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Letter from the Editor

As I was building the Summer Bridal edition of Vintage New York City, I wanted to bring together every aspect of a bride's special day -- bridal gowns, jewelry, bridesmaid dresses, venues hair, makeup and more!

You will get a behind the scenes look inside one adorable couple's extravagant engagement party, and how they bring vintage décor and fun into their very modern lives.

Also, one of my favorite photo shoots, that you see throughout the issue, was done at The Sands Point Preserve. It is a must-see venue!

People who love vintage clothing and fashion always inspire me, and you will "meet" a lot of them throughout.

Amelia Meloni

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Fashion Collection

Manhattan-raised designer Michael Hakimi wields his creative talent as the designer and director of the stylish, new eveningwear collection, Mikael Aghal. In January 2008, Michael and his business partner, Albert Aghal launched Mikael Aghal in the United States.

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Three years ago, Michael conceptualized introducing a new eveningwear line that surpassed in style and fit at an unmatched price point. Michael and Albert traveled the globe to learn how to source the finest fabrics possible and cultivated a diverse sense of style.

With a mother who ran a couture dress business, Michael has long been surrounded by elements of fashion and design. "My mother taught me everything I know about dress-making and design. She is always challenging me and asking me to think about my designs in a new, fresh way," Michael said.

Richard Salgado



“Big Daddy”

*By Alexandra Anastasio
Photographs by Shelly Weresnick*

Triumph over a near fatal tragedy led Richard ‘Big Daddy’ Salgado to re-evaluate his life and start making a difference in the lives of others.

In September of 2008, Salgado suffered a brain aneurysm and credits Dr. David Chalif and Dr. Avi Setton, the amazing surgeons at North Shore LIJ’s Brain Aneurysm Center at Cushing Neuroscience Institute in Manhasset, N.Y. for saving his life. He knows it is because of these men, and the amazing care he received that he is alive.

Once recovered, Dr. Chalif and Dr. Setton approached Salgado in regards to helping them in their quest to build a new brain aneurysm center. He was immediately interested in supporting the project.

Salgado knew he wanted to help others who were facing the same situation, as well as the doctors who made sure he survived. Once he came up with the idea for a golf tournament, the first ever Big Daddy Celebrity Golf Classic was born. In just a short period of time, Salgado was able to reach out to friends, family, clients and associates to join him and support a good cause. They raised \$80,000 despite the short time frame in which they had to put the event together. “I was pretty impressed, but I knew we could do even more,” said Salgado.

The 2nd Annual Big Daddy Celebrity Golf Classic was held in June at the exquisite Oheka Castle in Long Island, N.Y. and was a huge success. The event honored two men distinguished in their fields, former New York Giant Scott Rechler, Chairman and CEO of RXT Realty, LLC; and co-host of the widely popular “Live! With Michael and Kelly,” Michael Strahan. With more than 40 celebrities in attendance, the star-studded event featured sponsorship from Nike, Thuzio.com, Umberto’s Pizzeria of New Hyde Park, and Avion Tequila, just to name a few. “Everyone wanted to be a part of the event,” said Salgado. “We had over 200 media requests and tickets sold out fast.”

The tourney kicked off in the afternoon, with a total of 26 foursomes, each with one celebrity guest. Later that evening, Salgado and his team hosted a lavish gala where guests dined on food catered by Oheka Castle, local businesses and the finest liquors. “No one left hungry or thirsty,” said





Salgado. The night featured dancing, a live and silent auction, featuring actor/singer Robert Davi.

While the Brain Aneurysm Center was the evening's main beneficiary, this year featured a second charity, The Long Island Children's Museum. Awarded the National Medal which was presented by the federal government's Institute of Museum and Library services at a White House ceremony, the museum is known for their programs benefiting and improving the lives of children on Long Island. Having been involved with some fundraising for the museum before, Salgado thought it made sense to build his foundation and help out in a lot of different ways. "For me, everything is about children, and while I don't have any of my own, I want to share my good fortune with them," said Salgado.

A lifelong resident of Long Island, Salgado grew up in New Hyde Park which explains his strong ties to the community and the desire to give back. A graduate of New Hyde Park Memorial High School, this former offensive lineman earned a football scholarship to play for the University of Maryland where he earned the moniker "Big Daddy" from a former teammate and the name stayed with him ever since.

Growing up around athletes, it was only natural that Salgado would continue working with them in his career following sports. After his college graduation,





he worked with legendary sports agents Ralph Cindrich and Tom Reich.

In 2000, after deciding it was time to strike out on his own, Salgado started his company, Coastal Advisors, LLC. Dubbed as “An Insurance Man to the Stars” by the Wall Street Journal, he’s one of the sports world’s most present as well as trusted figures among professional athletes and sports media.

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To learn more about services provided by Coastal Advisors LLC, visit www.coastaladvisorsllc.com. You can find 'Big Daddy' on Facebook @ RichardMSalgado(Big Daddy) and follow him on Twitter at @coastaladvisors.

To see more photos and highlights from the 2nd Annual Big Daddy Celebrity Golf Classic, visit www.bigdaddygolfclassic.com.



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Whether her responsibilities take her on location to a wedding, motion picture set, television studio, video session or photographic catalogue shoot, Victoria displays her mastery for creating just the right look.

Victoria resides on Long Island in New York. She has more than 5 years experience working with many different photographers, singers, actors and brides of all ethnicities.

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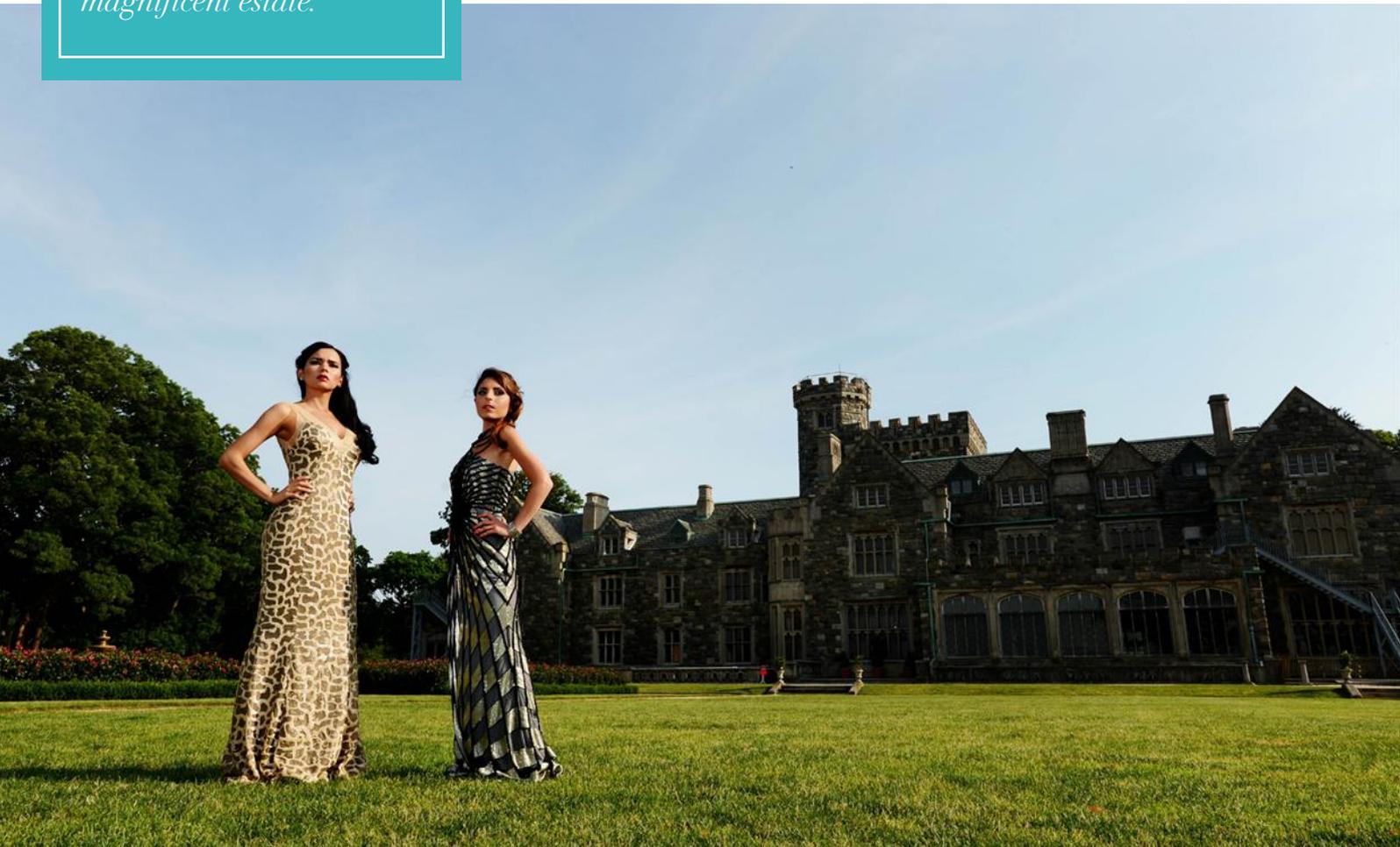
Film and television companies frequently select locations in the mansions or on the grounds; private and corporate events, including weddings, themed events, conferences, holiday parties, and fundraisers, can be held in picture-perfect settings from ultimate Gatsby-era grandeur to the most intimate and elegant of spaces.

Bee-Whispering at The Preserve's Apiary

The Bee-Whispering program will be held this summer at the Preserve's bee apiary to ensure a healthy population of these beneficial insects and the production of local honey.

Seasonal Family Programs

Families celebrate the four seasons at special events that include the Fall Village Day Festival (Sept. 29) and Holiday Tales at the Hearth (Dec. 8) and choral concerts in winter. Family yoga classes take place each season Nov. 10 are the next dates for 2013.





Fitness Activities

In addition to Family yoga classes, weekly Friday morning yoga is offered for all ages and levels in the rose garden, overlooking the Long Island Sound or inside Hempstead House’s summer living room. Twice a month, these classes are followed by a guided power walk through wooded trails and along the beach.

Performing Arts at the Preserve

Friends of the Sands Point Preserve presented year-round cultural programs that include opera, jazz & cabaret, and choral concerts. The next cabaret evenings are the “Not Quite Christmas Cabaret” on December 7, 2013 and the “Valentine’s Night Cabaret” on February 14, 2014. A special performance of the adored children’s opera “Amahl & The Night Visitors” will take place on December 1, 2013.

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Classic Pearls For The Modern Bride

By Christine Capdeville

Photography by Veronica L. Yankowski

When nature offers something so luxurious, why look any further? Pearls are a gift of the ocean, the magical product of living sea creatures, who build them from tiny grains of sand. Their delicate nature might be one of the reasons these jewels have been idolized for centuries. Poets, writers, musicians, fashion designers and religious books, all refer to the pearl as the most beautiful gem.

“Pearls worn by a bride on her special day can be worn for the rest of her life in many different ways, as they are versatile, classic and can be dressed up or down. Most importantly, they will bring back memories of matrimony for the rest of her life,” says Mina Deutsch, founder and designer of Mina D Jewelry.

Pearls became omnipresent with the lavish fashion style of the 1920s Jazz age. During the era of *The Great Gatsby*, impressively illustrated in Baz Luhrmann’s movie adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic, women generously displayed multiple strands of pearl necklaces. Many different sizes and lengths were paired with sumptuous bracelets, earrings and headpieces.

Some of the most elegant women in recent history have swooned over these tiny gems. World-renowned fashion designer Coco Chanel distinguished herself by wearing her signature pearl necklaces affirming that “a woman needs ropes and ropes of pearls.” Later in the 1950s, former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis, a woman well known for her elegance and classic beauty, said she believed that, “pearls were always appropriate.”

Even today, pearls are still appropriate.

These classic gems transcend time, age, style and fashion because they are always simple, and elegant. Celebrities, actresses and public figures of all generations from Rihanna to Carry Mulligan and Sarah Jessica Parker are seen wearing pearl jewelry. The epitome of elegance and beauty, pearls are simply timeless: young and old, classic and modern, all at the same time.

The magic of pearls is that they infuse elegance, grace, beauty and sophistication into your look with just one single strand. On the most beautiful day of your life, you want to exude beauty, elegance and purity. Pearls naturally do just that, and that is why they are a bride’s best friend.

The wrong piece of jewelry could ruin a nuptial photograph, taking away from the dress, clashing or overwhelming your overall ensemble. Whether you choose classic cream or white Akoya cultured pearls -- or even fresh water pearls -- you can rest assured that you will look gorgeous.

If you just need “something blue,” lucky you! Freshwater pearls come in hues of grey, green, purple and blue.

“There is nothing as elegant and versatile as a pearl necklace. A beautiful necklace can brighten up the face and make you feel good from the outside in,” said Mina D. “Pearls are classic and timeless, yet they are ageless and ‘season-less.’ This is why I use them in my jewelry perfectly marrying tradition with style and modernity.”





Designer Affair

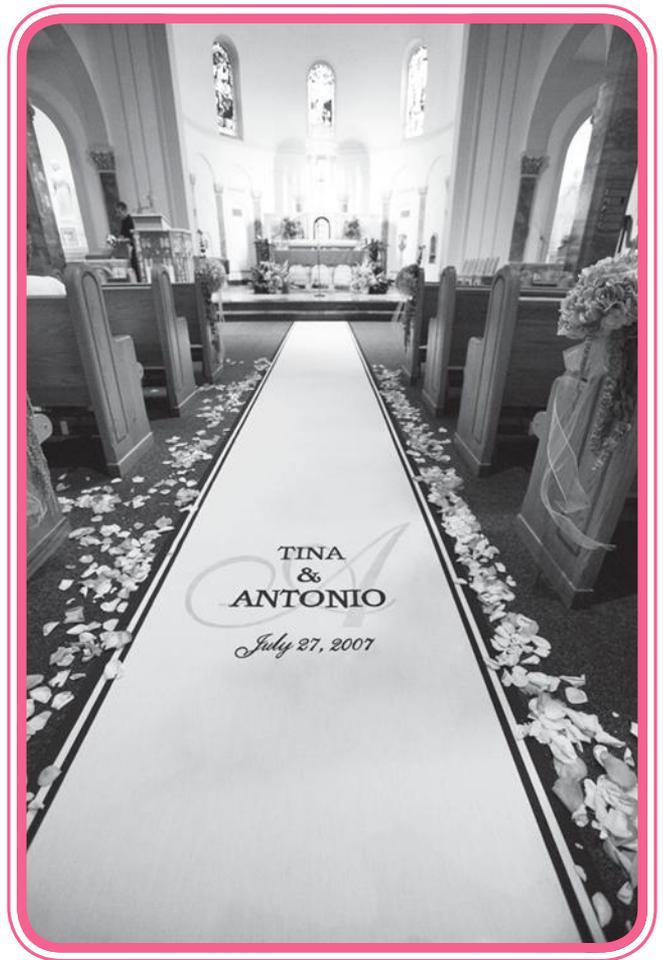
Designer Affair takes a fresh, and timeless approach to sophisticated event planning. Owner and founder, Dina Manzo, describes the aesthetic of her event planning as, “more than just pretty.”

Unique and thoughtful touches help to create an event that truly honors the occasion and “touches guests in a way they never thought would be possible.” Designer Affair combines elegant traditional details with surprising modern touches to create an event unlike any other. Tailored specifically to each client, no occasion is too small or too grand.

Dina Manzo started her creative journey as an interior designer. “Clients would end up asking me to plan their housewarming parties. I enjoyed the process of making events special.” Manzo’s passion became even more solidified when in 2005, she planned her entire wedding with a guest count of more than 700 -- in just one months time!

Just shortly after her wedding, she started her business and has been enjoying the challenges of creating memorable events for her clients ever since.

For her, event planning is more than an occupation, it is a passion. “What I enjoy the most is showing people how to put meaning back into their events. It’s most rewarding to get to the soul of the people throwing the event.” She looks forward to the new challenges every event brings and finding those special elements that make an event truly one to remember.



Designer Affair

3 Ways to Incorporate Vintage Pieces into Your Special Day

Heirlooms

Incorporate family heirlooms into the wedding -- especially pictures of relatives who have passed. Every piece should be meaningful and should be displayed in a way that makes them special.

- Head table - use grandmother's china closet
- Use personal brooches in hair instead of pinned to clothing
- Use a handkerchief that means something to the families

Make a Big Impression

First impressions are important. If you are on a budget, do a large grand entrance piece with flowers, and then have smaller pieces on tables that incorporate the same colors.

- Use tiny vases or cubes with the same colorful floating flowers (all daisies, or all lazy susans, etc.)
- Carry one or two colors throughout the room to match the flowers.

Mix it Up

Not all centerpieces have to be the same; a great way to incorporate a vintage feel is to collect containers that are interesting, and they can all be different. Make sure to match the color scheme.

- Leading up to your event, search yard sales or estate sales to find inexpensive and unique pieces
- You can spice it up for kids or adults by selecting a specific flower type and colors.
- Keep the cohesive elements and mix up the rest.



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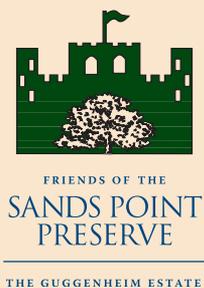


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Feeling glamorous has to start with a positive attitude and self-acceptance, the rest are just accessories that helps to enhance ourselves. All these steps will help to bring out the natural inner beauty and will give you more confidence to select the right dress, shoes and accessories. The woman needs to be in control of herself and know what is right and wrong for her to wear, knowing the right shapes, colors even behavior is part of the main picture of being glamorous. Remember that pulling off the right look is all about attitude and confidence. It's all about feeling pretty and having fun dressing up.

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Christie Lauren

Her Story

By Alexandra Anastasio



Sparkly, glittery, and all things bridal are what many young girls dream about for their wedding -- just like Christie Lauren Leli -- owner of Christie Lauren in Manhasset, N.Y.

From the dress to the jewelry and everything in between, preparing for the big day can be a bit overwhelming. With help from the right people, it doesn't have to be.

Christie Lauren helps brides with veil, shoes, and jewelry, to ensure every bride looks her best on the big day.

Designing straight out of high school, Christie has been creating headpieces, veils, and jewelry for nine years. She sells not only the collections she creates, but designs one-of-a-kind custom pieces as well. Her collection can be found in Kleinfeld's, a New York City landmark that has been assisting future wives for more than 60 years.

Her line is very versatile; you don't have to be planning a wedding to wear one of Christie's pieces.

When someone looking for a beautiful and unique piece visits the store, Christie works with them to find out exactly what they envision.

"I try and get every event and personality detail so I can create exactly what they're looking for," says Christie.

Her inspiration comes from everything around her, starting with her mother, Denise. As a young girl Christie's mom began designing headpieces and veils which led to her desire to do the same. Mother and daughter collaboration is expected for special occasions, like Christie's recent engagement party in June. Together with Denise, and her fiancé, Salvatore Bacarella, they created an enchanting evening to celebrate their big news.

Dating for the past three years, Christie and Salvatore's engagement is a romantic story set in Paris. In December, unbeknownst to Christie, Salvatore planned a surprise trip. He told her they were going away for a few days, and to pack the way she'd dress if she was home in New York. "On the way to the airport he told me where we were going, but I just couldn't believe it." Completely surprised, Christie still had no idea there was more.

On their second day in Paris, Christie and Sal headed to the Eiffel tower for what she believed was a day of sightseeing. It wasn't until he was on bended knee, that she knew her life was about to change. "I was completely shocked," said Christie. "I had absolutely no idea he was going to propose." To top off the magical day the couple celebrated at a beautiful French restaurant and after dinner enjoyed a night of ballet at the Paris Opera House.

What made his proposal so special is that it was all caught on camera for the couple to remember and share with family and friends -- which was totally unplanned. They even decided to take their engagement photos while in Paris, amidst the beautiful sights and scenery.

Fast forward a few months and the happy couple celebrated with a beautiful party at Vivaldi's, a new Italian restaurant in Bayside, Queens.

Armed with a vision, and a creative mind, Christie planned a beautiful and magical

evening for those closest to them. Knowing she wanted to start the night with an outdoor cocktail hour and Caribbean feel, Christie shared her ideas for how she wanted things to look with her fiancé and he brought them to life. Sal is president and CEO of Garden Works, a company that specializes in landscape architecture, construction, management and irrigation, located in Astoria. He brought in palm trees and planters filled with flowers to turn the outdoor area into an island paradise. While guests enjoyed their meal, a steel band and singer added a tropical ambiance to the occasion.

Afterwards, guests were escorted to a beautiful candlelit ballroom, where everything inside was carefully planned by Christie. A beautiful tree

brought in by Sal, displayed laser-cut cards shaped like butterflies, containing the guest names and table numbers. Spectacular flower arrangements made up of white hydrangea; white and blush peonies; and white orchids; with crystals cascading down one side adorned the tables.

Pillar candles filled the room to give it a dramatic feel; chairs were covered in crisp white linens with a beautiful rhinestone back. Swarovski crystals were tied around the napkins which lay on silver charger plates to tie together the look Christie had envisioned.

For anyone who loves sweets, Christie and her mom created an all white



candy table. Vases adorned with crystals contained a variety of treats along with petit fours, a small French cake, to marry in the romance of Paris.

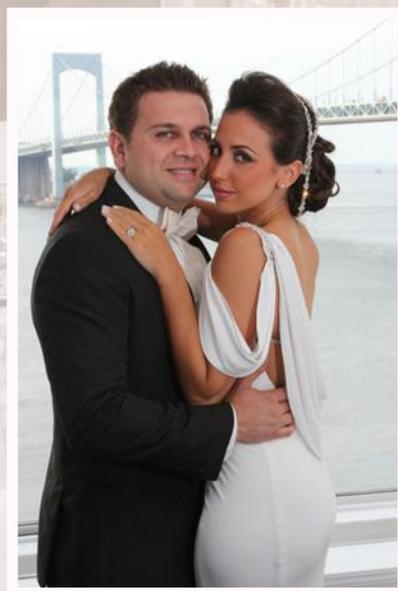
Their cake, decorated to go along with their theme, contained some of the embroidery pieces Christie designed for the invitations, giving it a truly stunning and unique look.

Adding to the romance of the evening was Christie's surprise for her fiance. Christie knew she wanted to have Theresa Amore sing a few songs, especially a favorite of Sal's, "At Last." by Etta James. While most of the evening was spent dancing to music from the '90s, the singer brought the romantic feel to the party, singing songs from not only Etta James but Adele and Celine Dion.

Being a designer, Christie knew exactly what look she wanted for herself and turned to her friend Karen Sabag, a bridal and couture designer who owns Karen Sabag Couture in Manhaaset, NY (Christie and Karen's boutiques are right next door to one another) to bring her vision to fruition. In addition, Christie made the embroidery for her dress and collaborated with her mom in designing her headpiece; a double flexible soft metal band with Swavorski crystals in different shapes (pear, round, baguette) and a third strand which draped loosely over the nape of her neck. The future groom was decked out in a Dolce & Gabbana evening jacket and a white bow tie, giving this couple the look of elegance.

"We put a lot of thought into what we liked and what represented us a couple and everything came together beautifully," says Christie.

With the party now behind them the next step is the wedding. Although Christie and Sal have not yet made any formal decisions on when and where it will take place, friends and family all know wherever they chose it will be a beautiful and memorable affair.



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Tracy Stern

There's a beauty to drinking a cup of tea; from the elegant saucers and teapots it can be served in, to the health benefits for your skin and body, enjoying a cup of tea, whether served hot or cold, can be an experience.

For New Yorker Tracy Stern, often times referred to as the "Tea Maven," her love and passion for tea began at a young age. Traveling with her family to exotic locations in Europe such as Portobello, London and Paris, Tracy was fascinated with the rituals that surrounded tea. "I was having tea parties at home with my Barbie dolls at the age of five," exclaims Tracy. "I loved, and still do, setting and dressing the table and the overall presentation of the tabletop."

Traveling to the vintage markets in places like Porte de Clignancourt, which is one of the most famous flea markets in Paris, Tracy started collecting teacups, teapots, vintage spoons and even vintage jewelry. She owns the largest collection of vintage jewelry from the 1930's and 1940's by such designers as Miriam Haskell, Stanley Hagler and owns a lot of Vintage Chanel Gripoix pieces from Madame Gripoix and Coco Chanel. These pieces are amongst the most coveted and collected in the world. Throughout her travels Tracy not only acquired exquisite pieces, she also became immersed in the rituals and traditions associated with tea.

After graduating from the University of Tampa, Tracy took her love of tea, and turned her passion into a place where others who felt the same could come together. Using the beautiful pieces she amassed over the years opened The Royal Tea Room in Tampa, Florida. Not only did the tea room turn out to be what Tracy envisioned for others, it was there she met her husband.

After Tracy and her husband decided to move to New York City, she sold The Royal Tea Room along with her wonderful collection. "The business is still in existence and whenever I go back I can sip tea from one of the beautiful pieces I collected," said Tracy.

Tracy wasn't about to put aside what she enjoyed and began thinking of ways she could share her love of tea with the people of New York City.

Like a very elegant mad scientist -- she began blending different kinds of teas in her kitchen; experimenting with herbs and spices to make the most unique and delicious tasting teas.

It was then, she decided to produce her own line of exquisite teas. She named each one for their unique personalities: The Society Hostess, The Fashionable Dandy, My Musician, The Writer, and The Romantic, to name a few. This cast of



characters make up part of the collection of Tracy Stern Salontea.

Tracy loves infusing tea into her cooking and says the flavors added can take any meal to a whole new level.

“Anyone can become an instant gourmet chef!”

She even recommends trying loose tea in cocktails because using tea in all aspects of life enhances the ways in which you can reap the health benefits.

In addition to creating her own line of tea, Tracy opened a store located on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, called Tracy Stern SALONTEA Tea Bar, a 16-seat parlor serving delectable treats like madeleine’s and macaroons.

SALONTEA’s flagship store is located in Vancouver, Canada where tea lovers can sample her teas, enjoy breakfast or a delicious dessert infused with tea. There she sells her cookbooks, *Tea Party* and *Tea For You: Blending Custom Teas to Savor and Share*. A second store is slated to open in Ontario, Canada.

When she’s not experimenting with new flavor combinations, Tracy is an author and is currently working on her third book which will focus on 20 past presidents along with original recipes from the White House.

Compiling extensive research, she’ll go back over 200 years to explore and uncover how the various Presidents incorporated tea into their daily lives. In addition, she’ll incorporate recipes into her book that coincide with each chapter. “As I research this book I have found, and fell in love with, the ways in which the tables were set and the different protocols followed for the various events/get togethers that were being hosted.”

One of the interesting tidbits uncovered in her research is about the White House’s formal china. For each Presidency a new pattern is created, and when a President leaves office, some of the China is sold off at auction to offset the cost of creating new pieces while the rest remains for their archives. For more delicious details, look for her book next year.

Tracy also plans to design her own line of china, furniture and other vintage-inspired household items so everyone can stop and smell the tea, with Tracy.



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