



*Studio 6*  
Gilbertsville, NY

Old money built Gilbertsville and no money is escorting it into genteel decay. The entire town of Gilbertsville was designated as a historic landmark during the late 1960s to prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from flooding the Butternut Valley. Today Gilbertsville is one of only two towns in the country to hold that distinction.

Located just across the street from the Major's Inn is the historic Gilbert Block. Built in 1895, the Tudor structure is owned and curated by the Village Improvement Society. The Gilbert Block also houses the Gilbert Quilt Shop and the Value-Way Country Grocery at the street level and a variety of artists upstairs.

Here you'll find *Studio 6* - a loft space vaguely reminiscent of the stage set of *La Boheme*. The door that leads upstairs is located between the Value-Way Country Grocery's storefronts. If the door should be locked, someone has followed directions. Plan A. Pound on the door til someone upstairs hears you. Plan B. Ask John, the nice man with the white beard in the grocery store, for the key. At the top of the stairs, turn right and see three doors. *Studio 6* is the door on your left with the magic wand sticking out of the message basket. Tap three times and make a wish.

*Location, Location, Location ~  
How to Get From There to Here*

**From I-88** (east or west): Take Exit 9 - the Sidney exit - and head north up Route 8 to Mt. Upton. (Coming from Oneonta, that's a right onto Route 8. Coming from Afton, it's a left.) At the blinking light in Mt. Upton, make a right and drive five miles into Gilbertsville which is a fairly small town. When you see the stone lions of the Major's Inn, make a right onto Commercial Street and park.

**From Route 23:**

If you're coming from Oneonta on Route 23, take a roller coaster ride on 23 through Oneonta and into Morris. At the light in Morris, Route 23 turns left and briefly joins Route 51. Follow 23/51 until the outskirts of Morris where 23 bears right towards Norwich. At that point, simply continue winding your way on Route 51 and into Gilbertsville (about 8 miles). In Gilbertsville,

on your left see the Butternut Valley Hardware, the fire station and a small stone bridge. Just after the bridge, you'll see Commercial Street. Make a left and park.

If you're coming from Norwich on Route 23, take 23 to where it intersects Route 8 in South New Berlin (about 12 miles from Norwich). Make a right onto Route 8 and head south about 12 miles or so to the blinking light in Mt Upton. At blinking light, make a left onto Route 51 and follow into Gilbertsville (about 5 miles). When you see the Major's Inn on the right - major architecture with stone lions flanking front entrance - make a right onto Commercial Street and park.

#### Accommodations:

Directly across the street is the Quilt Bed & Breakfast, a small guest apartment located above the Village Print Shop.

#### The Restaurants:

*Value Way Village Grocery* - The locals gather here for morning coffee. Breakfast, lunch, snacks as well as corkscrews and red embroidery floss are available.

*The Mint* - in nearby Mt Upton - A converted farmhouse built in the 1800s, *The Mint* was formerly the town's Dairy Queen & greasy spoon where farmers gathered for morning coffee. Today, *The Mint* is a living testament to what creativity and hard work can do. This place has so much charm your underwear will fall down. The prices are extremely moderate. *BYOB*.

#### Gilbert Block Quilt Shop

Everything for your quilting needs as well as hand crafted gift items by local artisans.

#### Entertainment:

Two bicycles are available.