Announcements

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Blair Nelson

Miss Samantha Rand Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rand K. Peck of Amherst, was married to Mr. Blair Nelson of Auckland, New Zealand, on Saturday, July 24th, 2010. Mr. Nelson is the son of Robert and Dale Nelson of Auckland, New Zealand.

The bride is the granddaughter of the Mrs. Clifford K. Peck and the late Mr. Clifford K. Peck of Amherst. She is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Ralph Kingston of Milford and the late Mr. Ralph Kingston

Greeting the guests for the late afternoon ceremony was Miss Elliot B. Enriquez, cousin of the bride.

Mr. Ian K. Peck, brother of the bride welcomed the guests to the double ring ceremony which took place in the garden at the home of the bride's parents with Mrs. Nancy Demers officiating.

The bride was escorted by her father.

A tented reception in the garden immediately followed.

Mrs. Nelson is a graduate of Souhegan High School. She received her bachelor's degree in American studies from Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts and her masters in marketing from Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Nelson graduated from Macleans College, New Zealand. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Auckland, a masters in engineering from the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, and a masters in business administration from University of Michigan. He is employed by Fletcher Building, Auckland, New Zealand.

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McAlary – Hawkes

Kevin and Susan McAlary of Amherst announce the engagement of their daughter, Mollie Anne to Matthew Pierson Hawkes, son of William and Tia Hawkes of Plymoth, MA.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Bishop Guertin High School, Nashua and a 2006 graduate of Marist College. Mollie is an analysist with FD Ashton in Boston, MA.

The groom-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Buckingham, Browne and Nichols in Cambridge, MA and a 1999 graduate of Gettysburg College. He is a 2006 graduate of Suffolk Law School in Boston, MA. Mr. Hawkes is a managing director of acquisitions at Michel Associates, Ltd. in Boston, MA.

The couple were engaged on Valentine's Day and a October 2010 wedding is planned.

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Obituary

Cecelia Marie Strong

AMHERST – Cecelia Marie Strong, 41, resident of Amherst, NH, died July 19, 2010 at her home.

She was born in Rhinebeck, NY on March 6, 1969, a daughter of Mary Lou (Galfi) Fox of Kingston, NY and the late John Fox.

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Cecelia graduated from Rhinebeck Central High School in 1986.
She earned Associates degrees in Math and Science from Columbia-Greene Community College located in Hudson, NY in 1994, graduating with Honors. Cecelia also attended the Thompson School of Civil Technology at UNH Durham. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from The University of Massachussetts in Lowell in 2007. Cecelia earned a Chef Certificate in 2009 from the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts. She served in the United States Navy from 1994 until 1998.

Cecelia resided in Amherst with her husband Peter and their two

dogs for the past six years. She enjoyed recent employment with William-Sonoma in the Salem Mall store. Previous employers include Keach-Nordstrom Associates, BAE Systems, Genzyme Corporation, and Essco Calibration Laboratories.

Cecelia enjoyed reading, biking, hiking, traveling, watching movies, and long walks with her husband and dogs. She also loved cooking, and was the family computer expert. Cecelia was a volunteer for Operation Frontline and New Horizons Food Pantry in Manchester, NH

In addition to her husband of eight years, Peter L. Strong, immediate family members include her mother, Mary Lou (Galfi) Fox of Lake Katrine, New York, sister Carrie Fox and son, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, and her father, the late John Fox. To leave an online condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com

New Wines, New Awards for LaBelle's 2010 Season

AMHERST – With four new wines already released in the 2010 season, LaBelle Winery has garnered much attention for its new additions. Joining an impressive 18 medals earned this season, the winery has just added three new awards from the 2010 Indy International Wine Competition. Over 2,664 wines were submitted to this year's competition.

The three wines submitted to the competition represent three of LaBelle's newest offerings, Halcyon, Three Kings and Corazon. The winery is known for its unique fruit wine blends, and these three are no exception. Halcyon was introduced just over a month ago in midJuly and is a nicely balanced blend of Riesling with 10% apricot wine. This fruity and easy to drink combination earned its first medal - a silver - at the Indy competition.

A second silver medal was awarded to LaBelle Winery's Three Kings triple berry port. Also introduced in 2010, this complex and fruity port-style wine has received much praise at the winery's once-a-month Open House events and combines 57% Red Raspberry wine, 21% Blueberry wine, and 22% Marechal Foch red grape wine and has been fortified with apple brandy. A dessert wine named for the Three Kings in winemaker Amy LaBelle's life, her husband and two sons, this wine has earned the attention received from connoisseur and casual drinker alike. Three Kings was also awarded a bronze medal at the Eastern States Exposition – The Big E – earlier this year.

The final medal received in La-Belle's 2010 competition season was awarded to Corazon, an American blush table wine, and a marriage of Seyval Blanc with 5% Red Raspberry wine. Another unique fruit blend from LaBelle, what sets this wine apart is its blush color but dry character. Most wine drinkers will associate a blush color with a

sweeter wine. However, Corazon is a dry blush wine with only a hint of sweetness from the raspberry. The wine previously won a bronze medal at the Eastern States Exposition – The Big E – in June.

In addition to these three Indy award winners, LaBelle Winery released two new wines earlier this season and will add one more to the collection in September. April brought the release of a Riesling. The new wine earned a bronze at the Riesling only competition in Finger Lakes in May and a silver medal at the Big E competition. The wine has been well received and is currently available in a many retail stores as well as select NH Liquor and Wine Outlets. To see where LaBelle wines are sold, visit www. labellewinerynh.com/where-to-buy/.

Granite State White, LaBelle Winery's answer to Chardonnay, was introduced in June and has also earned much attention from winery visitors. While this wine has yet to be submitted to competition, the winery has high expectations for this oak-aged Seyval Blanc offering. September will see the final new

september will see the final new addition released into the LaBelle collection. Virginia Mae Sweet Blueberry will be a full-bodied rich wine that's not too sweet, but gives you deep flavors of blueberry. A portion of this wine's proceeds will be donated to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) research in memory of the wine's namesake, Virginia Mae Procon Fois.

With a total of 21 medals this season, the LaBelle Winery collection now boasts a total of 42 awards. It has been a shining competition season for this New Hampshire boutique winery. To sample any of the new wines and award winners, visit any of the free Open House events held once a month. Pre-registration is required via the LaBelle Winery website www.labellewinerynh.com.

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