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Ozark bed and breakfast receives honors

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The Inn at Harbour Ridge in Osage Beach, Mo. was again named in Arrington Publishing's 2004 Book of Lists as "one of the Top 15 B&Bs in North America." The Inn at Harbour Ridge, located in central Missouri between Kansas City and St. Louis, received a certificate of excellence award as number five in the United States and Canada in the Best for Rest and Relaxation category. The award was received from David Arrington, publisher of Arrington's Bed & Breakfast Journal. Arrington's is a nationally acclaimed monthly publication, specific to the bed and breakfast industry. The annual awards program bestows acclaim to inns and B&Bs in many different categories that have shown excellence, based upon input and nominations from guests who travel to B&Bs.

Owner Sue Westenhaver said, "We all live in a hectic world where it's difficult to juggle schedules to make together time for you and your spouse. Ron and I have tried to create a casual and playful retreat where couples can have privacy and fun--often very close to home. A quiet cove to float on, peep frogs in the waterfall and pond, fireplaces and twosome tubbies are all things that make Harbour Ridge very peaceful and relaxing. We work closely with other local business who accept dinner reservations, come on site for massages, and deliver flowers at the last moment. We, as innkeepers, pay close attention to every detail so our guests truly can rest and relax during their 'special' getaway time. My motto has been 'happy hearts' since before we opened and that's the way our guests leave!"

Sue Westenhaver, a former Mendota resident and MHS graduate, moved to the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. with her family in 1978. Her parents, Kim and Joyce Pierce and her brother, Mike Pierce still live in Mendota. Westenhaver opened The Inn at Harbour Ridge with her husband, Ron in 2002.

Other awards won by The Inn at Harbour Ridge include Arrington's Book of Lists in 2003 in the Best Customer Service category, the Lake Sun Reader's Choice Awards as the Lake's #1 B&B the last two years in a row and BnBfinder.com has awarded them their "Property of Distinction" classification.

The Inn at Harbour Ridge, located on Red Barn Road in Osage Beach, was designed by John-Phillips Architects of Columbia and built by Summit Investments of Osage Beach. The Westenhavers are members of the Bed and Breakfast Inns of Missouri (BBIM), where Sue is a state director. They are also members of the Professional Association of Innkeepers International (PAII) and support the Lake Area Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau. For more information visit their website at www.harbourridgeinn.com.

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