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PAM'S AND ERIK'S WEEKEND CELEBRATION

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"Southern Comfort in New England" was the theme for Pam Carton's and Erik Hysinger's Cape Cod wedding weekend. Pam is from the Northeast, and Erik is from the South (the two met in college at Vanderbilt University in Nashville). "The wedding was about understated elegance and comfort; it truly reflected a melding of our unique backgrounds," shares Pam. Having spent weekends and most summers at her family's weekend homestead in Sandwich, Pam couldn't imagine a more perfect or intimate setting for their dream wedding.

"The grounds were amazing and provided us with separate and distinct areas to stage the ceremony, cocktail hour, and tented reception," explains event planner and owner of Elegant Engagements, Allison Liset. A lemonade and sweet tea stand greeted guests as they arrived at the evening ceremony. The couple exchanged vows under a grapevine trellis at the water's edge, overlooking the 14-acre pond at the back of the property. The bride was stunning in an ivory lace Monique Lhuillier gown, carrying an all-white bouquet of roses, gardenia, stephanotis, lisianthus, and sweet pea.

Cocktails were served in the orchard by the side of the house with everyone treated to a New England raw bar and the couple's signature drink, a blood orange martini (a labor of love for Pam's mother, who worked with the caterer to create the perfect recipe and presentation). In keeping with the North/South theme, the menu included an eclectic

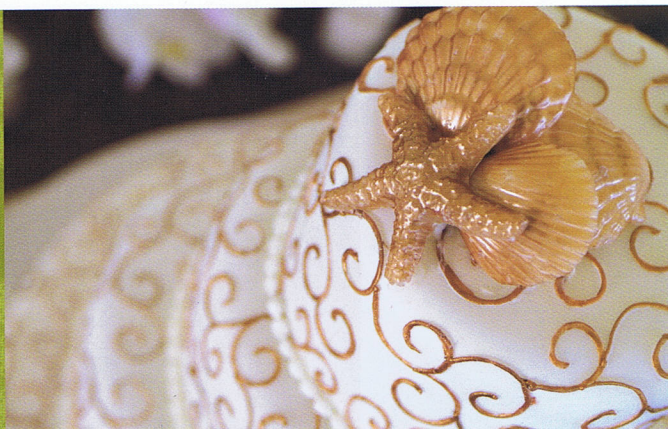
mix of comfort foods, including clam chowder, Boston baked beans, brisket, coconut shrimp, and mashed potatoes. "The natural beauty of the landscape didn't need much embellishment, so we used it as inspiration for the décor," notes Liset. Place cards were hung from urns of curly willow branches, and floral designer Karen Taddei of Lilacs created a rustic path lined with coach lamps, hung from wrought iron hooks, leading guests from the orchard to the tented reception area in the front yard.

Dramatic tall centerpieces of white orchids with curly willow and low clustered vases of white dahlias, white tulips, and green orchids decorated the tables, surrounded by glowing candlelight. Liset adds "We made a point of keeping the tent completely closed off to guests until the reception—the impact of the décor was breathtaking when guests entered." Paper lanterns in neutral shades of chocolate brown, tea, white, and ivory graced the tent ceiling as an elegant complement to the chocolate pin-tucked silk table linens. Two cakes were served: the first was an elegant ivory, four-tiered cake with copper scrollwork and shells, and the second was a groom's cake, a cake replica of the Vanderbilt University logo crafted by Delicious Desserts. Remembering the day, the couple shares, "We never would have expected to experience anything as powerful, as moving, or as fun as our wedding turned out to be. It would be incredible to be able to relive any part of it."



PAMELA CARTON
to
ERIK HYSINGER

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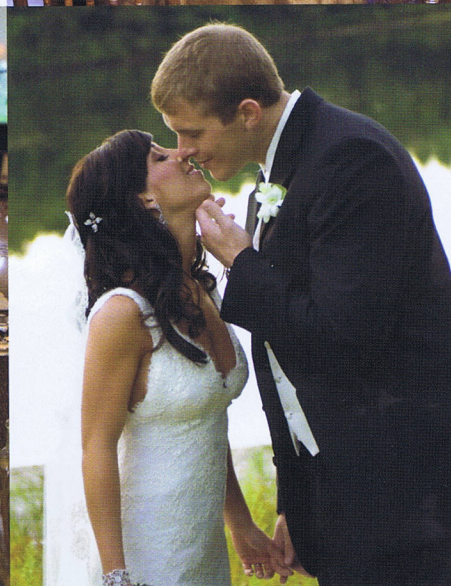


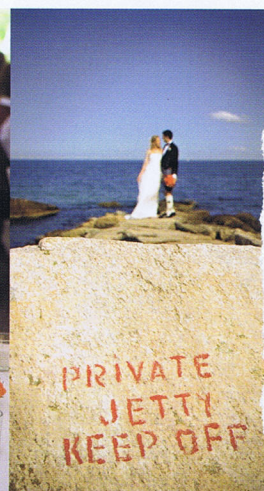
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putting it all together

Making it work is what event planner Allison Liset, owner of Elegant Engagements, is all about. So when her client explained that she wanted a bright contemporary color palette that would work with the groom's Scottish plaid kilt, Liset was up for the challenge. "It was a vibrant color scheme to say the least... and there were gentlemen dressed in kilts of all colors and patterns. A colorful lot in every sense." Liset explains that balance is important to achieve a refined look. "We draped the tables in luxurious pure white satin to counter all of the bright color that was repeated in every element of the wedding. Initially I was a little skeptical, but it worked fabulously!"



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