Lewis Family Foundation / Alnoba: The power of place can be strong, especially for Alan Lewis, whose family connection with Kensington, NH goes back to the 1700s. While Alan and his wife Harriet's business is based in Boston, Kensington is very much a place they call home. Over the last 20 years the Lewis's have brought a number of exciting elements to Kensington- Pinnacle, a leadership training center; the Farm at Eastman's Corner, a vibrant place for the community to gather and purchase local foods; and in 2016 an exciting new venue called Alnoba, that will offer programming to like-minded companies and community organizations for trainings, meetings and special events.

The Lewis' recognized that one of the key ingredients for a thriving business and community is a strong leader. Through the family development of the Lewis Family Foundation (LFF), they continue the family tradition of caring for their community and the land with initiatives supporting conservation, strong communities and leadership development. With a desire to continue their work in the leadership field they formed Pinnacle Leadership Center, based in Kensington, whose programs helped their company develop leaders, build strong teams and celebrate successes. Seeing the positive impact the training had on
their own company, they integrated it into their philanthropy and have extended its use to their nonprofit partners.

At the crossroads of Routes 107 & 150 you will find the Farm at Eastman's Corner, once a stop along the stagecoach route and today a vibrant place for local farmers, food producers and craftspeople to sell their goods and gather as a community. The farm was built with the focus on year round partnerships with local farms, while they do also grow a number of their own crops. With fresh produce and baked goods, educational programs, and festivals throughout the year there is something for everyone.

In 2016 the Lewis family will be celebrating the opening of a new venue called Alnoba, which is a word from the Abenaki people, a Native American tribe who were the original inhabitants of Kensington. Its translation is “becoming human.” Alnoba will be a unique environment for education, sharing, transformation, and celebration set on 400 acres of woods, fields and ponds where people can step out of their hectic lives and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of this place. If you are familiar with boats, then you can imagine tying your boat up at the dock and stepping onto the shore of an island where you feel like you could be a million miles away even if it’s only 5. Alnoba will offer programming to like-minded companies and community organizations for trainings, meetings and special events.

Alnoba will offer a 2400 sq. ft. meeting room, indoor and outdoor meeting rooms, a dining room serving farm to table meals, media room and yoga studio, as well as a ropes course, an adventure aerial park, cabins for overnight accommodations as well as miles of trails, paths and art to inspire. It is the Lewis' hope that Alnoba will be a model for conservation and sustainability. This place is very special to the Lewis family and they hope that companies who share similar values will come and enjoy it with them.

If you haven't been to Kensington it is definitely worth the trip. The Farm at Eastman's Corner is open to the public year-round. Pinnacle and Alnoba are open by appointment only. You find more information about Alnoba on their website.