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THE \$25,400 INVITATION SET

Just how elaborately can you beckon guests to your party? Grapevine Paperie's Karen Bartolomei details the meticulous craft behind one of her client's bank-busting invites. BY RACHEL LEVITT

To create the save-the-dates, three Grapevine staffers spent three days attaching 125 paper scrolls to dowels, nestling them among moss and seashells, and wrapping each inside a handcrafted box. The cost? \$53.25 each.

A calligrapher spent 23 hours writing the 12-page invitation (\$1,500), while a local illustrator drew maps and two dozen nautical images (\$1,850)—all of which were then scanned and turned into plates for letterpress printing.

An elaborate invite demands equally distinctive packaging. Each die-cut, hand-assembled envelope came with gold letterpress detailing and a custom-designed whale stamp. (Total postage: \$55.)

The invitation booklets' keepsake-quality covers (\$20 each) required sending steel-blue book cloth to India, where it was wrapped over boards—as most real hardcover books are—before returning to Cambridge for gold-leaf screen printing. The Grapevine team handled the final assembly (\$775), including hand-sewing each binding with gold thread.

The invitation's plates were sent to a Brooklyn studio, where an artist inked the cotton pages using a 300-year-old hand-cranked letterpress. The printing cost topped out at \$60 per book.



The First Congregational Church - Fall 2008

Carlise & Zach share the first congregational church, the second house of the historic profession!

Rising 120 feet, the magnificent church spire is topped with a weather-vane depicting a whale's head. From its 22 steps to the top of the tower, and though not ever completed,

the clock is worth the effort. It offers the panoramic view of Nantucket Island's harbor, rooftops, number seven, and more! On the way up, you'll see the old bell, which is still rung on special occasions.



And the first church book invites you to join them in a collection of love as their daughter!

Carlise Margaret is united in marriage to Michael Zachary Gardner son of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Charles Gardner on Saturday, the thirty-first of May. The ceremony will begin at four o'clock in the afternoon. First Congregational Church, 62 State Street, Nantucket, Massachusetts.