

The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique at Chanin Acres



Welcome to The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique located on 'Chanin Acres' in the foothills of the Sullivan County Catskills. When my Grandparents Sam and Esther Chanin purchased this property back in the early forty's, it was part of a large county farm. This was a remote agricultural area that was known for its greenery and magnificently fresh air. Sullivan County was famous for it! Folks would travel almost 8 hours in those days from Brooklyn, just to enjoy our peaceful surroundings, plush green grass and

breath our fresh mountain air! Well, my Grandpa was an entrepreneur of sorts. A cabbie in the city, he would take the summers off to spend here with my Grandmother, my Mom and my Uncle Win. To earn money during those summers, Grandpa put up three bungalows for rent and the main house, a 1700's saltbox farmhouse, had accommodations on the second floor for guests. This kept my grandmother very busy as Inn Keeper

The joint was jumpin'! In fact, the entire neighborhood was. There must have been 8 bungalow colonies on Joyland Road alone and another 5 or so on Thompsonville, some so large they considered them small hotels. The area thrived on this summer business and my Grandfather did okay on our little piece of land here. They were always booked up and many times these same folks would come year after year. To earn a bit more cash, Grandpa had a candy stand on the corner where he sold the newspaper, soda, candy and sometimes he even had a little nip for the local handymen who would come by. It was a very special time here. When my Mother and Father got married, they built a small house on the upper part of the property forever known as 'up the hill'. My memories of this property where I grew up and where my Grandparents spent summers has always been home to me. My summer days started with a walk 'down the hill' to Grandma and Grandpa where Grandma had breakfast waiting, and then it was a painting project with Grandpa, some lawn mowing and then just some quality time spend sitting with my Grandfather, eating tomatoes from a bushel and sharing songs. . . it was heaven to me!

Once grown, I left my little heaven to pursue my singing career and although I did call some other places home for a while. My career blossomed and I found myself traveling around the globe. I certainly loved it but I couldn't wait to come back home to where Mom and my heart lived. During my travels, I always joked about someday having a boutique to share my wacky style and love for all things Ethnic and Worldly. . . who knew there was another dream brewing. Years have gone by and the family is now gone, but I still have this wonderful small piece of heaven that has always brought me such joy and peace. I am now blessed to share this with my amazing husband Jonathan who gave me the 'Sunshine', and who loves it as much as I do. Together we built our Shangri-La here, salvaging every bit and piece of its history possible! Look around and you will see the wood beams that were salvaged from my Grandparents farmhouse, tables and chairs, that we sat in as children and hopefully you will feel all the warm and positive vibrations that surround this heaven on earth now known as The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique. We hope to take you for a trip around the world and then right back here to Chanin Acres!

Namaste,

Your Hosts. . . . Patti and Jonathan and Tree Sunshine

