

Welcome to the House of Fun

From yoga on the front porch to raw chocolate workshops among friends, this 8,000 square foot mansion is the grand estate you always wished your family had.

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If you were to dream of the perfect weekend away, it would probably include a beautiful home filled with period furniture, acres of enchanted forest... and a live-in chocolatier, right?

Tucked away in the wooded hills of Delaware County there lies such a place. Formerly known by such grandiose names as the Fleischmann Park House, the Lederer House, and now simply going by "Spillian," this 8,000 square foot shingle/stick-style mansion has always been something of a gathering spot.

It was built in 1881 for the Fleischmann family (the yeast pioneers after whom the town was named), who gaily entertained the glitterati of the day at this glorious summer "cottage," and ultimately attracted other wealthy New York City families to the area to build their own palaces.

This house was originally part of the Fleischmanns' private family estate, with an ornate gated entrance leading to multiple grand homes dotted on the hillside, plus a deer park, tennis court, ornamental gardens dubbed "the finest in all the Catskills," and a riding arena complete with chandeliers.

Recent eclectic get-togethers have included a Great Gatsby garden party, a parkour weekend, a cheese-making class, and a dreams workshop.



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