

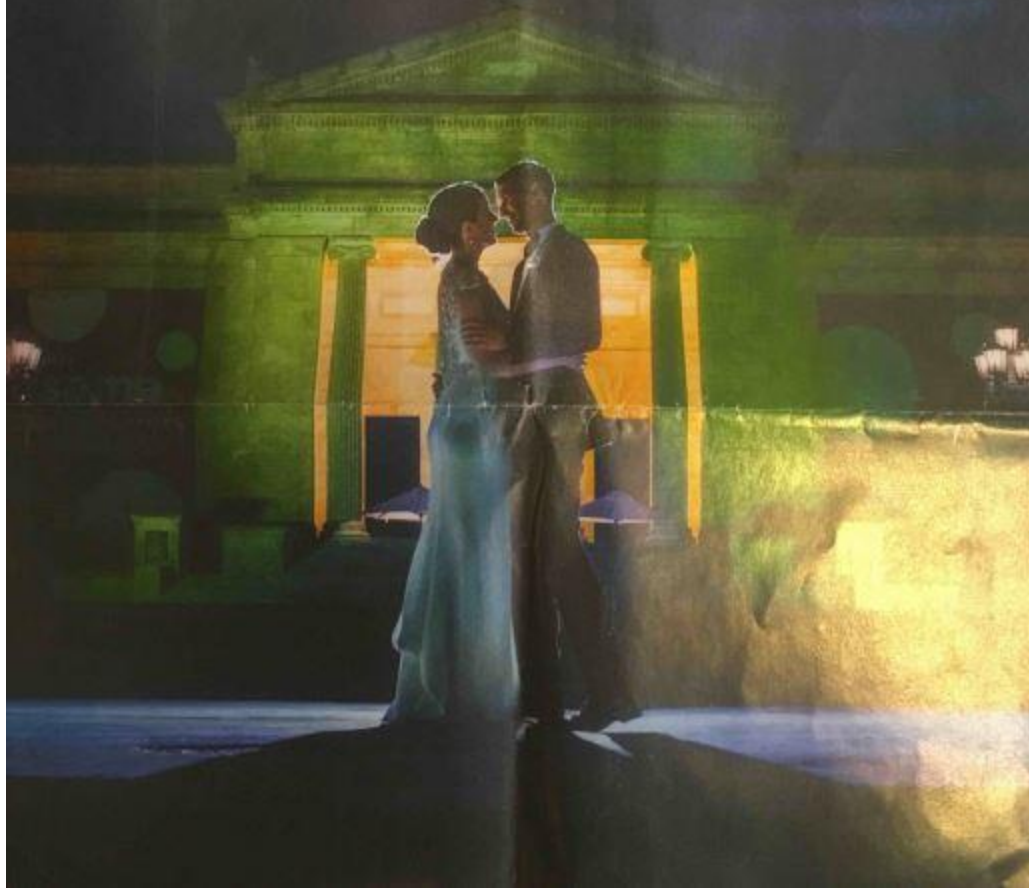
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Thanks to Chrisman Studios (chrismanstudios.com) for our bridal cover image, featuring Margot Murphy and Joel Slankowski who were married June 16 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights. A beautiful reception held at the Cleveland Museum of Art featured fabulous floral design and décor in the Ames Family Atrium by Heather Thomas of HeatherLily. Read more about this special event on page B6.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This month's issue of Currents is designed, in part, for brides-to-be, offering pearls of wisdom for planning and creating the wedding event of your dreams.

We reached out to several area brides, brides-to-be and their families to ask what advice they had to share with others in the midst of or just starting the process of planning their wedding day. We truly appreciate the willingness of these local people to participate, and were careful not to share every detail about upcoming weddings so guests will be surprised and able to experience the uniqueness and special details first-hand. Every bride, bride-to-be and mother featured in Sections A and B has an interesting story to share, so enjoy!

Throughout the paper this month, readers will find the latest, most helpful information about fantastic area events, wedding planners, flowers, fashion, photography, registry, gifts, registry and more! Most everyone interested in this issue agreed that planning a wedding can be stressful, but advised that couples should try to enjoy the process along the way. The journey IS the destination and a fabulous and memorable wedding day! Mothers and daughters of teens and tweens share some back-to-school fashion and accessory trends for fall on page C4, offering the season's must-wear after the first day of school and beyond. Matters related to education can be found in Section C, along with Auntie's luxury real estate offerings. On page C2, scholars and parents will want to take note of Denise Dufala's book, "Bombs the Brave," that addresses the issue of bullying in a way that resonates with young children in preschool to third grade and beyond. Julie Higazi muses about the value of a liberal arts education, even in today's job market on page C7, and offers tips for increasing student sensitivity at home and in classrooms this fall on page C7.

On the home design front, in September, Virginia Tile... (text continues)

YOUR SUMMER DESTINATION

Sedlak Interiors for the FABULOUS collection of Barclays by Lexington





Photograph: David Lichten
Dominique Veolia and Dominic Ouellet got married above the St. Lawrence River at the historic Manoir Richelieu.

Quebec's Charlevoix region offers idyllic setting for weddings

By SARAH JAQUAY

"If we (New Yorkers) can handle world leaders, we can handle your wedding," says Caroline Gaudin, director of sales and marketing at the venerable Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, one of Canada's oldest hotels hotels (think, Queen's Royal York, Ontario City's Château Frontenac or Victoria's Empress Hotel) and you can compare this Le Manoir-style castle overlooking the St. Lawrence River in Charlevoix to the Le Manoir Richelieu's recent successful hosting of the 107th Summit of the Charlevoix region of Quebec. And while that was certainly none of it was about this stunning venue in its idyllic setting.

The Charlevoix region is about 90 minutes northeast of Quebec City (although there are no highways there, Cleveland, it's an easy commute via Newark or Ottawa). This dramatic landscape along the St. Lawrence River (which is no walk 70 minutes, a Grand Zélicé includes rolling terrain, quiet, beautiful and here, in 1989 UNESCO designated this pristine region a World Biosphere Reserve. Also known as the "Switzerland of Canada," Charlevoix has long been a favored summer destination for Americans looking to catch cool breezes, play golf, hike and otherwise escape summer's heat.

In fact, Charlevoix has a strong Ohio connection because President William Howard Taft (a Democrat) and his family started vacationing in La Malbaie (aka La Morne Bay) in the late 19th century. Despite Taft's large girth, he was an excellent golfer and his personal official seasonal address, including Supreme Court Justice Warren E. Burger, was the only American to serve as President and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. His descendants, including Char's former governor and his family, still vacation here.

"We've planned weddings on a mountain top in Parc des Hautes-Charlevoix de Manoir-Madame (one of Charlevoix's two National Parks) for several centuries on the site of a manor with the St. Lawrence as a backdrop and the mountains in the distance," explains Caroline. She notes the Manoir can accommodate various size weddings with several venues. The Manoir has a craft wedding reception on site and hosts a range of options from its La Rose and Ball Room to a large garage to its special mountain, Le Charlevoix, that holds 50, 110 or a program before summer days, but all couples marry in the end in front of the Manoir with the St. Lawrence sparkling in the background.

Caroline knows June is popular but mentions the advantages of seasonal options. "We avoid peak vacation months. We have some great weather from August through October and the trees have already changed up here, plus the views are often better."

While the Manoir can certainly do anything, it also offers one-of-a-kind packages when, gold and platinum. The Manoir's wedding specialists are happy to go over what's included and add whatever couple desire. "If you want to make your wedding day flawless, get married at the Manoir. That's our promise to our clients," she notes.

If a wedding budget with a minimum a large sum, Charlevoix also offers an equally stunning view. One of them is the Manoir also 7 Canada on a full overlooking Manoir. The Province of 7 Canada, Hôtel Manoir, is a small, beautiful Charlevoix hospital. Her parents bought 7 Canada in 1981 and she grew up in a house adjacent to the Auberge. Under her parents' careful stewardship, 7 Canada has grown to 40 rooms. I achieved a very unique, plus it's a medical services center available for its dining program.

"We welcome small groups and large ones up to 120 people," she notes. Helene says couples get married in the Auberge or at Charlevoix, here from the reception here. "A few years ago, I was all up a mountain in the parking lot," she adds. When the parking lot's sweeping view of Manoir, she notes it's a picturesque setting that is another level



Photograph: courtesy of Amber and Olive
Kathryn Suzanne Corson married Michael McKernan Gardineer May 19 in Cleveland.

Kathryn Suzanne Corson marries Michael McKernan Gardineer

Kathryn Suzanne Corson and Michael McKernan Gardineer were married May 19, 2014 at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Cleveland and the reception was held at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Susan Corson of Cleveland. She is a graduate of Lorain School and received her B.A. in sociology from Hamden College. After working for six years in the fashion industry in New York City, she recently moved back to Cleveland and will begin working for Corson and Associates this fall.

The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Louise Gardineer of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He is a graduate of Denison School and received his B.S. in sociology from Rowan College. After working at the office for six years in New York City, he will attend Cleveland Marshall College of Law this fall.

The bride's sisters, Sarah Corson McGraw, served in the Marine's honor. Sarah Corson McGraw, served in the Marine's honor. Sarah Corson McGraw, served in the Marine's honor. Sarah Corson McGraw, served in the Marine's honor. Sarah Corson McGraw, served in the Marine's honor.

Jeff Bittenbender and Rachel Horvitz married in May

Jeff Bittenbender and Rachel Horvitz were married May 17, 2014 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A reception followed at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel in the daughter of Rhonda Horvitz and Todd and David Horvitz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.


Jeff is the son of Chuck and Cheryl Bittenbender of Orange Village, Ohio. The bride's sisters, Sarah and Shana Horvitz served in the Marine's honor. The bridegroom's brother, Peter Bittenbender, served in the Marine's honor.

The bride graduated from Franklin and Marshall with a BA in Psychology and received her Master's degree in Psychology from Northwestern University. She is a school psychologist in the Winchester school district outside of London.




Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bittenbender

Jeff graduated from Cornell University. He is a landscape architect with the OMA, Inc. in Boston. After a honeymoon in Vancouver and Alaska, they are at home in Painesville.




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