

Nature's Harmony Opens With Different Spring Symbols



Tzach, Ella, and Jen Elnkave stand proudly in front of their Eco-Friendly 2 storey log home. It is now known as Nature's Harmony, a new bed and breakfast establishment at 574 Snake Creek Road that caters to a world wide group of people who wish to escape back to nature with very few high energy devices. The bed sheets are made of Bamboo, which is a renewable resource. More than 100 people attended their open house on March 30 with some from Asia, India, and Israel.

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New Signs of Spring!!! A packed parking lot and a laneway clogged with cars is what greeted visitors at the Open House for Nature's Harmony on the Sunday, March 30. That is the name of the new bed and breakfast establishment at 574 Snake Creek Road which is 12 minutes west of Mattawa on Highway 533.

Jen and Tzach Elnkave, owners of Nature's Harmony have made their 2 storey

log house an "off the grid" home, which means it is not connected to Hydro One. Two large 120 watt panels, with the necessary selenium technology, capture the needed electrical energy which is then stored in a battery bank. A portable generator fills in for necessary electrical energy when needed. The house is heated with wood. It is not equipped with air conditioning and in summer the windows remain open affording plenty of wind circulation.

Two very spacious bed-

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rooms await the ecology and green conscious visitors and in a pinch, a third bedroom is available. The bed sheets (Eco-Friendly) are made from bamboo which is a renewable resource.

A rich warmth from burning logs greeted the more than 100 visitors who made their way through the house. It sits on a small hill with a captivating view.

The dining room table was heaped with delicious butter tarts and tasty sandwiches. Throughout the afternoon that room attracted guests with family roots in Asia, India, and Israel who mingled and marvelled at the exquisite furnishings and the walls of gleaming

logs.

The basement is full, high and dry with eleven cinder-block-walls holding up the thick sturdy beams. The panelling is pine with just enough knots to remind the visitors of the many various trees on the 485 acre property.

During one of the few still moments among the many greetings of new arrivals, both Jen and Tzach provided an interview.

"We wish to reach an International Market of people who desire an escape back to nature," said Jen after she finished nursing their 3 month old daughter Ella. She added that the eco tourist is an environmentally conscious traveller

forever on the lookout for energy saving accommodations.

Tzach leaned over and cradled Ella in his strong arms. He didn't need a question as to how he felt. "We are very privileged to live in a symbiotic relationship with so much nature," he said while looking into the eyes of a reporter. He looked over at Jen and then kissed his daughter. "Having all THIS," he blurted, "means nothing if we can't share it with others."

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