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GREEN MOUNTAIN INN INVESTS \$500K IN RENOVATION PROJECT

New lift in town at Stowe's oldest inn

STOWE, VT – There's a new lift in town. Not to the top of Mt. Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak beloved by ski enthusiasts seeking some of the best skiing in the East. This lift is to the top floor of the venerable Green Mountain Inn, Stowe's oldest inn, nestled in the heart of picturesque Stowe village. A new elevator, the centerpiece of a major \$500k renovation project at the Inn, now provides guests with quick, easy access to all of the classic New England main inn's original warmth and character.

Here present day function and historic form have merged seamlessly. The new addition housing the elevator is designed to be in keeping with the restored inn's colonial American atmosphere. The lift efficiently whisks visitors to their level of choice including the property's 39 third floor lodgings, which, for the Inn's past 175-plus years, were solely accessible via stairs. Second floor spaces, including the Inn's lobby, Main Street Dining Room, Village Room meeting and function space, Living Room and Library have long been reachable from the Inn's street level entrance as well as stairs and are now also served by the elevator.

“Our goal was to incorporate the modern benefits of an elevator while still preserving the Inn's historic charm,” says Innkeeper Patti Clark. “The task presented design and logistical challenges but is well worth the investment in our guests' comfort and convenience.”

This infrastructure upgrade marks the latest in the Inn's extensive revitalization projects, which have been ongoing, since the property was purchased by its present owner, the Gomeroff Trust in the early 1980s. Since then the Inn has added several buildings to their lodgings inventory. A complete renovation of the Inn's main building was completed in 1983 marking the Inn's 150th year celebration.

Originally built as a private residence in 1833, the Green Mountain Inn has written its own chapter in Stowe's history. It was transformed into a hotel during the mid-1800s and quickly became a favorite destination for visitors wanting to sample the seasonal treasures of this quintessential Vermont town. Famous visitors to the Inn over the years include Lowell Thomas, Presidents Chester Arthur and Gerald Ford, Thomas Edison, and Henry Ford. The Inn is now listed as Numbers 13 and 14 on the National Register of Historic Places

Says Clark, “This was a substantial investment for the Inn but one that is essential to meeting our guests’ needs and enhancing their experience.”

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