Save the Storehouse 2023



The Historic Tower Hill Distillerie 1926 ...

ONCE GONE. IT WILL NEVER BE AGAIN.



The charred timbers hang since 1926 to this day, waiting for hope of new life.

Picture the moment in the back woods of the shoreline town of Clinton during Prohibition; glasses clinking, dancing, laughter, views of the reservoir from the little porches all while Pierre Houpert, the eccentric artist, entrepreneur and true bon vivant, as referred to by his family, is distilling in the stonehouse basement. Massive amounts of sugar are being delivered, raising suspicion. Word was the feds got wind of it. In 1926, it was burned down. It was the end of the story until Windjammer's bought it in July 2020 and vowed to bring it back to life and protect it from any future harm.

(By the way, the tradition still continues in Canada—see towerhillroad.com & houpertfrere.com!)

The Future...

Bed & Breakfast??? Agritourism Wenue????

The future hope of this historic property include a Bed & Breakfast in the Stonehouse and an Agritourism venue. Many many great things await this property; classes, workshops, bird watching, bbq & grilling events, all for everyone, but we need your help to get there. The main house took 2 years to renovate. Where anything could be saved, it was saved. Very careful thought was put into the design to bring 1724 to the new world, while capitalizing on the views of the Kelseytown Reservoir. Window walls of glass, glass doors, open floor plan, showcasing the original beams in many rooms. It was not a project for the faint of heart, as it sat here empty and alone for over 20 plus years. The house was encased in vines and overgrowth. A narrow path to the water. Life choked out in every corner. But, it stood graced in its past while keeping watch over its history and hope of a bright future.

It was purchased by Windjammers LLC, who is Kim Williams. She's been carrying on for years of wanting to create something awesome, with very little and next to nothing to do it with. There wasn't much faith it would ever be accomplished, but with the will and determination of a stubborn horse, she got it this far. It was not bought to be her queen's palace, but to be a place to share with others who seek quiet, beauty, animals, nature, sunsets and sunrises... the way it used to be. To tear off the choking overgrowth that ran rampant for years so its beauty and valor could breathe once again.

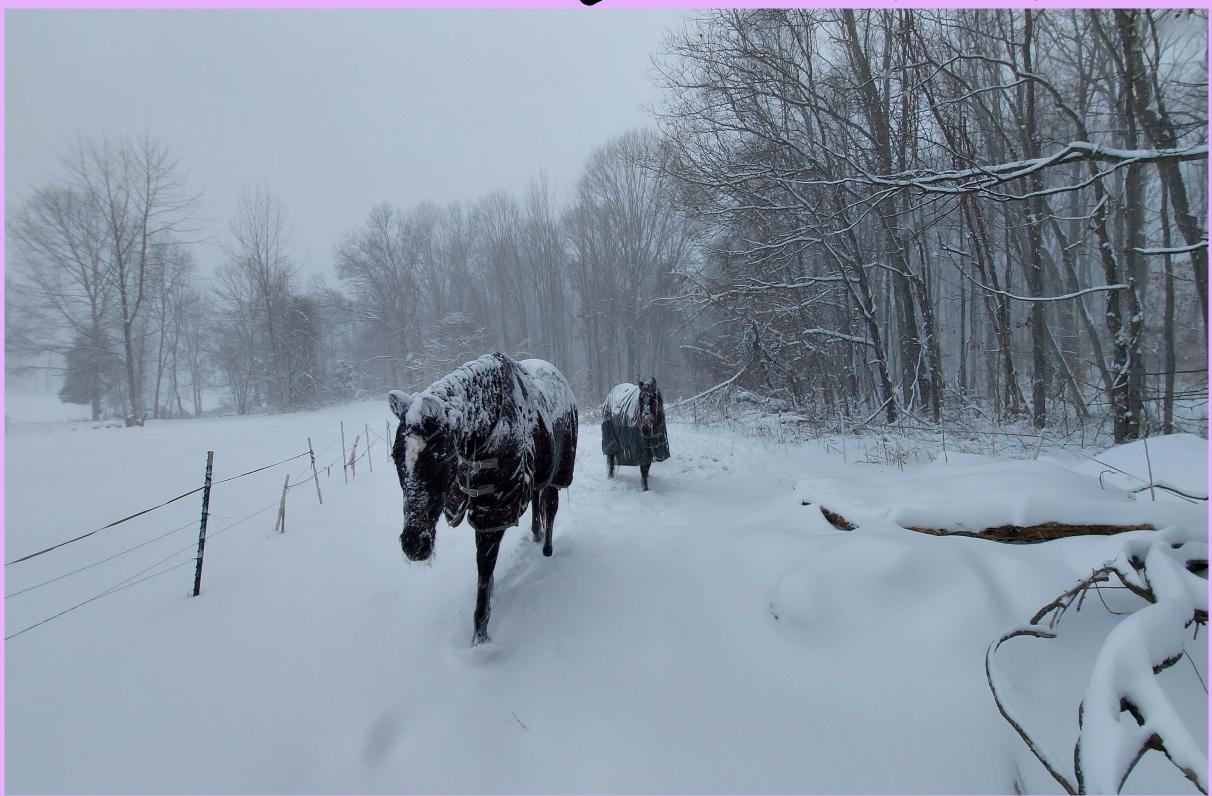
We are hoping this will inspire the same kind of excitement that we feel daily as we try to move closer to it's full potential, making it now time to make some hard decisions. All resources have been exhausted. Covid, the market, the state of affairs in this country have made it almost impossible to get to the next step. In fact, if we are not able to muster community support, it may not happen at all. This calendar is one of several things we are doing to raise support for this project. There are also shirts, mugs and an online fundraiser. The website has links to all of this plus picture galleries, a drone video and more.

https://windjammersct.com

Please do read on... as we bring Windjammer's to you... and most of all...

ENJOY!!!

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This was January 2022. Winter wonderland. Windjammer's is named after my famed horse "Royal Windjammer", who when we lived across the reservoir, was apparently coming here with "Regal" in the wee morning hours, possibly plotting out the spot for his final resting place. Many times he did this without me knowing, but sometimes he was accompanied by Clinton PD!

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Pre-reno 2022

"Time Out Bench"

Snow Stones

Streaks of Sun

Waiting for Help

The Stream to Saw Mill Pond



This stream is only here in winter and spring. It runs to the "Saw Mill Pond" where it is believed that the wood for the house was cut and milled. You can walk to the beaver's current work area where almost 15 trees have been gnawed down. There is now a sunny spot on the ridge. They work very very hard. :)

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Winter View

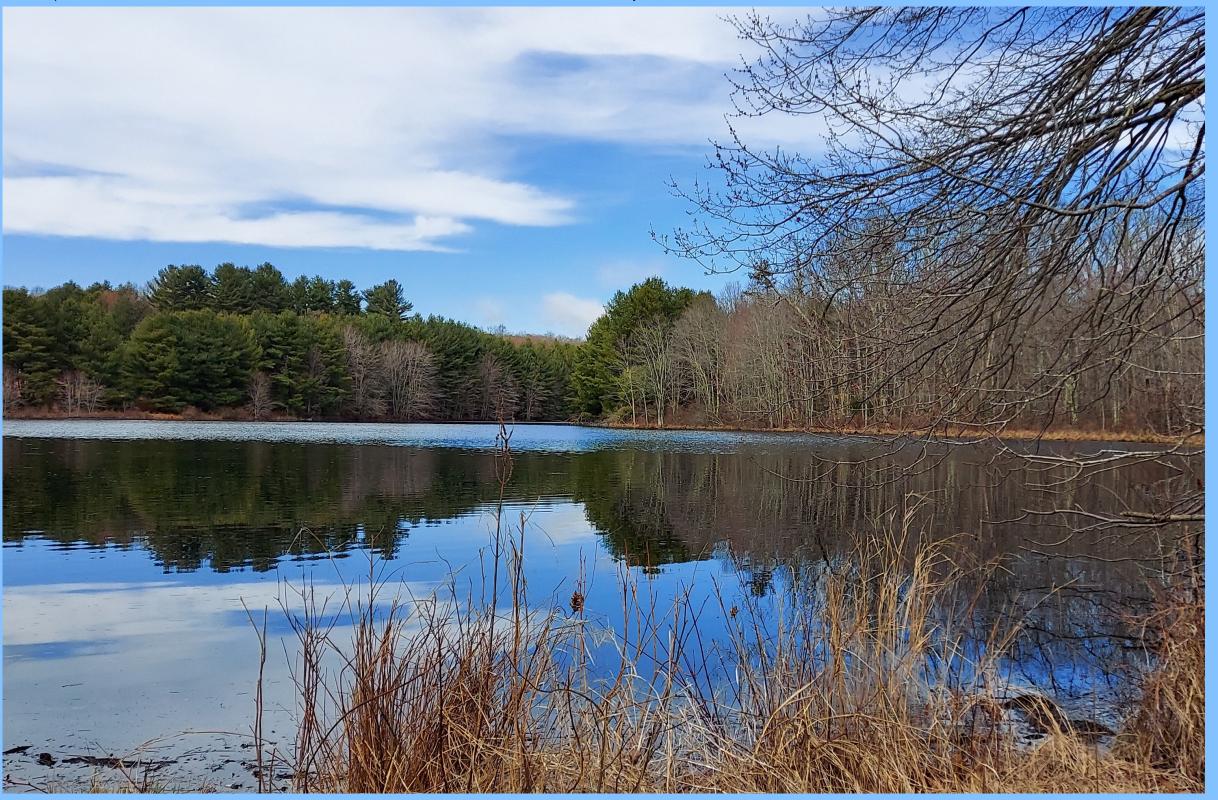
Moonlit Night

Crazy Trees

Snowy View

Old Swimming Hole

Reflections Every Day, Every SeaSon



The Kelseytown Reservoir from what we have learned was hand-dug in the 1800's. The renovations of the main house were done so this spot is the focal point from every room on the back of the house. In some rooms window walls of glass. From sunrise to sunset what you see in the water changes from minute to minute. Never disappoints.

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March Sunset



Spring View



Fire Glow on Ridge



Spring Pond

Found on Site



We have found many many bottles and other things we have unearthed. Many were probably thanks to the Speakeasy in the Stonehouse. All except the broken ones have been cleaned and identified by the logos where possible. Many are in this cabinet in the 2nd floor hallway with other precious finds from this awesome place.

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Early Morning Show

Magnolia & Birds

Old Wallpaper

Front Pre-reno

Mid Day

Nature Now Returns to Life Here



There is untold beauty here that has been choked by vines and overgrowth for years and years and years. As these beautiful living things are being freed they are showing themselves off and coming back stronger every year.

It is sometimes unimaginable beauty.

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The Turtle Visit



Trees Reaching Up



The Egret We Love



Return of Life

The Storehouse June Twellty 21



We have taken down most of what was hanging and dangerous. Even though the debris has been removed when it floods more items come to the surface. An old desk and bar stool were hanging from the timbers which are completely rotted, but kept in case someday they can be duplicated. Two perfect wine glasses hanging in the rubble were also saved.

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God's Artwork

Inside Peek

Lots of Fires

The Facade

New Kitchen

Main House July Twenty Twenty



The main house, left side circa 1724, right side addition we think perhaps the same time as the stonehouse, early 1900's. The property had not been lived in for over 20 years. It was encased in vines and overgrowth. The renovations took over 2 years. The entire house was gutted, saving anything possible, 2nd floor on left ripped off and rebuilt so 1724 could meet the new world.

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Mitch & Marty

Our 1st Veg Garden

"Rocky"

Chloe's Garden

Precious Visitor

2nd Floor 1724 Side July Tuenty Tuenty



This was a sample of the condition of the main house when it was purchased. This tub is now in the new 2nd floor bath. The original rafters were carefully taken down and preserved to use in another building to show its history. A wall of the original chestnut sheathing from 1724 greets you in the hall of the second floor where it is also trimmed with the original rafters and pegs.

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Small Bedroom



Upstairs Bath

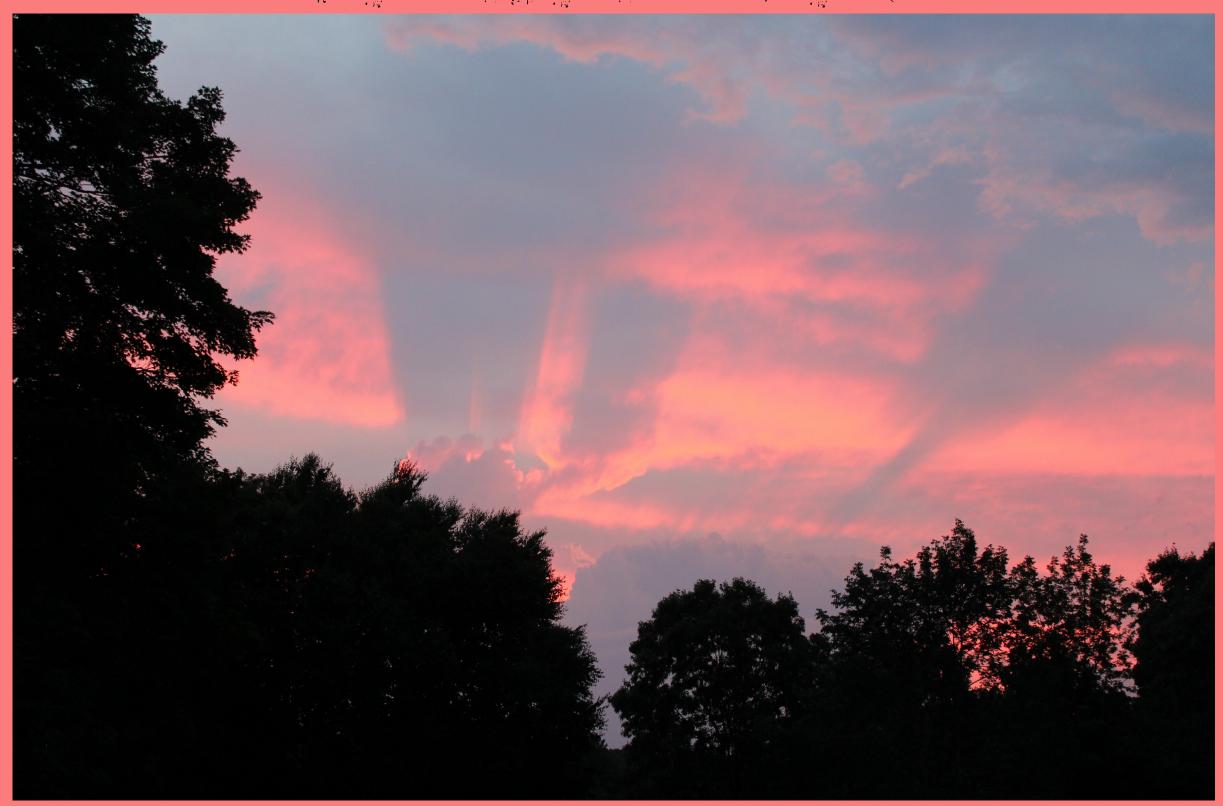


1724 Meets 1900's



Hidden Treasure

The Nightime Show



There is no one yet that has come here that has not been totally amazed by this incredible property. It has been tons and tons of work to even get it here, with miles and miles to go. But almost every waking moment, even in the middle of the night, this special place presents a show. Some days it stops you in your tracks.

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"Diamond"

The Mad Woodpecker

Left Behind

Beavers at Work

Soaring....

Fall as thered from the Time out Berich.



One of the very best friends of Windjammer's, who sadly passed, named this spot. He loved this place and watched over it for many months. His loss was tragic but the memories of him always doing something here will live on in all our hearts. RIP Michael Murphy.

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Fall Watercolors

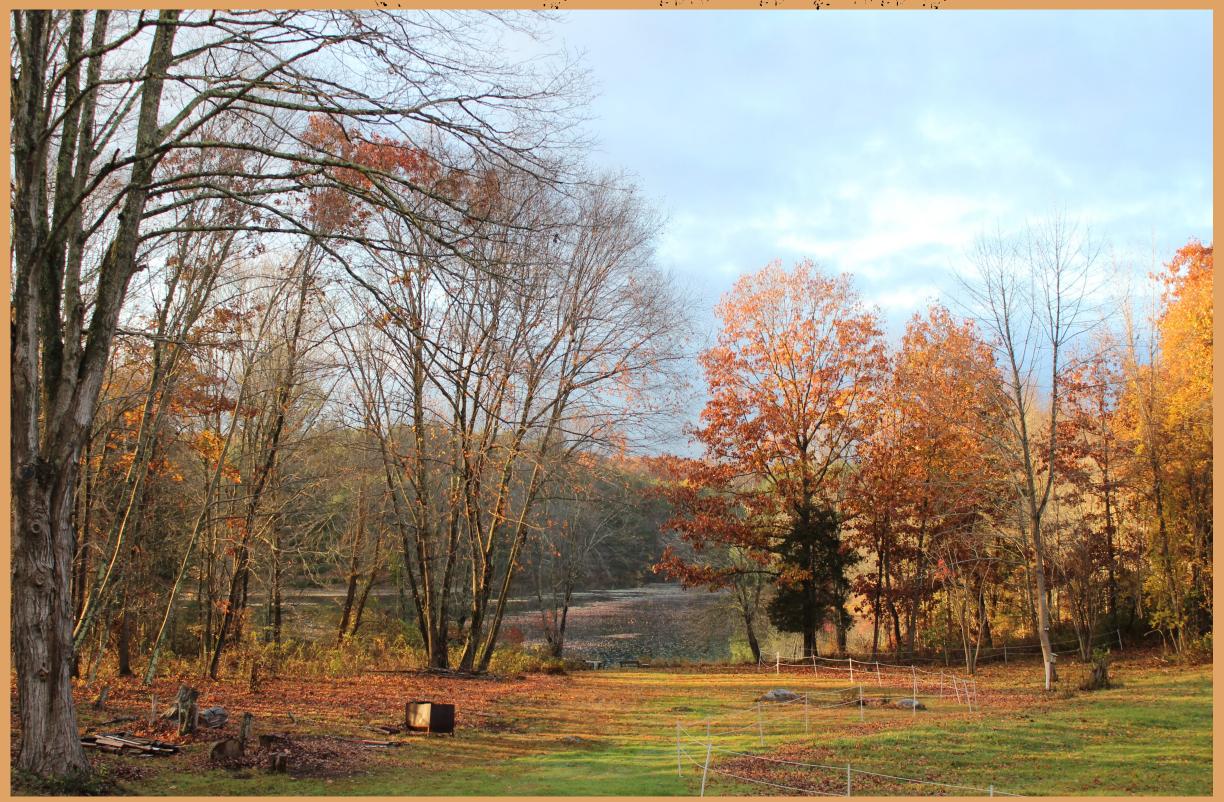
Fire Pit View

Got Wood?

Grazing with a View

Gates of?

ForeVer Changing Light



This has not been a project for the faint of heart. The property sat on the market for a very very long time. There was barely a way to get down to the water. Every inch was burrowed in grape vines and was hand cut, raked and mowed many times before this view would reappear. All of us at Windjammer's continue to be very thankful for all who help.

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Beaver's House

Rays of Light

Remains from 1926

Fall Reflections

Clouds Shining

Sounds and Views of white water



You can hear the snow fall in this picture. The little crackle of snow hitting the ground, the wildlife around. Bundle up and pull up a seat on the "Time Out Bench" and enjoy.

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Always Beauty

And Serenity

1931 Magazines

Moon at Sunrise

Afternoon Light Show

The willter Light Show



Just before dusk, moments before the day turns into night, this light show presents itself... to its wildlife, to its land, to you. So many colors, so many clouds, so many reflections, so many feelings pass through these waves of light. Every minute brings you to a different place of beauty where you can find a peace even in the midst of troubles.

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Snow Shadows



Yes Old Steps



Tree Top Lights



A Look Up

It all Cried "Help Me"



You could not walk anywhere on this property without hearing the cry for help. You could not walk the property without seeing the beauty underneath. You could not walk the property and not feel something.

I could not walk the property and just walk away.

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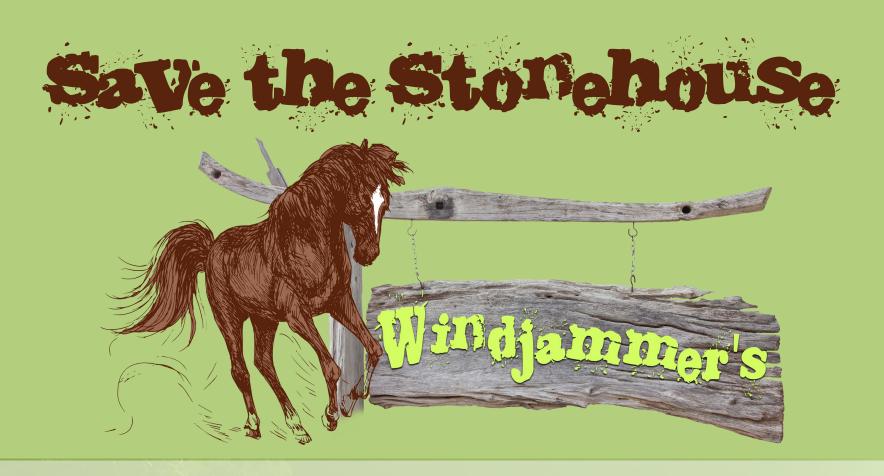
Room with a View



Winter Field



Vines, Vines, Vines



We hope you have enjoyed the Windjammer's Calendar.

We hope you continue on to the website and join us on Facebook as we try to move this project into its challenging, bright and exciting future. If you would like to be a part of this journey you can contact us at any time ... feel free to call, text, message or email. We also have a link to our fundraiser online if you are able to help with any contributions. All is so very appreciated.

THIS PAST MUST BE PRESERVED FOR ITS FUTURE

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In memory of Royal Windjammer, Tyson & Ellie