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**HISTORIC INNS OF ROCKLAND NAMED AMONG
TOP TEN ECO-FRIENDLY INNS BY BEDANDBREAKFAST.COM**

Rockland, ME —The Historic Inns of Rockland, Berry Manor Inn, Captain Lindsey House and LimeRock Inn were named among the top ten eco-friendly inns by BedandBreakfast.com in their 2008 annual round-up. Saluting inns and B&Bs that take sustainable tourism to a new level, BedandBreakfast.com agreed that Historic Inns of Rockland offer their guests the ideal eco-escape, making every day Earth Day in Rockland, Maine. (Note: Granite Inn, the most recent addition to the Historic Inns of Rockland, was not part of the BedandBreakfast.com award. Granite Inn fully subscribes to the eco-practices of the other Historic Inns.)

“We looked for inns and B&Bs that take being ‘environmentally friendly’ to the next degree,” explained Sandy Soule, Editor and Marketing Vice President of BedandBreakfast.com. “Each of the inns mentioned in BedandBreakfast.com’s top ten eco-friendly inns list, including the three members of Historic Inns of Rockland, went beyond offering optional towel programs and recycling. We’re proud of the efforts made

by Historic Inns of Rockland to help their guests offset their carbon footprint with eco-friendly getaways,” finished Soule.

“We are delighted to have been included on BedandBreakfast.com’s distinctive list of eco-friendly inns,” said Frank Isganitis, co-owner of the LimeRock Inn. “It is gratifying to be recognized for our belief that we can address global warming one light bulb at a time,” finished Isganitis. All four of the Historic Inns of Rockland have been certified by the State of Maine as Hospitality Environmental Leaders, making them the first known B&B association in New England totally dedicated to sustainable eco-tourism. “We feel our extensive recycling and green programs, the gift of an Energy Star lightbulbs and reusable shopping bags help make our guests feel good about lowering their carbon footprint,” followed up Cheryl Michaelsen, co-owner of the Berry Manor Inn. The list of Historic Inns of Rockland’s environmentally-friendly practices is long, ranging from widespread use of compact fluorescent bulbs and solar lighting to donations to support eco-friendly local organizations and recycling of old towels, clothing, shampoo and soaps to local charities. The group has collectively negotiated a contract for use of bio-fuel for heating oil, and instituted creative recycling and “buying local” programs for inn and guests.

Listed alphabetically by state, here is BedandBreakfast.com’s list of the top ten eco-friendly inns:

Arroyo Vista Inn, South Pasadena, CA

Historic Inns of Rockland: Berry Manor Inn, LimeRock Inn and Captain Lindsey House, Rockland, ME

Black Star Farms, Suttons Bay, MI

Big Mill Inn, Williamston, NC

Inn at Hickory Run, White Haven, PA

Kings Inn B&B, Summerville, SC

Inn at Weathersfield, Weathersfield, VT

Pinehurst Inn, Bayfield, WI

The Arbor Inn -- An Environmental Inn, Madison, WI

Cotton Tree Lodge, Toledo District, Belize

Historic Inns of Rockland are Rockland's premier country inns. Believing that green doesn't sacrifice luxury, the four inns work together to offer exciting opportunities for eco-adventure ranging from the "Land-and-Sea 'Scape" package which combines a windjammer cruise with a luxury inn stay and the Lobster, Lighthouse and Luxury package offered in June. For more information, visit www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com or call 877-ROC-INNS (877-762-4667).

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