wedding or special event. It is a member of Select Registry, into which only authentic quality-approved Bed and Breakfasts, Inns and small hotels are accepted.

The estate's history dates back to the 1790s when Revolutionary War veteran Lt. John Prall Jr. purchased the estate from the local sheriff, later selling it to the Woolvertons in the early 1800s. During the 1950s and 1960s, the Inn was owned by St. John "Sinjin" Terrell founder of the Bucks County Playhouse, the Lambertville Music Circus and organizer of the first of the annual reenactments of Washington's Crossing on Christmas. Celebrities from Ella Fitzgerald to The Supremes visited Mr. Terrell at the estate. Today, its most famous "residents" and unofficial mascots are Lucy, Kern, Karen, Kristin and Ike, five sheep that roam the pastoral ten-acre property.

Woolverton began operating as an Inn in the 1980s. In 2016, Mary and Mario Passalacqua realized a lifelong dream to purchase an Inn and became the 5<sup>th</sup> owners. Armed with decades of experience as executives in the corporate world, the couple is committed to preserving the Inn's innate history providing a unique experience. The next major project is restoration of the barn starting in 2020 to transform it into a majestic venue with a lofty view named Northridge, honoring the Inn's original name.

The surrounding area offers a plethora of outdoor and indoor activities, including hiking or biking on the Delaware Canal's long Towpath Trail, tubing, kayaking, festivals, historic sites, wine tastings, museums, theater and cooking classes. Convenient to major Northeast cities, Woolverton is a 50-minute drive from Philadelphia and 90-minutes from New York City. Without in-room TVs, guests unwind and reconnect to celebrate a special occasion, take a "microcation" or a short vacation, or enjoy a girls' getaway, family reunion, babymoon, "jobbymoon" or career break, romantic honeymoon or a vows renewal. Unlike standard meeting spaces, the private conference center is ideal for small meetings or executive retreats to strategize, plan new goals, share ideas and build camaraderie in an unconventional rural setting.

Since 2016, the Inn has welcomed over 14,000 guests. Small or "microweddings," elopements and proposals receive special attention as do galas of up to 200 guests held in a new tent with a dance floor. A 48-hour weekend provides guests quality time together. Yoga retreats, fine art shows, and pop-up dinners, are among the public community events at the Inn. The fourteen cottages and guest rooms start at \$210/night in the Manor House on weekends, to \$595/night for a 2-bedroom luxury suite with a kitchen, 1-1/2 baths and dining table. Woolverton is dog friendly, handicapped-accessible and LGBTQ friendly. Lodging includes a fresh 3-course gourmet country breakfast prepared by Chefs Ed and Scott.

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