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After three months of contest submissions and four weeks of the five finalists campaigning for public votes, a winner was announced in Clay Hill Farm's \$40,000 Green Wedding Giveaway contest.

The Green Wedding Giveaway contest, www.greenweddinggiveaway.com, asked couples to explore the parallel of a commitment to the earth and a commitment to each other with a creative expression of how green could fit into their lives. Five finalists were chosen in January, and those finalists were asked to campaign for public votes for four weeks to determine the winner. The couple with the most public votes would win the Green Wedding Giveaway.

Over 13,000 votes came into greenweddinggiveaway.com from all over the world, and at the contest finale last Friday at Clay Hill Farm, the winner was revealed. One by one the finalists accepted their prize packages until the Grand Prize winners were the last couple standing. Jonathan Blakeslee and Joelle Guerard of Eliot Maine were declared the winners of Clay Hill Farm 2009 Green Wedding Giveaway contest, and will be married at Clay Hill Farm on June 21, 2009.

Included in the Grand Prize wedding are a ceremony and Reception for up to 100 guests at Clay Hill Farm, flowers by Katherine's Garden, watercolor invitations by Griffin-vites, DJ services by Lori D Entertainment, photography by Deb Cram, videography by Adam Flaherty, cake by Arie Kidder, tuxedo rentals from Occasions Bridal, hair & make-up services by Allison Herrington & Rachel Chastney, honeymoon suite and junior suite at the Meadowmere Resort, classical guitar music by Pat Keane, spa services at Genesis Day Spa, hybrid transport courtesy of Regal Limousine, honeymoon getaway at a Sandals Resort, digital cameras from Camera-Renter, and organic beverages provided by Carpe Diem coffee roasters, Peak Organic Brewing Company and Kobrand wine and spirits.

"Joelle and I are humbled and honored to have won the Green Wedding Giveaway", says winning groom-to-be, Jonathan Bakeslee. "Family, friends...even people we barely knew or met for the first time put in some major overtime to help us. The contest did present a unique way for us to grow closer...the sense that we both gave 110% for our team."

"We are so proud of everyone involved with this amazing experience", says Jennifer Lewis-McShera, Clay Hill Farm's senior wedding consultant and founder of the Green Wedding Giveaway. "The positive message of this contest is that we are all green in some way, so *pick your shade and shout it to the world*. How inspiring that our finalists did that, and the world responded."

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