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The Aisle Report

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<http://norahandbrian.weddings.com>

New winter-themed page graphics! Please leave a message in the guest book

Hello again. All across the country (and it seems we have family everywhere), the season of chills and precipitation is upon us. Time to curl up under a warm blanket with another edition of The Aisle Report. This small token is but a bit of a warm up in preparation for Norah and Brian's wedding in July, and also acts as a way for us all to keep in touch - even during these busy bustling blustery months of holidays and joy. In this issue, find out a little more about the engagement ring, the Bride's notebook and some fanciful flower facts and folklore.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

- Ed.SB aka MOH - reach me at sb@bellethecat.com

The Engagement Ring -

In a past issue of The Aisle Report (which will be archived on the web sometime soon...I hope!), one of the Wedding Lore columns talked about the history of the wedding and engagement rings.

Norah's engagement ring is a solitaire diamond with an emerald cut. Brian's birthstone - for April - is a diamond, a stone which is considered to be an ideal gift for a loved one. Norah's birthstone for May, which is also the month Brian proposed, is Emerald, the stone of rebirth. It is also said to grant the wearer foresight, good fortune and youth!

Here's wishing the two of them tidings of comfort, joy, and good fortune in the magical year to come!



Countdown to **07/07/07**



Bride's Checklist:

We are still way ahead of the game. Here are some of the newest developments and plans:

- ❖ Putting together wedding packets for out of town guests to be mailed after the first of the year
- ❖ Time of wedding ceremony pinned down to 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ Working on transportation from church to reception
- ❖ Florist, photographer, band, reception hall, hotels, church, caterer, cake person, all are reserved.
- ❖ Groom-to-be measured for tux!
- ❖ Starting to look at invites.
- ❖ Reexamining plans for flowers

Wedding lore and legend! Flower Tales...

Flowers were incorporated into wedding ceremonies because they represent fertility, purity, new life and never ending love. Traditionally, bouquets were a mixture of flowers and herbs. Dill was a very popular choice as an herb because it was believed to promote desire. The carrying of flowers by the bride has its roots in ancient times when it was believed that strong smelling herbs and spices would ward off and drive away evil spirits, bad luck and ill health. During Roman times, this tradition was extended, with the bride and groom wearing floral garlands signifying new life and hope for fertility. During Victorian times, flowers took on an additional significance as lovers would send messages to each other using different flowers, with each flower having its own meaning. These associations were soon adopted for the bride's bouquet and are still used today by many brides. The most popular flowers with their traditional meanings can be found [here](http://www.gagirl.com/cards/florio.html).

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Stay tuned for more wedding news in the new year!