



# BLANTYRE

## *A Country House Hotel & Private Oasis*

Nestled in the Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts lies an inn from which one can escape the frustrations of reality and realize every luxurious dream one has ever had. The name of the place is Blantyre and in this remarkably romantic country house hotel one can experience as close to perfection as is humanly possible.

Built in 1902 and meticulously renovated by Ann Fitzpatrick Brown, its eighth owner, the property is not only testament to an earlier era but succeeds in achieving a recreation of when a hotel staff cared for every detail and the clientele appreciated, noticed and expected such treatment.

The property was designed after the original owner's ancestral home in Blantyre, Scotland. It is in the grand English tradition of Elizabethan Tudor buildings. And with its lovely leaded glass windows, richly burnished woods and luxurious fabrics, the inside of Blantyre is exactly what you would expect upon seeing the outside of the building. In the Main House there are overstuffed chairs, fresh flowers, a beautifully maintained music room and spaces for intimate and private dining.

The heart of the house, the baronial Main Hall on the first floor, is an eclectic mix of period pieces, treasured heirlooms and enchanting art. Eight exquisite guest bedrooms and suites, many with fireplaces - all with their own unique personality - are located on the second floor. In addition, there are four private cabins each with a distinct character. They are perfect as romantic retreats or secluded escapes. Each reflects the same attention to detail as accommodations in the Main House. Furthermore, there is a separate building called the Carriage House, home to eleven guest rooms. Named for some of the Berkshires' well-loved estates

and country houses, these rooms include intriguing loft spaces, enchanting art and the fine fabrics and furnishings that have become the hallmark of Blantyre.

Dining is a very special event at Blantyre. Everyday in the late afternoon, the Main House undergoes a lovely transformation as the hotel prepares for the delightful dining experience to come that evening. Linens are brought out; tables are set with sterling silver, fine china, crystal and fresh flowers. Beautiful music fills the air and candles are lit. Under the knowing eye of Chef Christopher Brooks, the kitchen is a hive of activity as the finest ingredients are used to create a memorable, outstanding dining experience. In fact, Mr. Brooks' cooking can best be described as: "Country house cookery - fresh, elegant, classic, simple and sublimely delicious.

It is easy to understand why Blantyre was the first hotel from North America to be admitted into the prestigious Relais & Châteaux organization. And it is doubly obvious why Mr. Brooks has been recognized as a Relais & Châteaux Grand Chef. His cuisine is regularly singled out by restaurant and travel guides as one of the most exceptional dining experiences in all of North America.

Indeed, Blantyre has become so well known as a splendid hotel that it has been awarded not only the honor of five (5) stars from Mobil Travel Guide but has been voted the Best small hotel in North America by Condé Nast Traveler in 2010.

Come to the hotel for a night or for an entire season and you will leave completely incredulous to the fact that you could have become so relaxed. Let Ann and her staff guide you through the wonders of modern day refinement and you will not be disappointed!

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