



**By Pond Farm**

This farm is rich in Tewksbury history. The “old barn” was originally rectangular, with later additions, and dates to the early 1800s when it was used as a dairy barn.

The property changed hands several times until the current owners, Dan Ruhland and Larry Craig, purchased it in December 2007. Relocating from Manhattan, Dan and Larry were ready to embrace country living, but brought with them their urban style and sophistication. As a designer of homes and landscapes, Dan of Dan Ruhland Designs has combined his passion for nature with his love of design to create the gorgeous property you see today. Larry, a professional chef and owner of Laurence Craig Catering, is inspired by the bounty of the gardens at By Pond Farm for his seasonal cuisine.

Dan, who grew up on a large dairy farm in Wisconsin, was excited to return to the rearing of livestock again. The once empty barn is now home to their growing herd, which includes llamas, donkeys, sheep, goats, rabbits, turkeys, steers, cats, Akbash dogs, chickens and ducks. The chickens and ducks pro-



duce dozens of organic eggs each week. Many of the animals are raised for their fiber, which is used for spinning, knitting, and crocheting. Unique features throughout the 10 acres of land make a stroll through the property an ever-changing joy in all seasons. During renovation and clean-up, an antique lime kiln dating back to the 1800s was uncovered under many feet of brush. Perennial flower gardens along the pond, organic heirloom vegetable gardens featuring dozens of varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers started from seed, and wild grass pastures are just a few of the amazing sites you'll

now see at By Pond Farm. The farmhouse also underwent extensive renovations, the results of which have recently been featured in *House Beautiful* magazine. Dan and Larry's vision for By Pond Farm has heightened the natural beauty of the home and land, but never overshadow it.

**Opposite, the barn at By Pond Farm dates to the early 1800s. This page, top: The pond was originally created for fire control. Bottom, left to right: a view of one of the organic, heirloom vegetable gardens and garlic drying in the barn.**

