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BLOG: UTOPIA FOUND IN MEREDITH

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A combination of perfect weather, 80° - Bright sky - Lake breeze - combined with a spectacular 3 1/2 hour tour of Meredith's Mill Falls, a premier Lake Winnepesaukee resort area! = UTOPIA!

Some 20 of us led by our tour director Bob Strang, toured through many of the leading shops and eateries, and learned about the 34 year history and elegance of the magnificent 4 Inns: Church Landing, Inn at Mill Falls, Chase House, and Bay Point.

Perhaps the two highlights of this wonderful occasion were learning of the history and touring of Church Landing and Cascade Spa, also an extended, very detailed and informative discussion and demonstration at the Hermit Woods Winery, followed by a lengthy wine tasting demo at the long wine "bar".



Amazingly, Church Landing was formally a big Catholic Church. (I can attest to that having attended a meeting there a few years ago.) It now is made up of some 70 rooms of which 30 are guest rooms ranging from \$200 to lake side suites of \$600, per night, one of which we visited. We also entered the beautiful dining room which is right on the edge of the lake. I recently had breakfast here and it was outstanding along with the lake view beauty.



For wine lovers, we spent fully an hour learning about wine production with demonstrations and lectures in the wine production areas. Then following, tasting of several different wines occurred, with questions and more info. Hermit Woods Winery is run by 2 wine experts and they anticipate producing 5000 cases "in the next few years"!

While walking along the lake side Board walk we visited the Ekal (Lake spelled backwards!) Activity Center and learned of the paddleboard, canoe, kayak rentals as well as seeing the stunning 1931 restored Chris-Craft available for Lake rides.



Like pizza? Alongside a beautiful lake? Who doesn't? Giuseppe's Pizzeria served up luncheon pizza samples for us while overlooking the lake! And at some point, can't recall if before or after pizza, samples of Ben & Jerry's ice cream!

After touring so many other sites; book stores, gift shops, candy shops, more gift shops, all scheduled with perfect weather, the entire Mill Falls tour was incredible!

And would you believe...the original 1931 Chris Craft mahogany craft was originally owned by Chinese leader, Madame Chiang Kai-shek??



View all our photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/KOn76AsrIRLQ23bO2>

Here are a few links that provide more information

<https://www.millfalls.com/>

<http://www.giuseppesnh.com/>

<http://hermitwoods.com/>

<http://www.ekalactivitycenter.com/>

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