



About the Innkeepers, Tim and Amy Brady

Tim is originally from Rocky Hill, Connecticut. He moved to Cherry Hill, New Jersey as a teenager. Tim is best described as creative and adventurous. He graduated from Rowan University in New Jersey and soon after moved to New York City for a few years designing and rigging computerized lighting for TV, concerts and events. Eventually, Tim returned to Cherry Hill to be closer to family. Being from a family of police officers, he headed off to the NJ State Police Academy where he graduated 1st in his class. Tim worked as a Police Officer for 5 years. During that time the Chief realized Tim's love for computers early on and assigned him to design a wireless network for the Police Department. After 5 years Tim was asked by the Mayor of Cherry Hill to work for the Township overseeing all technology as the Chief Information Officer. Tim "retired" in January and now does technology consulting for several companies, including the Professional Association of Innkeepers International (PAII).

Amy grew up in Palmyra, New Jersey and graduated from Beaver College (now known as Arcadia University) with a degree in Health Care Administration. Amy is best described as organized and dedicated. She worked her way through college by filling several different positions in various restaurants from hostess to server and even a cook. After college she began working for a national assisted living company where she spent seven years working her way up the corporate ladder. She was ultimately named Regional Director of Operations for the East Coast, a job that involved weekly overnight travel. In an effort to spend more time together and do what they loved, Tim and Amy found themselves seeking the perfect B&B that they could run together. They found that at Forty Putney Road Bed & Breakfast!

Together Tim and Amy enjoy taking a bike ride, playing golf and traveling. Their travel is usually based on their favorite things to do. Tim is certified to scuba dive, so that took them to Australia, Hawaii, New Zealand and Fiji. Together they are passionate about craft and micro brewed beer, which made Belgium a must and Oktoberfest in Germany next on the list. They also enjoy fine wines, which led them to France, Australia and New Zealand. Tim and Amy are also certified "beer geeks", taking them to Belgium and across the US. Amy enjoys scrapbooking and gardening in her free time. Tim enjoys remodeling homes, photography and fine Scotch and Whiskey.

Chickie their sweet beagle is about 10 years old. Chickie was rescued from an animal shelter at age 2. She is friendly, but very timid and shy. When you meet her, you will see that she secretly believes that she is a cat.

We hope that you will take some time to share your stories with us; we love to hear about our guests and their travels. We are glad that you have chosen to stay with us and hope that you enjoy your stay at Forty Putney Road!



A Brief History of Forty Putney Road Bed and Breakfast

Forty Putney Road Bed and Breakfast is situated on land that once belonged to the Vermont Asylum for the Insane, later called the Brattleboro Retreat. Dr. Horace G. Ripley and the Trustees began planning to build a superintendent's residence in the fall of 1929. Up until that time, superintendents of the Retreat resided in a second story apartment in the main building of the Retreat.

The new residence, French Baronial in architecture, was built on Putney Road on land that the Retreat purchased earlier from Judge Chase. Dr. Ripley and his family first occupied the house in 1931. A private path was built starting in the lower garden and making its way through the woods to the Retreat. You can still walk that path today. The gardens were planted at the time the house was built and were originally maintained as part of the therapy program for patients at the Retreat. The back yard boasts one of the largest (possibly the largest) Cut Leaf Japanese Maple trees in the United States and overlooks the "Retreat Meadows". In a complex arrangement, the Retreat granted the local power company the right to raise their dam in 1918, thereby flooding the former meadows just north of the Retreat and creating the present scenic body of water visible from the second story of the home and the rear of the property. This home quickly became a community landmark and continued to be occupied by each of the Superintendants of the Retreat until 1983 when it was sold to a private owner to help offset a budget shortfall.

Dr. Ripley had the residence designed to resemble a French châteaux with which his daughter, or wife, (depending on which version of the story you hear) fell in love. Each of the four bedrooms has its own bathroom and all of the fixtures and tiles are original to the house. There are built in bookcases and cabinets in almost every room. No expense was spared in the construction of the home. The master bedroom suite contains a fireplace, French doors separating the bedroom from the dressing room and an original built-in dresser. The most interesting room in the house is probably the tiny bathroom tucked in under the stairs in the main hallway.

The house remained privately owned until 1992, when it was converted to a bed and breakfast. It has been operating in that capacity ever since. In the late 1990's 911 emergency service was introduced to the area and the address of the home was changed to 192 Putney Road. However, since the home was already an established bed and breakfast as "Forty Putney Road", the owners decided to keep the name. The name remains a tribute to its past to this day.

There have been a few changes made to the interior over the years. The maid's quarters, adjacent to the kitchen, have been converted to the innkeeper's office and den. A previous innkeeper converted the formal dining room into an "Irish Pub" where guests may choose from a wide selection of beer, wine and champagne. Breakfasts are now served in the Conservatory off the living room. The third floor art studios were converted into the innkeeper's living quarters and gas fireplaces have been added to several rooms. The most interesting change has been the conversion of the original carriage house into the "Cottage." It has a large bedroom, living room with gas fireplace, bathroom, and a complete kitchen.

The current innkeepers, Tim and Amy Brady, took over in May of 2007. They have grand plans to restore the property to its original grandeur while adding luxury amenities for guests.