B&B: It's like visiting an old friend

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Innsider is a national magazine, but Gage's first issue had the Garfield Inn of Port Austin on the cover, and his June 1986 issue focused on Michigan. The Port Austin scene is a good example of B&B in Michigan.

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ON ONE SIDE OF Lake Street, the three-story Garfield Inn rises above a green lawn, its red clapboard and white trim leading to a turreted roof line. James Garfield, who later became president of the United States, made an impassioned plea for the presidential bid of Ulysess S. Grand from the balcony of this home in 1859.

When I wandered in to take a look, I found guests gathered around a mahogany bar while the owners, Gary and Gayle Regnier, set the tables for dinner and organized an inglattime activity in the lounge. Upstairs, four-poster beds graced the guest rooms, a room with bath cost \$55 including breakfast.

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this into three categories: Bed & breakfast lodgings, historic inns and historic hotels.

The historic hotels are at least 50 years old, and have more than 21 rooms; this list includes one of the three sesquientennial hotels that go back to 1837 or beyond; Boisford Inn, Farmington Hills. The other two are the Old Tavern Inn, Niles and National Inn, Marshall.

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IT ALSO NAMES places like the Dearborn Inn, St. Clair Inn, Stafford's Bay View Inn in Petoskey, the Mayflower in Plymouth, the Grand Hotel and live others on Mackinas Island, and the Terrace Inn, Bayview.

I'm looking forward to visiting the Terrace Inn, which has been bought and restored by Frank Shumway, who also owns the Birchwood Inn, Harbor Springs. Frank is a lawyer who got tired of the city. That's how many of the inns and B&B's are created.

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The state lists historic inns, eight
to 26 guest rooms, separately. That
includes the Garfield Inn and one of
my favorites, the Hotel Frankfort in
Frankfort.

This hotel and the Brookside Inn,
Beulah, both owned by Kirk Lorenz,
have large individualized rooms with
7-by-7-by-3-foot Polymesian spa tubs
and lots of other funky extras.
Lorenz incidentally is formerly of
Hymouth.

The term "historic inn" also includes several places I have heard
good things about: i.e. the Wickwood
fun in Saugatuck, the Last Resort in
South Haven, the Victorian Vills in

Union City and Inn at Union Pler in Union Pier.

MANY READERS have written to me about their B&B experiences. Janet VAnderpoorten of Dearborn highly recommends both the National Inn and the lesser-known McCarthy's Bear Creek inn in Marshall. All the lesser-known McCarthy's Bear Creek, we usually stay in the Library Room which has a bay window that overlooks the creek at Bear Creek." She also visited and hinks highly of the Winchester Inn. Mary Monroe of Livonia is especially fond of the Leelanau Country Inn in Maple City near Leiand, which is in the state's inn section and the Jolil Iton, on nearby Lake Leelanau. The Jolil has six rooms and two apartments in the main lodge, and two apartments in the main lodge, and two partments in the main lodge, and the lock of the lease and two partments in the main lodge, and the lock of the lease and two partments in the main lodge, and the lock of me about their BMB experiences, Janet VAnderpoorten of Dearborn highly recommends both the National Inn and the lesser-known McCarthy's Dear Creek Inn in Marshall.

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"Each cottage is furnished, clean, stocked with dishes and cooking utensils. All you bring are sheets and towels," she said.

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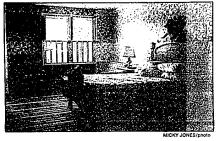
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The great thing about visiting an historic inn or B&B in 1987 is that you are riding a time capsule back to an earlier American lifestyle and you are taking your modern bed and other 20th century conveniences

national and includes the National House, Botsford Inn, Stafford's Bay View Inn and the Michillinda Beach Lodge in Whitehall.

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FOR A SUBSCRIPTION to the Innsider, or a \$3.25 copy of the June 1898 Michigan issue, write to them at \$21 Wanda, Ferndale 48220. Innsider publisher Gage reminds you of \$4.58 etiquette. You are in a private home. Don't put your dirty feet on the homemade quills. Pre-tend you are visiting a friend. You



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A typical B&B bedroom. This one is in Stafford's Bayview inn in

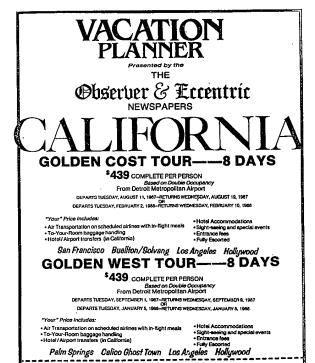
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A typical bed and breakfast in Northport.





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