



The Washington Post Celebrations

Sunday in Style

Engagements, Weddings, Anniversaries

How Do I Submit My Announcement?

You may submit your announcement by email or fax.

Email address: weddings@washpost.com

Fax number: 1-202-728-3250

Please include your name, mailing address, home and daytime phone numbers when you submit your announcement.

You may write your own announcement. To help you compose your announcement, we've included a checklist at the end of this document that you might find helpful.

How Do I Submit A Photograph?

The easiest way is to email your photograph to weddings@washpost.com

The photograph must be a JPEG, TIF, BMP, EPS or PDF file with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

The original photograph can range in size from wallet up to 8' x 10".

No negatives or slides are accepted.

We will try to return photographs, but we can't guarantee it.

If you are sending a photograph taken by a professional photographer, please include their name so we can include a credit line in your announcement.

When Do I Have To Submit My Announcement?

In order to be published in the Sunday Style and Arts section, we need to receive your announcement and photograph no later than **1:00 pm on Mondays**. We will then send you a proof of your announcement for your approval. We need to receive your approval and payment no later than 1:00 pm on Tuesdays.

How Do I Pay For My Announcement?

All announcements must be paid prior to deadline. We accept MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

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What Sizes Are Available?

Since each celebration is unique, there are no set sizes for these announcements. The size depends upon the amount of text you'd like to include in your announcement and the size of the photograph. We have two main formats for celebration announcements – single and double column.

Sample Double Column Announcements

**Kathy Faye Cooke Marries
Peter Nicholas Skomoloch**
— August 22, 2009 —



Kathy Faye Cooke and Peter Nicholas Skomoloch were married on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. St. Anne's RC, officiated the ceremony at 1000 Hill Viewport at Purcellville, Virginia, and a reception followed at the site.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cooke of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She received her bachelor of science degree from Wake Forest University and received her master's degree in psychology from Virginia Tech University and her master's degree in management administration systems from the College of Management Studies.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skomoloch of Spotswood, New York. He received his bachelor of science degree in physics and a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Franklin University. He currently owns his own consulting firm, Data Analytics LLC.

The couple will honeymoon in Barbados, before settling in Arlington, Virginia.

**Scinto
Golden Anniversary
— August 22, 1959 —**



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scinto

Carol Murdock and Joseph Scinto were married on August 22, 1959 at Blessed Sacrament church in Seattle, Washington. The couple has lived in Rockville, Maryland since 1971.

Joe earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Bucknell and law degrees from St. John's and Harvard. He worked as an attorney for the New York State Commerce Department and the Atomic Energy Commission, advancing to become deputy general counsel at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Joe received a Presidential Rank Award before retiring from the NRC in 1993. He is a volunteer election judge in Rockville, Maryland.

Carol earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Washington. Prior to marriage, she worked as a writer, editor, and social club director in Seattle, New York, and England. After raising four children and volunteering for social justice causes, Carol returned to professional journalism in 1975. Now retired, she is editor emerita at the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual in Silver Spring.

Since retirement, Carol and Joe have traveled together throughout the United States and abroad, living for a time in New Zealand. They maintain strong connections with friends and family all over the world.

Congratulations to Carol and Joe on 50 years of marriage, with love from all your children and grandchildren.

**Ziebarth
First Anniversary
— August 23, 2008 —**



Melissa Graham and David Ziebarth were married on August 23, 2008 at St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church in Bethesda, Maryland. Today they are happy to celebrate their first year of life together as husband and wife.

Melissa is the daughter of Drs. John and Barbara Graham of Parkersburg, West Virginia. David is the son of the late Thomas Ziebarth, Esq. and the late Sarah Helen Ziebarth of Washington, D.C.

The bride received her undergraduate degree in French and English literature from the University of Baltimore and earned a master of science degree from The Johns Hopkins University. Currently she is an associate with the firm Jones Lang Sells.

The groom received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and is employed with the National Service Administration Company in Washington, D.C. He is also a musician and frequently plays guitar and keyboards with various bands, including the one that performed at their reception.

The couple honeymooned in England and both reside in Rockville, Maryland.

**Harvard 60th Anniversary
— August 25, 1949 —**



William S. Harvard, Jr. and Ellen Garrison left their vows at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. on August 25, 1949.

Bill is a retired geologist with the FBI for nearly 3 decades or so, while Ellen is a retired elementary and teacher and is active in the DAR. They have been blessed with four children and eight grandchildren and currently reside in Annapolis, Maryland.

Their marriage has been blessed with a love of family and an abiding faith in God. We wish to thank them for being such wonderful role models and for all they have done for us and our families. Happy anniversary and may God bless you with many more years of happiness together. With love, from your children and grandchildren.

Sample Single Column Announcements

**Devaney
Golden Anniversary
— August 22, 1958 —**



Dr. Alan Devaney and his beloved wife Marie wedding vows at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on August 22, 1958. The Rev. John O'Neil, pastor of St. Ann's, officiated. They have blessed us with 7 FABULOUS children, one and a half grandsons, granddaughters, great-grandchildren, and great-granddaughters. Congratulations to Alan and Marie on their 50th anniversary. We are so proud of you and your family. We are so proud of you and your family. We are so proud of you and your family.

**Osborn
Golden Anniversary
— August 22, 1959 —**

On August 22, 1959 Janice Marian Matson and John Edward Osborn were married in Glentworth, North Dakota. After living in Minnesota, they moved to Maryland in 1965 when John joined the faculty of the department of mathematics at the University of Maryland. Janice has been involved with the Literacy Council of Montgomery County, and both are devoted members of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. They reside in Potomac, Maryland. Their three children Nancy (John Kelly), Kevin (Tina), and Michael (Christina) have blessed them with eight grandchildren: Alex, Maddie, Ben, Jack, Matthew, Nicole, Teddy, and Abigail. The family celebrated the occasion with a reunion weekend this past June.

How Much Does It Cost To Run An Announcement?

The exact cost depends upon the size of your announcement. There are approximately eight lines of text in a column inch, and the rate is \$50.00 per inch per column.

Announcements with photographs range in cost from \$300 for a short single column announcement. A small double column announcement costs approximately \$600.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will The Washington Post edit my announcement? We reserve the right to edit and format your announcement based on our established style for the Weddings and Celebration page.

Is the bride's name always first? Yes.

The parents of the bride and/or groom are divorced. How are their names written?

Ms. Martha Bowman of Vienna, Virginia and Mr. Samuel Gore of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter.

The parent(s) of the bride or groom are deceased. How are their names written?

Mrs. Martha Gore is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Amy Grace. Amy Grace is also the daughter of the late Dr. Samuel Gore.

Are job titles capitalized? No, we do not capitalize job titles or education degrees.

May I use acronyms and standard abbreviations? The use of acronyms and abbreviations are severely limited.

May the groom's parents place the announcement? Yes. The bride's information is always first, so if preferred, the announcement may be constructed with the couple announcing the engagement rather than the parents.

May the announcement be placed by other family members such as aunts, uncles, sisters or brothers?
Yes.

What sort of information may I include in the announcement other than the standard lineage, educational and employment background? There is a lot to choose from. Many announcements include how the couple met, proposal description, wedding dress description, members of the wedding party, reception, out-of-town or special guests, hobbies in common, volunteer projects, memberships, favorite past times, information about the children or something wonderfully unique to the couple. To help you, at the end of this document you'll find a checklist we've prepared that may help you in composing your announcement.

Are anniversary announcements restricted to the milestone years of 25th, 50th and 60th anniversaries?
No, you may place an anniversary announcement for any year, from the 1st year on.

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Wedding Announcement Checklist

Each wedding announcement is unique and reflects the personality of the bride and groom. To help you compose your wedding announcement, below is a checklist of the types of information many couples choose to include in their announcement.

- Bride's full name
- Groom's full name

- Wedding date
- Wedding location including city and state
- Ceremony officiated by

- Mother of the bride's full name
- Father of the bride's full name
- Grandparents of the bride's full names

- Mother of the groom's full name
- Father of the groom's full name
- Grandparents of the groom's full names

- School or college from which the bride graduated or attended
- School or college from which the groom graduated or attended

- Bride's place of employment
- Groom's place of employment

- Who gave away the bride
- Full names and roles of the wedding party
- Full names and roles of special participants (e.g.: readers, musicians, etc.)

- Description of the bride's dress
- Description of the bride's flowers
- Description of the groom's attire
- Description of the mother of the bride's dress
- Description of the mother of the groom's dress
- Description of the attendants' dresses
- Description of the mother of the groom's dress

- Location of the reception
- Description of the reception

- City and state or country of the honeymoon
- City and state where the bride and groom will reside

- Charities or community organizations involved
- Details of marriage proposal
- How the couple met

