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ANNUAL INN TO INN COOKIE & CANDY TOUR CELEBRATES LUCKY 13TH YEAR

The popular Mt Washington Valley, NH inn to inn holiday cookie tour offers community gingerbread displays, recipe cards, collectors ornaments plus plenty of sweet treats

Mt. Washington Valley, NH— “C” is not only for Christmas but also for cookies and candy this holiday season in Mt. Washington Valley. When innkeepers from the Country Inns in the White Mountains wish their guests sweet dreams on the second weekend in December they can guarantee that visions of sugar plums and holiday cookies will dance in their heads. December 12-13, 2009 is the weekend the Country Inns in the White Mountains assure holiday revelers the ultimate in sweet dreams at the **13th Annual Inn to Inn Holiday Cookie and Candy Tour®** held from 11 am to 4 pm each day. With a “Holidays Inn New England” theme, holiday revelers will not only tour inns decked in all their holiday finery offering signature decorations, holiday cookies and candies, but once again this year they’ll be treated to a display of beautiful handmade gingerbread sculptures, collector’s ornaments and recipe collections from each inn. Chosen by editors of New Hampshire Magazine as “The Best Sugar High”, here’s one chance to participate in the ultimate cookie walk. Best of all, proceeds from the event benefit area nonprofit associations.

Each of the fifteen inns on the 13th Annual Inn to Inn Cookie & Candy Tour will feature original holiday cookies and candies, along with exquisite decorations offering tour goers the bonus of taking home holiday decorating ideas as well as scrumptious cookies and candies for themselves. The participating inns have developed original recipes for everything from sweet to savory holiday treats, with each inn featuring new recipes for this year’s tour. Additionally, tour participants visiting all 15 properties will receive a keepsake brass collector’s ornament, intended to be the fourth in a collection of Cookie Tour ornaments to be distributed in years hereafter. To top it off, tour goers will take home recipes for the treats featured on the tour, creating a keepsake collection of tested holiday cookies and candy recipes to use at home.



Once again this year, Country Inns in the White Mountains will continue their gingerbread house display. Local businesses will be recruited to create gingerbread sculptures in honor of their favorite non-profit organization, and each year the results are exquisite. Participating businesses will either internally

create these sculptures or recruit artists, school groups, chefs or bakers to construct their gingerbread sculpture for the contest. Tour goers will then vote for their favorite, and the winning sculptures will receive \$500, \$350 or \$250 donations for the non-profit organization the sculpture represents. In years past, these gingerbread houses have then been auctioned off to create additional donations for the participating non-profits.

The tour stretches from Harts Location, to Chocorua, NH and over to Fryeburg, ME, with fourteen inns opening their doors to those in search of a fabulous holiday treats. No inn is more than fifteen minutes from the next, with many much closer. Each participating inn will offer two tickets (a \$54 value) with their cookie tour package, including a two-night stay and breakfast for two each day. Some inns have added dinners to their packages. For a complete list of cookie tour packages, visit

http://www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com/holiday_cookie_tour_packages.htm.

Tour tickets are available in advance by reserving a lodging package from participating inns, and this is the best way to secure a ticket for a weekend of cookie, candy and gingerbread fun. Those not wishing to reserve an overnight package may purchase tickets December 1-7, 2009 for \$27 per person by calling 800-233-8309 or 603-383-9339. Tickets reserved by phone will be available for pick up at designated pick up locations. Tickets are limited. Any unreserved tickets will be sold for \$27 per person on the day of the event at the 1785 Inn, Admiral Peary House, Notchland Inn and Riverbend Inn.

Those interested in booking the Inn to Inn Holiday Cookie & Candy Tour package may make reservations at the inn of their choice. To learn more about the tour and the inns' lodging packages, call **800-233-8309** or visit **www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com**.

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High resolution photography of cookies, gingerbread houses and tour fun are available at <http://www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com/photogallery.htm>.

