

Top Wedding Talents Gather in Connecticut for an exclusive afternoon with Grace Ormonde

Greenwich, CT – Westport, CT-based event planner Traci Romano was pleased to celebrate in style with wedding industry icon and trendsetter, Grace Ormonde. Ormonde, the Editor-in-Chief of Grace Ormonde Wedding Style and Marriage magazines, recently hosted an intimate lunch at the Tomes Higgins House in Greenwich to honor Connecticut's top luxury wedding professionals. The Romano Group Event Planning + Design produced the special event for Grace Ormonde, a great compliment to Traci Romano's sophisticated and forward-thinking design aesthetic.



Romano remarked on the efforts of those who contributed to the event's success. "We were all honored to be invited to participate and to attend as guests, at this amazing event. Grace is a leader in the field of art and style in weddings. Each person who assisted in producing this one-of-a-kind lunch made Grace's unique vision become a reality." Romano continued to say that, "Grace insists on selecting the best talent to represent her magazines. She further insists on meeting everyone personally, a nod to her innovative style and special personal approach."

Recognized internationally for her bold sexy trends, Ormonde is the clear market leader for luxury wedding publications. She has built an enviable reputation in the wedding industry for creating the platforms for wedding specialists to showcase their products and services while offering prospective brides and grooms a multitude of choices, ideas and alternatives for planning their wedding. The Grace Ormonde Wedding Style Magazine, and the Grace Ormonde Marriage Magazine, are both designed to assist prospective brides with choosing wedding services and offering informative, practical editorial content on topics ranging from wedding planning to home decorating and women's health issues. Both magazines have been acknowledged with numerous prestigious awards from the publishing industry over the years, recognizing excellence in graphic design, style and communication.



Ormonde shared her vision for the magazine's future with the group, and thanked each person in the room for their amazing work in the wedding industry, and for making the pages of her magazines come alive with inspiration and style. "I am inspired to be surrounded by all of these creative people in our industry tonight. It is your ingenuity that makes the pages of my magazine come alive.

Connecticut is lucky to have such amazing talent nestled into such a romantic setting for weddings."

Ormonde's handpicked guests ranged from the industry's top event designers, to bridal boutique owners, to personal stylists and photographers. Each guest was greeted with a beautifully crafted menu created by Stonington Design and Paperie. Christine Toner, founder and creative director of the company said, "Our concept complimented the Asian-influenced meal. We hand silk-screened modern typography in shades of chocolate and chartreuse, and then wrapped the square silhouette in a Japanese falling water paper. It was sealed with a small river stone that was hand lettered with either the words chic, luxe or sexy. We wanted to reinforce the Grace Ormonde Wedding Style brand."



The meal itself was just as inspired. Marcia Selden Couture Catering presented guests with a first course of an artfully displayed triplicate; Thai watermelon soup, sesame crusted crab cakes with a watermelon tower, and an Asian chicken salad over cucumber curls. A hazelnut-crusted red snapper with a mélange of Asian vegetables was then served with a choice of either Dampf Chablis or Roederer Estates Sparkling Wine, provided by Glenville Wine and Spirits. The meal was finished with a delightful honey lemon panna cotta and fresh berry compote. The artisan chocolatier, Fritz Knipschildt, treated guests to his sweet confections.

"What a pleasure and privilege to provide the delectables at Grace's gathering of the wedding-world elite! She has set a standard of style and elegance above and beyond perfection, and we were delighted to contribute our creative cuisine to this spectacular ensemble of talented designers, purveyors and taste-makers," said Selden.

Not unlike a wedding, tables were adorned with creative florals designed by Jessica Robinson of Jessica's Country Flowers in Burlington. Robinson's floral selection perfectly complimented the table décor that was provided by Something Different Party Rental.

Ormonde was so inspired by the venue that she decided to do a fashion shoot at the Tomes Higgins House for an upcoming cover of one of the magazines. She'll be working exclusively with Beth Chapman, owner of The White Dress by the Shore in Clinton, to select gowns from her couture collection that embodies the artful and sophisticated look and feel of the brand. Chapman commented, "Grace Ormonde is the gold-standard in wedding magazines. The sophisticated elegance of her publication is not only inspirational, but aspirational for so many brides. I am thrilled to be able to collaborate with her on a future cover."



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