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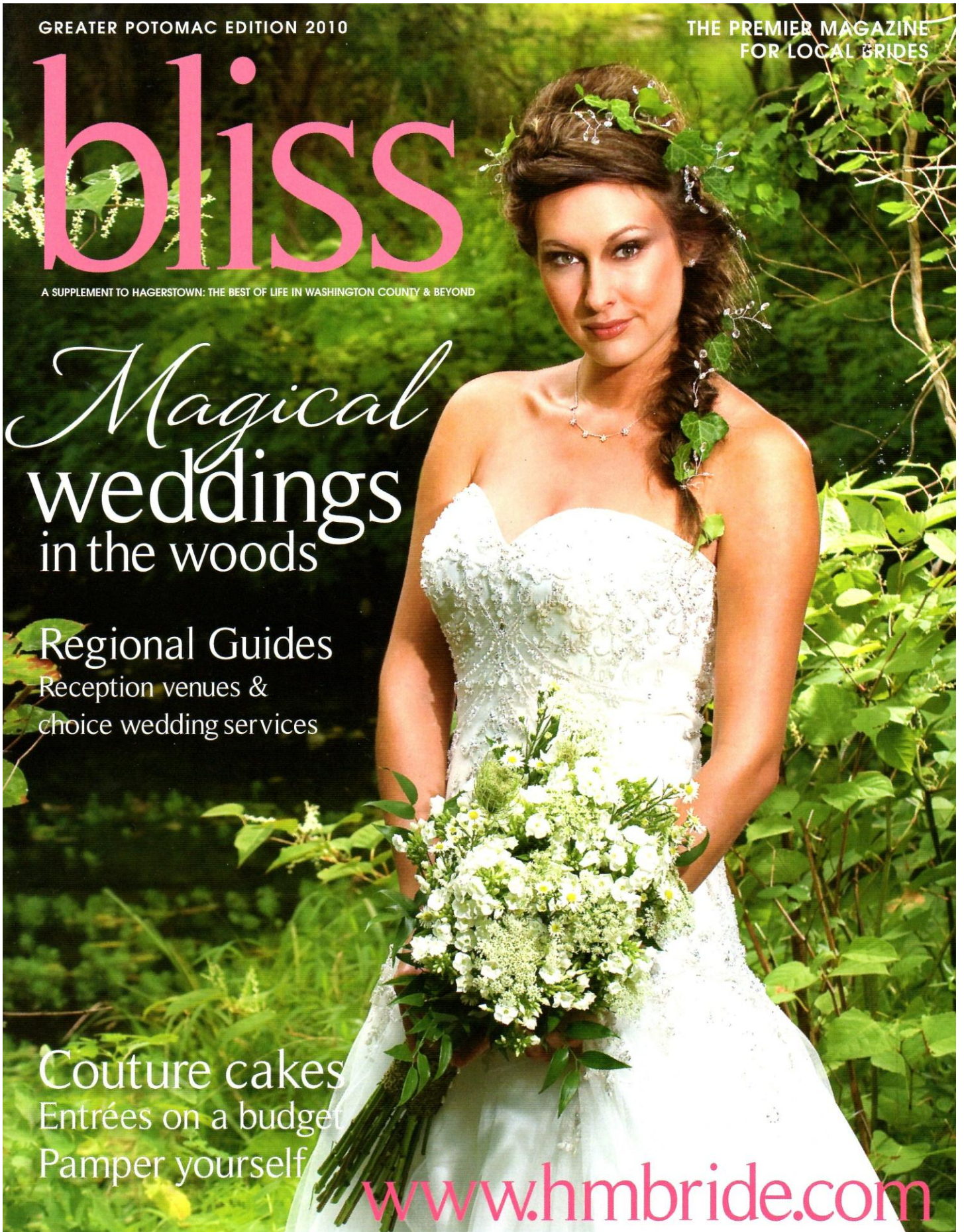
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Kate Rader
&
Scott Reuschling

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Kate and Scott brought a touch of the islands to the Middletown Valley for their luau-themed wedding and reception. The Aloha spirit created a relaxed, festive atmosphere where Hawaiian shirts were welcome, and the tropical palette lent itself to bright pops of color amidst the hues of sand and sea.



1 Shortly after she became engaged, Kate was at TLC Bridal Boutique in Frederick for an *HM* photo shoot when owner Terry Warfield encouraged her to try on dresses. Terry picked out the strapless ivory Sottero-Midgely gown with asymmetrical ruching, and, though not her original vision, Kate instantly loved it.

2 Kate purchased coffee from GG's and designed and printed the labels for her favors, highlighting the tradition and symbolism of the island flavors. Friends and bridesmaids made chocolate-covered spoons — accented with a pink drizzle — to accompany the favors.

3 Scott wore a traditional Ti leaf lei, and Kate's wedding lei consisted of orchids and pink roses. The groomsmen wore kukui nut necklaces — all ordered from Hawaii and Fed-Exed in for the big day.

4 Kate customized the flower girls' baskets with spray paint and wrapped the handles in ribbons. Roostervane Gardens provided fresh orchids for the baskets and the flower girls' hair.

5 The Gourmet Goat Presents GG's offered Kate and Scott's cake — created by baker Karen Leydig — as a wedding gift. The strawberry cake with strawberry icing was accented by a ring of orchid blossoms.

6 Kate's bridal jewelry came from R. Bruce Carson Jewelers. Her Simon G band matches her engagement ring, which is set

with a diamond that belonged to Scott's grandmother and mother. Scott's wedding band was given to him by his grandfather, and R. Bruce Carson Jewelers sized and dipped the ring.

7 Kate's mother-in-law sewed the silk table runners using fabric Kate ordered online. To stay within budget, the centerpieces featured borrowed hurricanes and assorted flowers in the tropical color palette from Roostervane Gardens and were assembled onsite by Roostervane and Elegant Events.

8 Kate's friends and coworkers at RidgeRunner Publishing decorated the card box in a Hawaiian theme, incorporating plenty of Kate's favorite color, pink. Mahalo is a Hawaiian word meaning thanks, gratitude, admiration, praise, esteem, regards and respect.

9 Roostervane Gardens created the tropical bouquets for Kate and her bridesmaids, showcasing bird of paradise, calla lily, dendrobium orchids, green cymbidium orchids, red ginger blossom and hypericum berries. The understated Ti leaf base allows the stunning flowers to stand on their own.

10 The colors Kate selected symbolized her island theme, with the neutral sand color as a base and blue symbolizing the ocean. Tropical-colored highlights include the bridesmaids' (and Kate's) pink shoes. The bridesmaids' dresses are from TLC Bridal Boutique, and the groomsmen wore Calvin Klein linen pants from Men's Warehouse.