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{NOTEWORTHY NEWS} THE VERMONT WEDDING INDUSTRY IS RIPE WITH COUNTLESS TALENTED WEDDING PROFESSIONALS. FROM AWARDS TO NEW BUSINESSES, HERE ARE OUR TOP 4!



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{5-STAR FARM} Riverside Farm, the last word in luxury-wedding chic, has expanded their elegant accommodations with the addition of The Amee Farm – a restored 12-bedroom farmhouse down the road. Both properties offer on-site wedding coordination, organic farmed fruits and vegetables, and gorgeous lodgings. ameefarm.com

*i love these cookies...
my favorite...the
vermonter of course!*



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{SWEET DELIGHT} There's nothing like a homemade cookie to strike the perfect balance between nostalgia and utter contentment. Luckily, Tipped Cow Cookies, run by Rick and Renee Vierra, offers special wedding-favor packages, bringing their delicious, locally made treats to the mouths – and hearts – of your guests. How sweet is that? tippedcowcompany.com



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{WINE COUNTRY} Aligning Vermont with the buzz of larger grape-producing regions, it was thrilling news that our very own Shelburne Vineyard took home six medals at the Eastern States Wine Competition. Honors were received for their red, white, rosé, and dessert wines – congratulations! shelburnevineyard.com



{HOMETOWN HERO} The Vermont Chamber of Commerce has named Gerry Nooney, Executive Chef at Sugarbush's Timbers Restaurant, Chef of the Year. The longtime Mad River Valley gourmet has gained a reputation as an innovator as well as a proud locavore, staunchly devoted to using locally sourced ingredients in his cuisine. sugarbush.com



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Pittsfield, Vermont

{LOGO DESIGN ABOVE} BETSYWHITE {PHOTOGRAPHY} JEN CURTIS {RECEPTION SITE} THE AMEE FARM



"ERYN'S SIMPLE KRAFT PAPER ENVELOPES INSPIRED RAVES FROM OTHER BRIDES-TO-BE WHEN THEY WERE FEATURED ON STYLEMEPRETTY.COM."



Eryn Giroux and Steve Stetson lived just a few miles apart from one another in Dallas, but they didn't meet until Eryn was visiting her family in Upstate New York and happened to find Steve's ad on an online dating site. Intrigued by what she saw, she sent Steve a note, and the two made plans to meet for dinner as soon as Eryn returned to Dallas. They clicked almost instantly and started dating seriously just a few weeks after that first dinner.

Eryn and Steve's relationship was so easy and comfortable that Steve planned a laid back, Christmas Eve proposal at Eryn's parents' house. "My mom didn't believe us at first — she thought we were joking," says Eryn. "When we finally convinced her we were serious, she started calling everyone to share the news."

Eryn had grown up in a little town called Chazy, New York, located just across the lake from Burlington, and she'd always loved the area, where many of her closest friends and family still lived. When she and Steve discovered The Amee Farm, an organic working farm in Pittsfield, they knew they'd found a location that suited the natural feeling they wanted their wedding celebration to have. The farm, tucked into the dazzling green fields you only seem to find in Vermont, boasts an unbeatable combination of luxury and sustainability, mixing elegant antique finds with rustic craftsmanship for a style that really is the best of both worlds.

Eryn is a graphic designer, and naturally paid special attention to the wedding invitations and other printed materials for the ceremony, enjoying the chance to be her own client for a change. She included a charming bird motif across their wedding stationery, a whimsical touch that went perfectly with the quirky elegance she and Steve planned for their wedding. She sourced recycled paper products for the wedding's print elements and tracked down rare vintage stamps on eBay to match her wedding design's theme and color scheme. Her simple Kraft paper envelopes inspired raves from other brides-to-be when they were featured on StyleMePretty.com.

Eryn and Steve wanted a rustic, organic-themed wedding that was comfortable and fun. They embraced the mix of rural elegance they found at The Amee Farm and built on it for their celebration. Eryn chose a natural green-and-brown color scheme, accented with hints of red, pink, and orange. The bridesmaids wore simple, grass-green dresses by Amsale. Eryn's dress, by Lian Carlo, spilled from a plain bodice into a pretty tumble of ruffles that were feminine





without being fussy. Eryn opted for tree seeds as wedding favors, in keeping with their ceremony's eco-friendly theme. She designed the labels for the seeds herself and wrapped them in organic cotton ribbon for a clean, elegant presentation.

The wedding itself was a warm, welcoming celebration that brought together Eryn and Steve's far-flung family and friends for the day of merrymaking. The couple felt comfortable trusting their vendors to pull off the celebration they'd planned, so they were able to just relax and enjoy their special day.

"It was really nice to feel so at ease the entire weekend," says Eryn. And since it's not really a farm unless there's a little poultry, Eryn and Steve's photographer suggested a photo session with the neighbor's chickens. It seemed like an odd idea at the time, but the photos ended up being among Eryn and Steve's favorites of the day. After all, they had their happy ending, and there was no question of anyone counting their chickens before they hatched.



featured WEDDING PROFESSIONALS

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{OTHER PROFESSIONALS}

CAKE & CATERING: NOEL'S SPECIALTY FOODS & CATERING

ENTERTAINMENT: ARTIST ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY

FLORAL DESIGN: PITTSFIELD FLOWER SHOP

INVITATIONS: MISSING Q PRESS & ERYN GIROUX DESIGN

LOGO DESIGN: (ON PAGE 49) BETSYWHITE
BETSYWHITE.COM

ERYN'S TIPS

No. 1 as simple as it sounds, try not to do everything at once ~ make a schedule so you can tackle a few things each week ~ stick by it and you won't get overwhelmed by the process.

No. 2 keep the environment in mind. we chose tree seed favors for our wedding because we wanted to give our guests something fun and give back to the earth.