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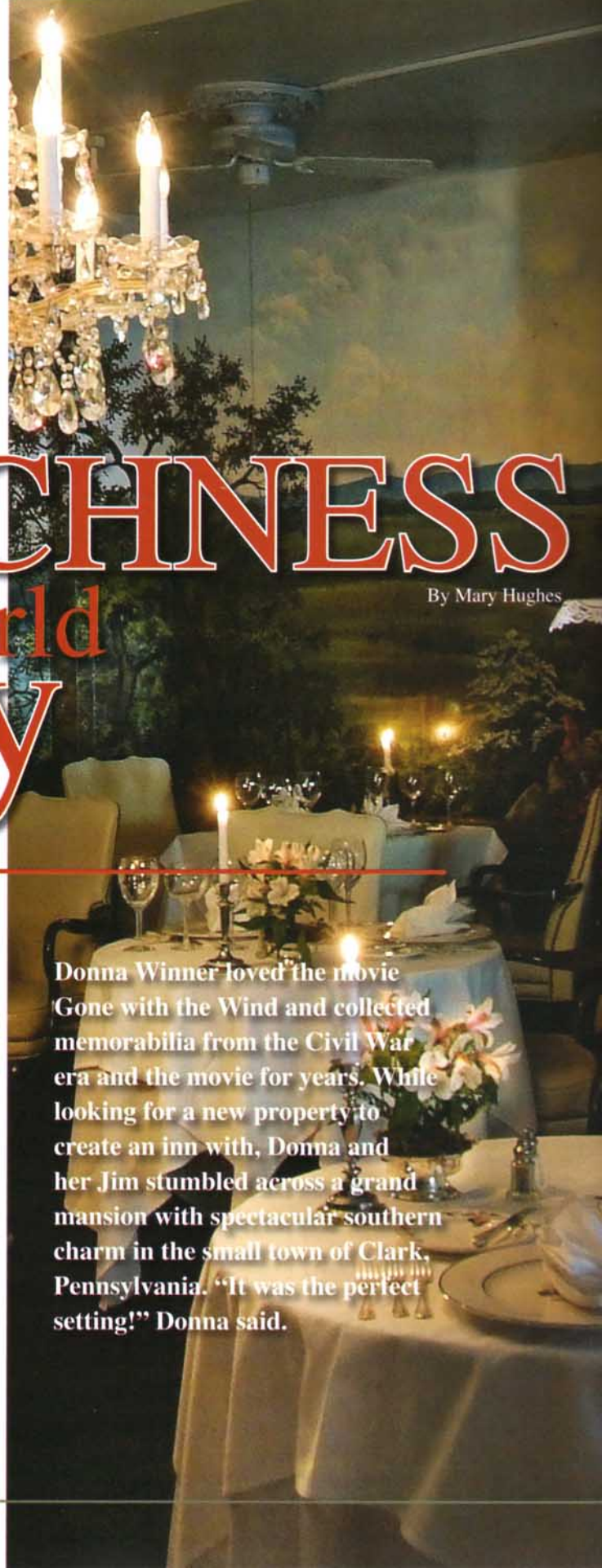
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THE RICHNESS of Old World Luxury

By Mary Hughes

The Grand Luxury of a Hollywood Epic - Tara - A Country Inn &
The Romantic Luxury of a Romanesque Castle - Buhl Mansion

The Inn was once a red brick federal-style farmhouse that was transformed by whitewashing the exterior and adding Ionic columns and porches to give the home a southern Georgian plantation charm. After years of standing vacant, Jim and Donna fell in love with their future "Tara" and purchased the building in 1984.

After two years of loving restoration by a very dedicated handful of staff, Tara was opened to the public in June 1986.

Two eventual additions to the original structure has led Tara to evolve into a large estate with 27 beautiful guestrooms. The nation has taken notice; Tara has been critically acclaimed for its grandeur and presence.

In addition to their banquet facilities, perfect for any celebration, the inn has an array of restaurants to dine at and modern facilities to please every traveler. Ashley's Gourmet Dining Room, Stonewall's Tavern, the Old South Armory Restaurant, indoor and outdoor pools, public tours and elegant gardens have made Tara a household word in the tri-state area surrounding Mercer County. Let's not forget the innkeepers' passion for all things Civil War. The avid historians of the epic film have scoured the country for movie memorabilia and Civil War antiques. The finds are all on display in the inn, including the bed jacket worn by actress Vivien Leigh in the film's honeymoon scene.

Donna Winner loved the movie *Gone with the Wind* and collected memorabilia from the Civil War era and the movie for years. While looking for a new property to create an inn with, Donna and her Jim stumbled across a grand mansion with spectacular southern charm in the small town of Clark, Pennsylvania. "It was the perfect setting!" Donna said.



Not far away, Buhl Mansion is like a Romanesque Castle. The mansion took six years to build and was completed in 1896, for Julia, the bride of Frank H. Buhl, a successful steel magnate. Years later, after the deaths of Frank and Julia, the property fell into numerous different hands and was unfortunately stripped of many of its spectacular architectural features including all the staircases, chandeliers, many door and window casings and all but four fireplace mantles.

Thankfully, just a few years ago, Jim and Donna Winner purchased the Buhl Mansion at a public auction and saved it from destruction. The Winners have lovingly returned the castle to its original grandeur, and now it awaits brides, grooms and those of us who are in need of a little romance. Romance mixed with luxury is what sets the Inn apart from the rest.

Today Buhl Mansion offers ten luxury suites, formal dining and living rooms for private events, and a breakfast sunroom that surpasses even royal expectations.

Upon arrival you will ascend the Grand Oak staircase to one of the elaborate guest rooms found on the second and third floors.

The Buhl Mansion staff is at your beck and call to treat you like royalty 24 hours a day! Outside, the grounds are breathtaking with acres of lavish gardens, which offer a perfect backdrop for wedding ceremonies. The gardens, the parlor and carriage house are all available for all occasions. Buhl Mansion can accommodate groups from 12 to 120 guests. General Manager Laura Ackley explained that the 'Castle for a Day Package' lets you rent the entire property, which includes the castle, gardens and carriage house. This package is perfect for a castle wedding, corporate event or even for the ultimate birthday party!

For even more extravagance there is an on-site spa with superb pampering packages available. Choose from massage, facial treatments and an array of body treatments including Hydrotherapy. The Spa Romance Package is the most requested and offers treatments for two, including couples' massages, facials, manicures, lunch and a bottle of champagne. It doesn't get any better!

Guests of Buhl Mansion can choose to dine by candlelight in Ashley's Gourmet Restaurant or casually at Stonewall's Tavern both located at the Inn's sister property, Tara – A Country Inn, located just ten minutes away. The Buhl Mansion includes limousine shuttles for those wishing to enjoy an incredible meal at either of Tara's award winning restaurants.

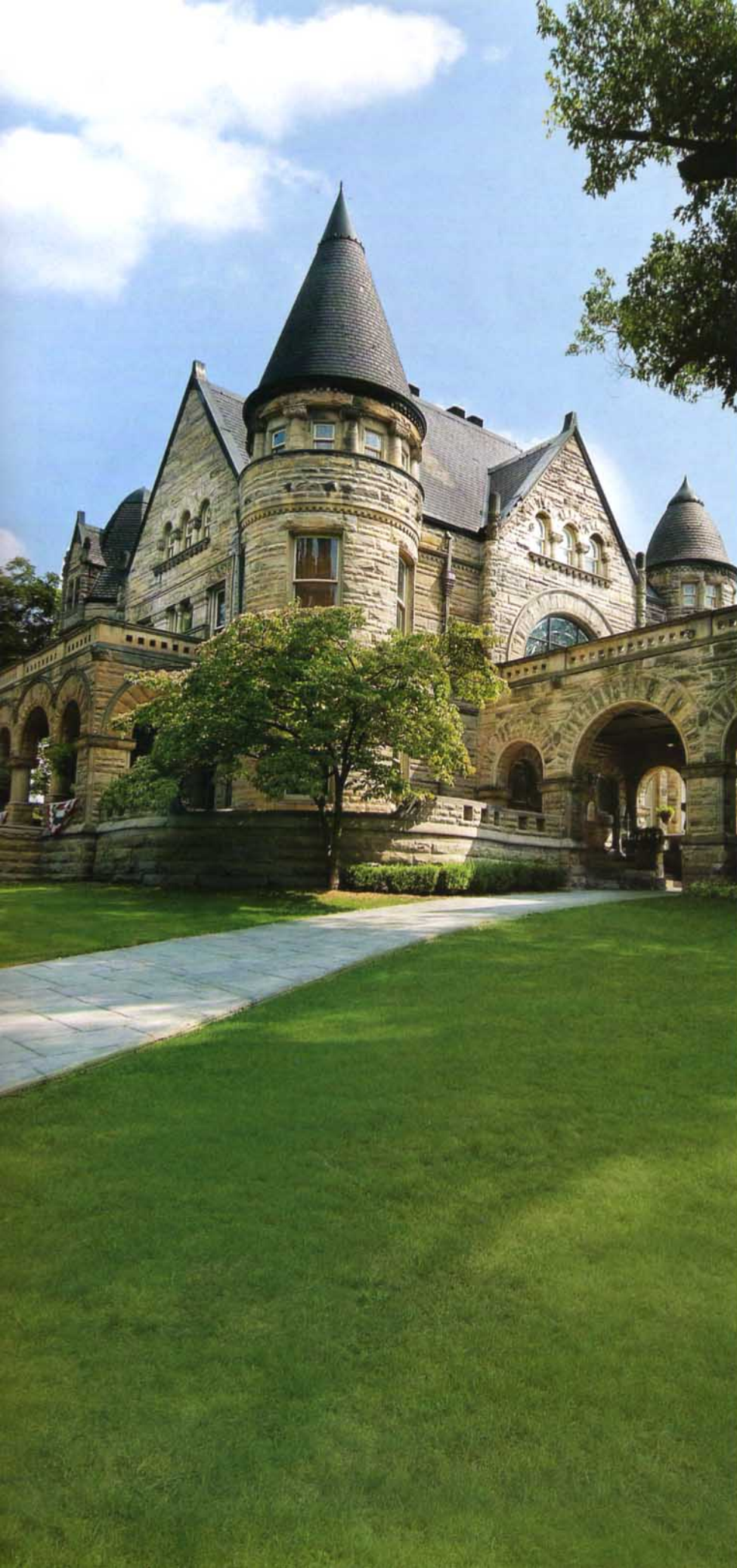
What a co-incidence that Tara had a similar history to that of the Buhl Mansion. Originally Tara was the private home of Senator Charles Koonce who made his fortune in coal and real estate. After being acquired by different owners the Winner's saved this glorious building which had also been in a state of disrepair.

As a guest at either inn, you can walk through the hallways and look at all the other lavish guestrooms. If a room is not occupied the door is left open, with a rope across the entrance, so guests can see some of the other elegant rooms. During warmer weather you can walk the beautiful gardens that overlook Shenango Lake or take a dip in the heated pool. Complimentary bicycles are also available for all the guests. Indoors, partake in exquisite afternoon tea, where a hostess in a Gone with the Wind-style gown serves you.



It is not surprising to learn Jim and Donna Winner won the 2007 Innkeepers of the Year award from the Pennsylvania Tourism & Lodging Association. They ensure you are treated like a guest in either of their homes with all the amenities to make your stay a luxurious one. Both inns are also members of Select Registry, Distinguished Inns of North America (www.selectregistry.com.) Both properties are perfect for a much-needed getaway.





Castle Escape Romance Package

Buhl Mansion Guesthouse & Spa

Includes a luxurious guest room, welcome tray of fruit and champagne, afternoon tea, limousine bus service to Tara, full breakfast and in-house treats.

Plus two massages, two facials, two manicures, lunch for two and a bottle of champagne. Available for \$750-\$850 depending on the room. (Packages without spa start at \$350).

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Gone With The Wind Getaway Package

Tara – A Country Inn

Stay in one of the exquisite guest room and receive a welcome tray of fruit and champagne, afternoon tea, hospitality hour with the other guests, dinner at Ashley's or Stonewall's, continental breakfast, a tour of Tara and in house treats including pool sauna and massage. Priced at \$295-\$425 depending on the room and season.

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