



Rebecca Segerstrom and her husband, Susumu Sato, hosts of "Beds on Clouds" B&B.

"How do I find "Beds on Clouds?" you ask. Just stroll down Windham's Main Street (which is also known as Route 23) and look for a veritable parade of international flags of all stripes and colors on the front porch of a large, historic, white Victorian house. There it is! And on the flower-filled porch, ready to welcome you are Rebecca Segerstrom and her husband, Susumu Sato.

Divine Hospitality at Beds on Clouds

by Joe Munster, photography by the author





Rebecca, a native of Prussia, and a talented decorator, is responsible for all the subtle good taste shown in the decorative touches and antique furnishings throughout the historic-registered 1854 mansion. Susumu operates a modern photographic studio and fine art gallery in a wing of the same building. The Gallery is sleek without being cold and showcases his sensitive photographic art. He did most of the original reconstruction of the substantial building in 2004, only to be met with extensive devastation in the aftermath of last year's Hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee. In fact, a small studio and darkroom in an outbuilding was ripped away by the flood. All of Windham in Greene County was hard hit, and has made an amazing comeback.

The couple first met in the bustling Photo District of Manhattan, and they had an internationally known advertising and editorial photo studio there, with impressive clients from around the globe. They traveled and worked together worldwide for over 30 years before discovering our corner of the world, and they chose to relocate here. They are great hosts, and can converse in many languages on diverse topics.

This bed-and-breakfast has six exquisite rooms, each with its own elegant private bath, and plush, cozy decor. Breakfast is a sumptuous meal featuring fresh fruit, taken in a dining room at a very large oval table seating six to eight people, under a sparkling chandelier. Some of the antiques might even be for sale, if you ask politely.

Beds on Clouds, at 5320 Main Street, is located in the center of the beautiful historic town of Windham (known to Native Americans as "Land in the Sky"), well within walking distance of fine restaurants, bars, antique shops, the Concert Hall,



Windham ski slopes, golf courses, and, conveniently, the New York City Trailways bus stops there twice a day.

Small, well-behaved pets are welcomed, but please call first to discuss the situation with your hosts. For reservations, call (518) 734-4692, email to info@bedsonclouds.com or visit www.bedsonclouds.com 🐾



left: *Susumu Sato's Gallery was completely devastated by Irene and has now been rebuilt and restored. The Gallery is attached to the main house and features Mr. Sato's many interesting photographs.*



left: Flood waters overwhelmed Mr. Sato's studio. He lost most of his equipment.

right: "Beds on Clouds" during reconstruction. See article for the recovery photograph.




left: The Gallery was flooded, bringing with it much mud. See article for the recovery.



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Susumu Sato

With this photograph of an old and gnarled apple tree, Susumu Sato won "Best in Show" at the 2012 annual art exhibition at Twilight Park.



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