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Jeff and Elisa paid homage to their Scottish ancestries during their autumn nuptials at Log Haven in Millcreek Canyon. Right: The couple incorporated the ancient Celtic ritual of "handfasting" during their ceremony.





# Scottish Splendor

**T**he colorful fall leaves in Millcreek Canyon made an ideal backdrop for Elisa and Jeff's October nuptials. Adding to the autumn setting, the couple included elements of nature, like thistle, berries and evergreen seedlings, in their décor. They paid homage to their Scottish ancestry with touches of tartan, highlighted everywhere from the groom's kilt to the ribbons decorating the cake and floral bouquets. During the ceremony they incorpo-

rated the ancient Celtic ritual of "handfasting," in which the couple's hands are bound with a ribbon in the tartan representing the groom's clan. Following the outdoor ceremony, guests ward off crisp temps by drinking hot apple cider, wine and beer, and dining on New York strip steaks and baked Brie. After a festive Champagne toast, the happy couple danced the night away with their family and close friends, many of whom traveled from out of town to take part in the celebration.



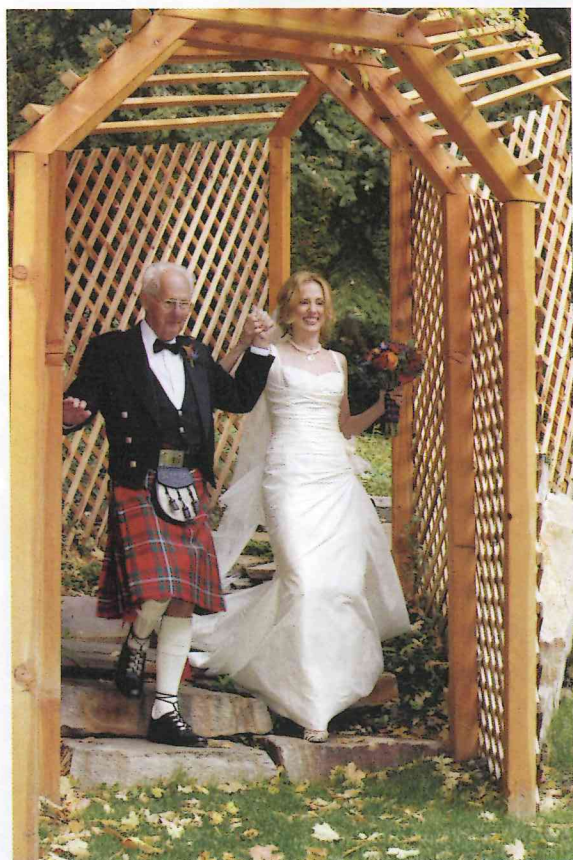
**ELISA MACKEN & JEFF FARMER**

OCTOBER 5, 2008 • LOG HAVEN

*Kirsten Hepburn Photography*



Clockwise: Elisa poses with her cat Angie. Jeff stands atop rose petals and awaits his bride. Elisa and her mother, Betsy, who wore a MacGregor tartan shawl. Dressed in a kilt, Elisa's grandfather, Dan, escorts her down the aisle.



### *Before the wedding*

**OCCUPATIONS:** Jeff is a firefighter and driver engineer for Weber Fire District. Elisa is a Senior Forensic Scientist at the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services (aka the state crime lab).

**HOW THE COUPLE MET:** Elisa and Jeff first laid eyes on each other at a crowded restaurant and nightclub in California (their home state) on Halloween. "I was looking for a friend of mine and saw Jeff, who had strange black and white makeup on his face," says Elisa. "I asked him 'What are you supposed to be?' He answered, 'Just dead, I guess,' and we ended up talking the rest

of the night. When we went out for the first time I felt a little like it was a blind date since I hadn't really been able to tell what he looked like."

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** Jeff surprised Elisa after dinner at a restaurant by the ocean in Big Sur, California. "He suggested we go for a walk outside, and when I went out to meet him he was sitting at a table with an open ring box next to him," says Elisa.

**BRIDAL SHOWER THEMES:** Elisa's co-workers threw her a shower, and two of Elisa's friends threw her a tea-party shower. "My friends got the idea to host tea parties after having afternoon tea



Clockwise: The groom's boutonniere included thistle and viburnum berry. Evergreen seedlings were given as favors. Bouquets featured calla lilies, dahlias, roses, thistle and viburnum berries. Towering pine trees supplied natural décor for the outdoor ceremony.



at the Grand America Hotel," says Elisa. "We started taking turns hosting them with everybody bringing a tea sandwich or dessert. For my shower, my friends fixed my favorite things, and we had a great time enjoying the food, tea and girl talk."

**BACHELOR PARTY:** A poker party at the Courtyard Marriott hotel where all the out-of-town guests were staying.

## Wedding

**PLACE:** Log Haven Restaurant, Millcreek Canyon, Salt Lake City

**DATE:** October 5, 2008

**THE BRIDE WORE:** an off-white silk Pronovias gown and zebra-print shoes.

**THE GROOM WORE:** A Black Watch tartan kilt. ("Jeff's mom's response when he first told her he was wearing a kilt was, 'Did you lose a bet?'" says Elisa.)

**THE RINGS:** Elisa's engagement ring is a family heirloom from Jeff's mother's godmother; the couple designed a wedding ring to match. Jeff's ring was made of titanium by an artisan the couple found at the Utah Arts Festival.

**BRIDESMAIDS:** Elisa's sister, Michelle Purvis, was the matron of honor. Elisa's friend Lisa Aldape walked with her daughter, Mia Sylvia, the flower girl.

**GROOMSMEN:** Jeff's brother, Rick Farmer, was the best man.

**WEDDING SONG:** Jeff walked in to Janis Joplin's "One Good

Man," then the flower girl and matron of honor walked down the aisle to more traditional music. Elisa walked down the aisle to "Voodoo Child" by Jimi Hendrix. "The burst of laughter that I heard from everyone as the music changed from traditional to unexpected is something I'll never forget," she says. After the ceremony, the couple walked out to "I'm Not Running Anymore" by John Mellencamp.

## Reception

**PLACE:** Log Haven Restaurant

**WEDDING MUSIC:** "We each made playlists in iTunes and combined them, but we also encouraged requests, because we wanted everybody to dance and enjoy themselves," says Elisa. For the first dance, the couple danced to "Love You Madly" by Cake.

**MENU:** Immediately following the ceremony, guests were served a choice of hot apple cider, punch, beer or wine, and a cheese and cracker platter. For dinner, the couple selected Log Haven's "Timpanogos buffet" including New York strip steak with aioli, baked brie in pastry, fresh fruit, grilled vegetables, and fresh bread and crackers. Guests also enjoyed a chocolate fountain and Champagne toast.

**CAKE:** A topsy-turvy cake decorated with Black Watch tartan ribbon around each layer and branches with fall leaves made of







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fondant. The cake featured two layers of carrot cake and a layer of chocolate/lemon cake with buttercream frosting.

**FLOWERS:** Arrangements of thistle, hydrangeas, delphinium and viburnum berries. Bouquets consisted of purple and orange calla lilies, dahlias and roses.

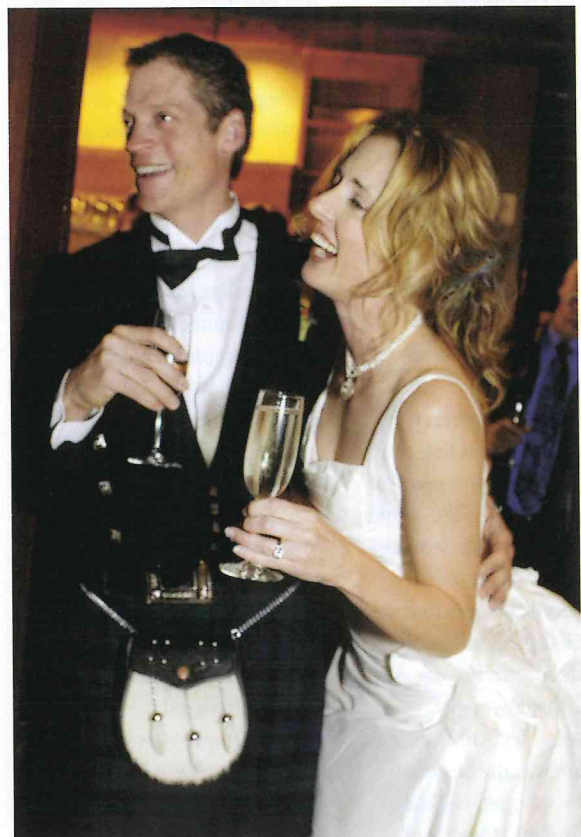
**COLORS AND THEMES:** Tartan and nature. "We both have Scottish ancestry and tied in tartans from our family clans," explains Elisa. "And we love the outdoors and wanted to get married in the beauty of nature."

**DÉCOR ELEMENTS:** Tables

were decorated with evergreen seedlings and large cylinder vases containing votive candles, flower petals, thistles, leaves, branches and other elements of nature. "We kept it low-key since the natural surroundings at Log Haven are so gorgeous," says Elisa. In addition to the many tartan elements referencing Elisa's family's MacGregor tartan and Jeff's family's Black Watch tartan, the florist also included flowers from the Scottish Highlands in the bouquets. Besides the groom, the best man, the bride's grandfather and some friends who attended the wedding also wore kilts.

**SPECIAL TOUCHES:** During the ceremony, the couple included the ancient Celtic ritual of "hand-fasting," in which the bride and groom's hands are bound with a ribbon in the tartan representing the groom's clan. Vows are spoken with each four turns of the ribbon. As the ribbon was tied around Elisa and Jeff's hands, their officiant said, "Elisa and Jeff, as your hands are bound together now, so your lives and spirits are joined in a union of

Clockwise: Elisa and Jeff exit the ceremony. The couple during the Champagne toast. The flower girl wore a white dress with a Black Watch bow.







Clockwise: The couple cut their topsy-turvy cake. Log Haven at dusk. Guests donned kilts in honor of the wedding's Scottish theme. Elisa signs the marriage liscence.



love and trust. Above you are the stars, and below you is the earth. Like the stars, your love should be a constant source of light, and like the earth, a firm foundation from which to grow." For wedding favors, guests took home the ever-green seedlings that decorated the reception tables. The seedlings were tied in off-white burlap with Black Watch tartan ribbon.

### Most Memorable Moment

**ELISA'S ANSWER:** "There were so many! I loved every second of it... getting ready with family and friends, walking down the aisle with my 95-year-old grandpa who was wearing a kilt, Jeff getting choked up during his vows, the sun coming out right after we

completed our vows, my sister's and Jeff's sister's toasts, and over and over how it struck me how many people we care about had come (over half from out of state) to celebrate with us. It blew me away that so many people we love were in one place. The whole thing was absolutely amazing!"

**JEFF'S ANSWER:** "Seeing my bride walk down in her fancy dress looking hot, and watching our families starting the dancing ahead of schedule."

### Honeymoon

**PLACE:** Maui, Hawaii

**A MEMORABLE MOMENT OF THE HONEYMOON:** "Watching the movie *Kung Fu Panda* on the beach."

**Rings:** Elisa's wedding ring: Sierra-West Jewelers, Murray, 801-713-1900, [sierrawestjewelers.com](http://sierrawestjewelers.com); Jeff's wedding ring: John O'Connor, SLC, 801-580-3691, [indnation.com](http://indnation.com)  
**Invitations:** Invitations by Dawn, Rexburg, Idaho, 800-361-1974, [invitationsbydawn.com](http://invitationsbydawn.com)  
**Rehearsal dinner:** Café Trio Cottonwood, SLC, 801-944-8746, [triodynning.com](http://triodynning.com)  
**Photography:** Kirsten Hepburn, Photography, SLC, 801-521-6404, [hepburnphoto.com](http://hepburnphoto.com)  
**Bridal gown:** The Brides' Shop, SLC, 801-322-4324, [thebrideshop.net](http://thebrideshop.net)  
**Kilt rental:** Edinburgh Castle, SLC, 801-364-1406, [edinburghcastle.com](http://edinburghcastle.com)  
**Flowers:** Roots, SLC, 801-363-7668, [rootsflowers.net](http://rootsflowers.net)

**Catering:** Log Haven Restaurant, Millcreek Canyon, SLC, 801-272-8255, [log-haven.com](http://log-haven.com)  
**Entertainment:** Complete Music, SLC, 801-292-5701, [utahmix.com](http://utahmix.com)  
**Cake:** Heather Berntsen, Ambrosia Exquisite Wedding Cakes, Layton, 801-546-2959, [ambrosiaweddingcakes.com](http://ambrosiaweddingcakes.com)  
**Venue:** Log Haven Restaurant, Millcreek Canyon, SLC, 801-272-8255, [log-haven.com](http://log-haven.com)  
**Guest lodging:** Courtyard Marriott, Sandy, 801-571-3600, [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)  
**Transportation:** shuttle service provided by the Courtyard Marriott  
**Officiant:** Allison Herbert, 801-759-8636

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Rosemary and Kevin first met in Utah as medical students. The couple planned their winter wedding, held at Log Haven in Millcreek Canyon, from their home in Boston.





# Eat, Party, Love

**R**osemary and Kevin first met as medical students in Utah, so when it came time to plan their wedding, the couple—who currently reside in Massachusetts—knew the Beehive State was the perfect place to return to for their wintertime nuptials. They planned the entire wedding from Boston (“No small feat!” Rosemary recalls), creating a stylish mountain-themed celebration in a cozy canyon setting. Chic details, from the bride’s unique designer gown to the touches of Tiffany blue in the decor, made the wedding a showstopper—but all Rosemary and Kevin cared about was that they have a fun, memorable party for all their friends and family. Following the wedding, the celebration continued as the couple and many of their out-of-town guests extended their stay in Utah to ski the slopes.

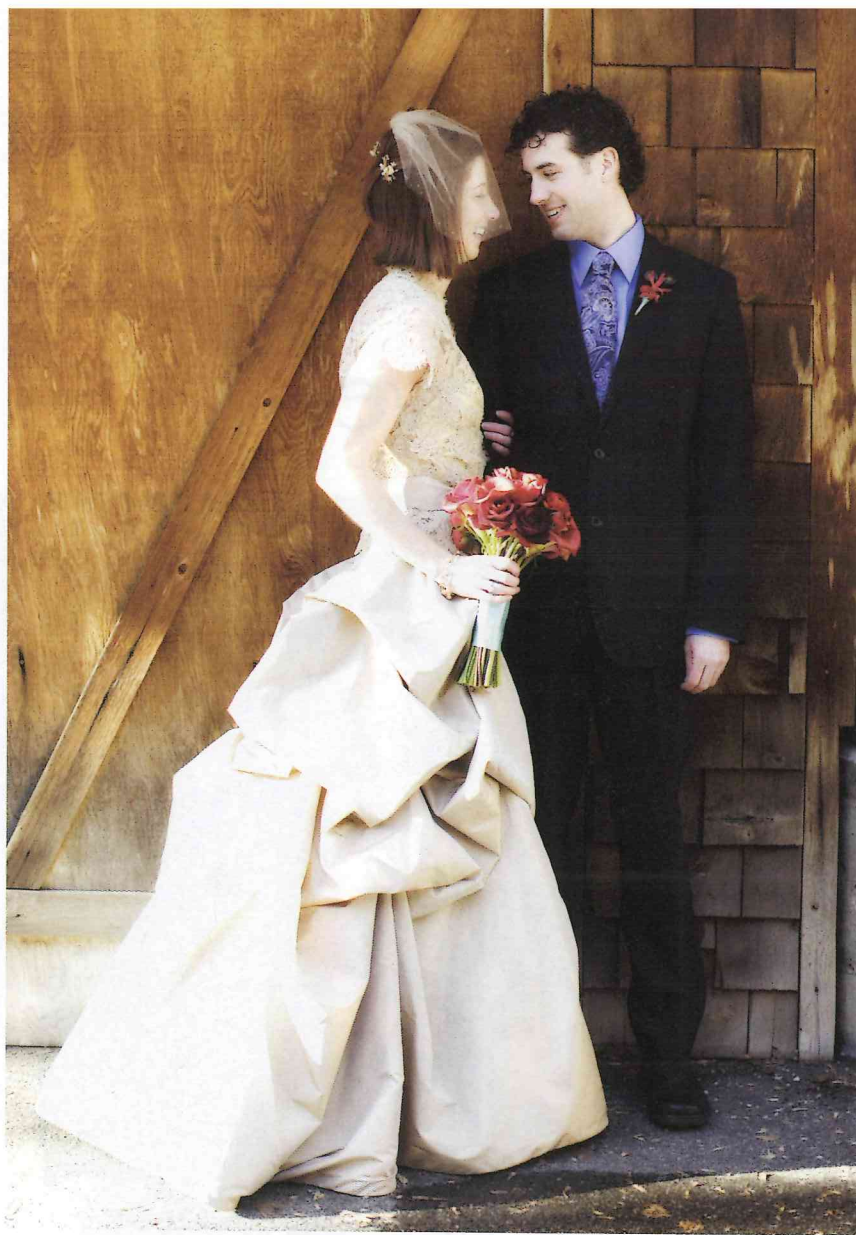


Clockwise: Rosemary chose a latte-colored Monique Lhuillier evening gown for her wedding dress. A snowflake motif decorated the programs.



**ROSEMARY DESHAZO & KEVIN CUMMISFORD**  
FEBRUARY 28, 2009 • LOG HAVEN  
*Erin Kate Photography*





Clockwise: The couple outside Log Haven. The chic invitations were done in Tiffany blue, one of the wedding colors. The couple gave handmade winter beanies as favors. The colorful, whimsical boutonnieres. Rosemary dresses in her elegant gown.



### *Before the Wedding*

**OCCUPATIONS:** Rosemary is an internal medicine physician practicing in a hospital medicine program in Boston. Kevin is an anesthesiologist, finishing his cardiac fellowship training in Boston.

**HOW THE COUPLE MET:** Rosemary and Kevin met the first day of their medical internship in Salt Lake City. Both were active in the outdoors, and they started cycling together. Their first date was the Antelope by Moonlight Ride in July of 2005.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** The couple went for a bike ride just south of Portland, Maine, in May of 2008, when Kevin proposed in front of

the ocean by a lighthouse.

**BRIDAL SHOWER THEMES:** Rosemary and Kevin had a couple's shower with wine and hors d'oeuvres with all of their friends from Utah. Rosemary also had a "recipe-themed" bridal luncheon with family and out-of-town guests the day before the wedding. "Each guest was asked to bring a copy of their favorite recipe for me to start my own collection," she explains.

**BACHELORETTE PARTY:** Rosemary's sister and best friend hosted a wine and cheese party for the girls.

**BACHELOR PARTY:** Kevin was working in Boston until two days before the wedding, so he didn't



have a bachelor party—yet! (“I’ll give him a free pass for the next year,” says Rosemary.)

## Wedding

**PLACE:** Log Haven Restaurant, Millcreek Canyon, Salt Lake City

**DATE:** February 28, 2009

**THE BRIDE WORE:** a latte-colored Monique Lhuillier two-piece evening gown. “I did not want a typical white strapless wedding gown,” she explains. “I found a wonderful latte-colored gown with a golden sheen. I felt stylish, sophisticated and beautiful—not just bridal!”

**THE GROOM WORE:** a black Hugo Boss suit.

**THE RINGS:** Rosemary had the rings custom-made. Her engagement ring was Kevin’s grandmother’s wedding set, which consisted of an engagement ring, wedding band and anniversary band welded together. Rosemary had the stones removed and reset to make a new engagement ring, a wedding band, and three necklaces with one stone each for Kevin’s mother, aunt and sister (the living relatives of his grandmother).

**WEDDING SONG:** “Chasing Cars” by Snow Patrol.

## Reception

**PLACE:** Log Haven Restaurant

**WEDDING MUSIC:** a classical guitarist played during the ceremony, and the couple played songs from their iPod collection for dancing and entertainment during the reception.

**MENU:** Passed hors d’oeuvres included bacon-wrapped scallops, coconut shrimp, spanikopita and pork dumplings. The first course was a salad of organic greens with maple vinaigrette, cranberries and candied walnuts. The second course featured a choice of four dishes: egg pappardelle pasta with fava beans, shaved truffles and parmesan cream; garlic-lime chicken breast with achiote polenta and pumpkin oil; blackened cod in miso with pan fried noodles; Double R Ranch filet mignon with aligot potatoes and haricot verts.

**CAKE:** a white sponge cake with Bavarian cream, raspberry jam and marzipan, covered in a light blue fondant with decorative iced pinecones and chocolate pine needles.

**FLOWERS:** arrangements of red amaryllis, ranunculus, Black Magic roses, tulips and calla lilies.

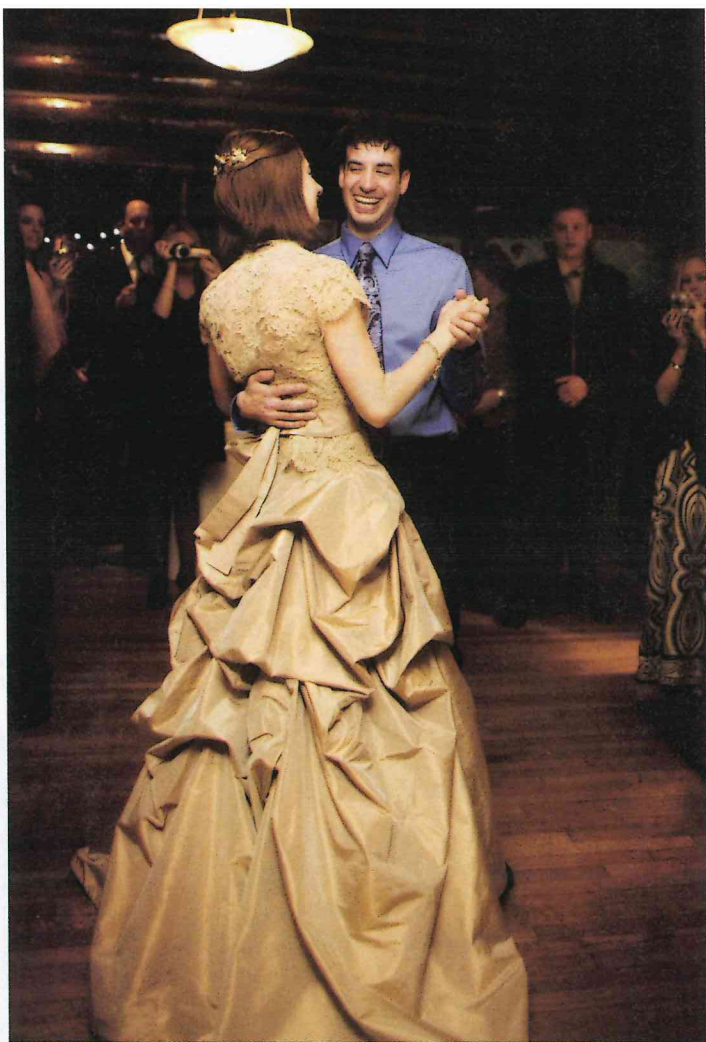
**COLORS:** Tiffany blue and cranberry red.

**THEME:** “We didn’t want a focused ‘theme’ at the wedding,” says Rosemary. “But because

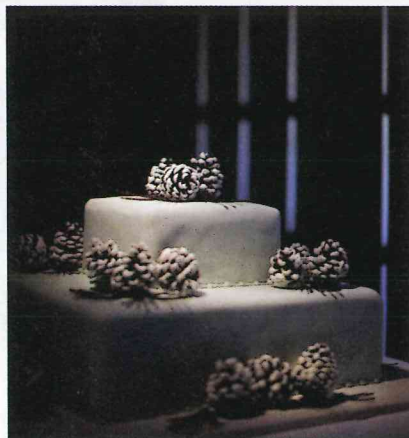
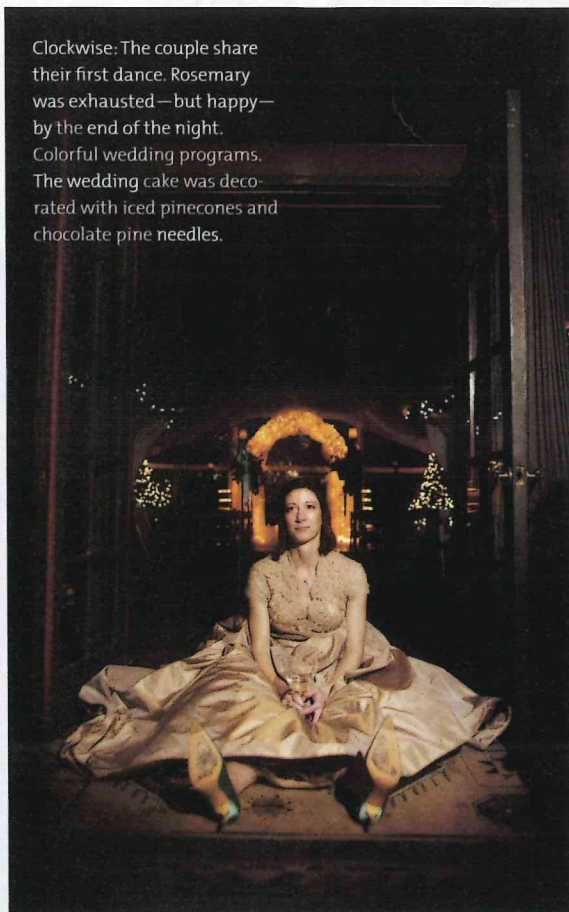


Clockwise: The couple exit the candle-filled ceremony. Log Haven’s cozy setting created an intimate reception. The bridal bouquet included red flowers wrapped in Tiffany blue ribbon. Rosemary’s Tiffany blue wedding shoes.





Clockwise: The couple share their first dance. Rosemary was exhausted—but happy—by the end of the night. Colorful wedding programs. The wedding cake was decorated with iced pinecones and chocolate pine needles.



but it was such an emotional and special moment. All our family and friends were present to show their support, and everyone's heartfelt words set the tone for a meaningful commitment."

**KEVIN'S ANSWER:** "Everything was amazing—the food was excellent, the service was fantastic, and our drinks were never empty. But my favorite image is Rosemary sitting on the floor in

her big dress at the end of the night, exhausted, but still tapping her feet to the music."

### Honeymoon

**PLACE:** "None yet! We plan to move back to Salt Lake and hope to escape for a honeymoon shortly after. In the running: camping in Alaska, hiking Machu Picchu, the beaches of Croatia or hiking in New Zealand."

**Rings:** Custom made, Payne Anthony Creative Jewelers, SLC, 801-328-0944, [payneanthony.com](http://payneanthony.com)

**Invitations:** Papyrus, [papyrusonline.com](http://papyrusonline.com)

**Rehearsal dinner:** Squatters, SLC, 801-363-2739, [squatters.com](http://squatters.com)

**Bridal luncheon:** Silver Fork Lodge, Brighton, 888-649-9551, [silverforklodge.com](http://silverforklodge.com)

**Guest book:** Macy's, SLC, [macys.com](http://macys.com)

**Photography:** Erin Kate Photography, SLC, 801-467-2468, [erinkatephoto.com](http://erinkatephoto.com)

**Bridal gown:** Neiman Marcus, Copley Place, Boston, [neimanmarcus.com](http://neimanmarcus.com)

**Alterations:** Alta MODA Bridal Boutique, SLC, 801-531-1215, [altamodabridal.com](http://altamodabridal.com)

**Hair and makeup:** Andrea Georgelas, Studio Nine, SLC, 801-532-2929

**Flowers and decor:** Amanda Mizell, Decoration, Inc., SLC, 801-521-8533, [decorationinc.com](http://decorationinc.com)

**Catering:** Log Haven, Millcreek Canyon, SLC, 801-272-8255, [log-haven.com](http://log-haven.com)

**Entertainment:** Michael Lucarelli, classical guitar, SLC, 801-274-2845, [lucarelli.com](http://lucarelli.com)

**Cake:** Maha Anais El Barrani, Pastry Arts Barrani, SLC, 801-596-3353

**Venue:** Log Haven, Millcreek Canyon, SLC, 801-272-8255, [log-haven.com](http://log-haven.com)

**Favors:** Spacecraft Co., [tactics.com/spacecraft](http://tactics.com/spacecraft)

**Transportation:** Le Bus, SLC, 801-975-0202, [lebus.com](http://lebus.com)

**Wedding planner:** Faith Sweeten, on-site at Log Haven, Millcreek Canyon, SLC, 801-272-8255, [log-haven.com](http://log-haven.com)

**Officiants:** Laura deShazo and Krista Cummisford