

Green Wedding Giveaway Contest Winners Married on the Summer Solstice

Soggy Weather Made Green Wedding, Greener

Just shy of nine months after the launch of Clay Hill Farm's Green Wedding Giveaway contest, a challenge for engaged couples to creatively explore the parallel between a commitment to each other and a commitment to the earth, the winners of the all-inclusive Summer Solstice wedding were married.



On Sunday, June 21st, Jonathan Blakeslee and Joelle Guerard exchanged wedding vows among 100+ friends and family at the gazebo in the gardens of Clay Hill Farm during a lucky weather rain-break. "Their vision was to be united outside," said Jennifer Lewis-McShero, the senior wedding consultant and founder of the Green Wedding Giveaway© contest, "It was touch and go in the morning, but how wonderful that everyone could honor their dream." The rain, ironically, made everything that much more green, literally.



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Clay Hill Farm's Green Wedding Giveaway© contest united local businesses in a unique way, offering services and product to create a complete, all-inclusive wedding package. A Green Wedding Giveaway, in excess of \$40,000, was the result. Full details of the contest can be viewed at the contest website: www.greenweddinggiveaway.com

Over one million hits came into the Green Wedding Giveaway© website in five months. Fourteen thousand votes for the finalists were tallied from all over the world, and the message of the giveaway went global: *We are all green in some way, so pick your shade and shout it to the world.*™ Jonathan Blakeslee and Joelle Guerard were announced the winners in a finale held at Clay Hill Farm on February 13th, a special Valentine's surprise.

Joelle, a silversmith and natural foods chef, and Jonathan, owner of White Heron Tea, a local Organic & Fair Trade tea company, originally met at the Portsmouth Farmer's Market where they found they share many common values and interests. In their contest entry they affirmed: "Our dream of married life together is based on mutual love, inspiration and a commitment to making a better world. For us, green living boils down to focusing on what is most important and staying educated in a rapidly changing world. Green living is how we share our love with the world around us."

Pictures from the wedding, and a wedding video, will be posted on the Green Wedding Giveaway© official site: www.greenweddinggiveaway.com, and in the media room of Clay Hill Farm's website: www.clayhillfarm.com.

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