

# *Olde Colonial* WINTER *romance*

*Taking a page out of the history books, this styled shoot marries colonial New England style with a touch of whimsical romance.*

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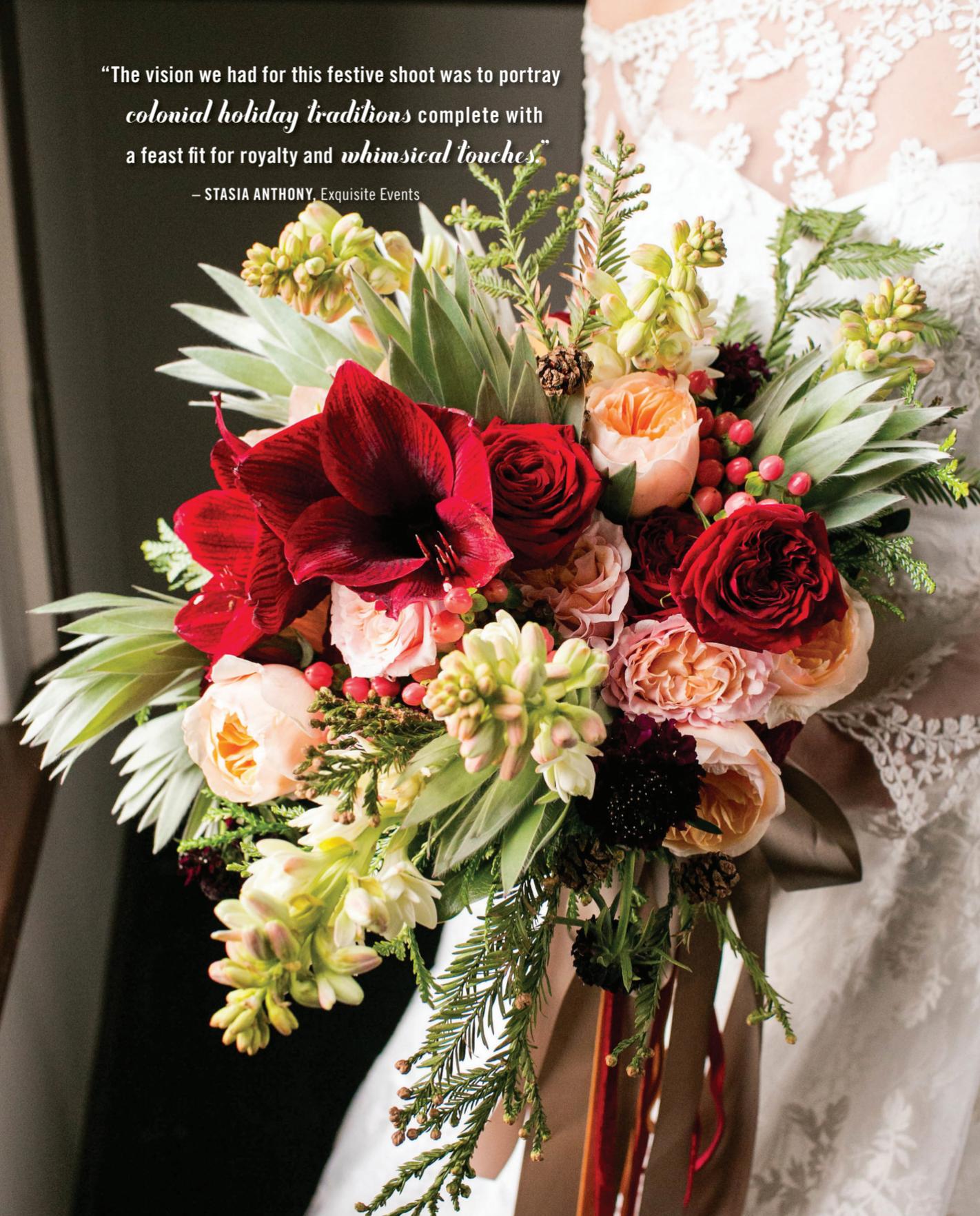


## The VISION

Built between 1736 and 1739 the old Newport Colony House has been perfectly preserved to reflect the architectural design elements of that time. The vision of this styled shoot was inspired by the historical events that took place over the years, but incorporated a playful element that Joyce Holland of Stoneblossom best describes as “the royal order of fun.” The head table was draped with a sumptuous velvet linen in forest green, topped with a faux fur runner in black, beige, and cream hues. Atop the runner, lush flora in deep cranberry, plum, and icy peach hues mingled with antlers, pheasant feathers, winter berries, dried fruit, and antiquated gold candelabras, to form a wintery garland. The surrounding farm tables were bedecked with blackwatch plaid runners covered with tall taper candles, evergreen branches, fresh pine cones, and furry owls for a touch of whimsy. The fashion blurred the lines between old world classic and modern elegance with updated takes on timeless silhouettes. Blending with the fashion and décor, a menu crafted by John Edick of Blackstone Caterers was reminiscent of a colonial holiday feast.

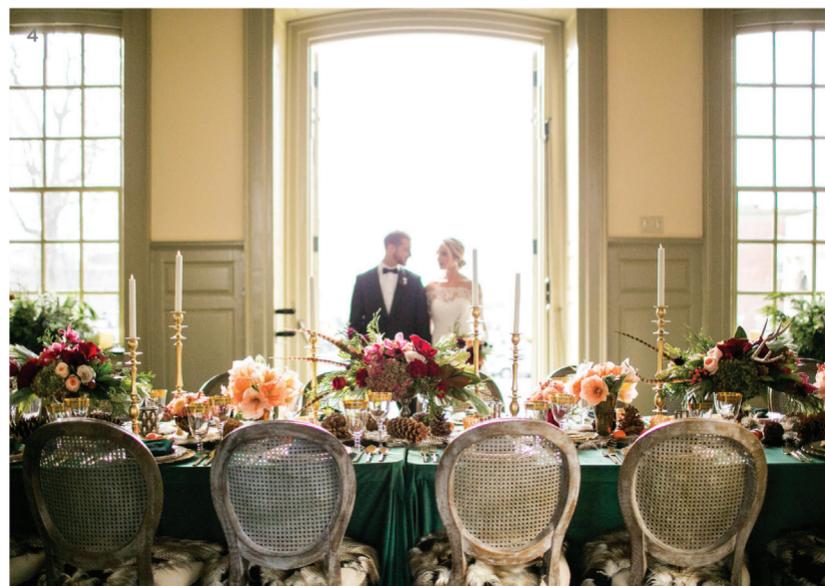
“The vision we had for this festive shoot was to portray colonial holiday traditions complete with a feast fit for royalty and whimsical touches.”

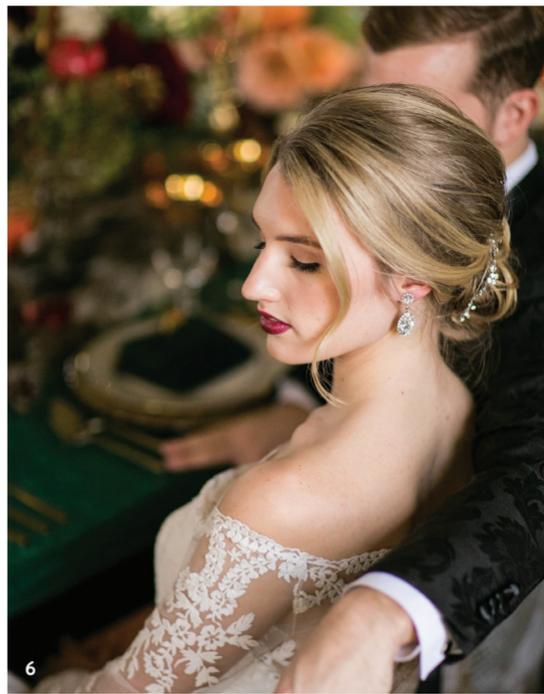
— STASIA ANTHONY, Exquisite Events



### DESIGN defined

*opposite:* 1 | Rich with history, the old courthouse was the perfect ceremony site with its gilded chandelier. 2 | Miniature English meat pies with a whipped potato crust were the ideal comfort food for this winter soiree. 3 | Calligraphist Sharon Morgera designed an invitation suite that celebrated the winter season. 4 | Light poured through the grand doors of the Colony House casting an ethereal glow on the head table. *this page:* Rich, scarlet blooms enhance a textural bouquet of winter flora.





**DESIGN defined** this page: 1 | Furry little owls perched on pine cones infused the tables with wonder. 2 | Winter berries mixed with peach blooms filled golden goblets at the head table. 3 | A warm, seasonal winter cocktail featured fresh cranberries and cinnamon. 4 | The grand staircase offered the ideal backdrop for a cozy lounge area complete with a vintage-inspired settee from Exquisite Events. 5 | Gilded place settings were topped with plaid napkins with aromatic dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks, and a faux antler. 6 | The groom's velvet jacquard blazer was a modern take on a classic silhouette. *opposite:* 7 | Lush color and texture combined to create a wintery table setting reminiscent of colonial New England. 8 | A classic long-sleeved lace gown from A Little Something White Bridal Couture is updated with a modern off-the-shoulder neckline. 9 | Expertly prepared by Blackstone Caterers; herb roasted statler chicken breast with calvados sauce, roasted autumn root vegetables, garnished with tender pea shoots.

*featured*  
**VENDORS**

- catering*  
**Blackstone Caterers**
- floral design & styling*  
**Stoneblossom**
- rentals*  
**PEAK Event Services**
- event planning, décor & design*  
**Exquisite Events**
- calligraphy*  
**Sharon Morgera**
- bridal fashion*  
**A Little Something White Bridal Boutique**
- groom's attire*  
**Aldo's House of Formals**
- photography*  
**M. Studios**
- hair*  
**Kristen Moshiek**
- makeup*  
**Robin Macaloon**

*Additional Contributing Vendors*  
Newport Historical Society - The Colony House, models: Maggie Inc.