



Ashley & Shane's Wedding Celebration:

"Life Is A Journey, Not A Guided Tour" by Lory Chase & Ashley Pouliot

There was another first here at SteppingStones in September! Shane and Ashley got married on September 17, 2006, in a ceremony held in the garden of the Justice of the Peace who performed the ceremony. With two months to plan the wedding, everything went well on the "big" day. Even the weather cooperated! It was a hot and sunny day well into the 80's. Wow! In attendance at the wedding were the couple's closest friends and family members. Shane's brother was his best man. Ashley's best friend was her maid of honor. Other family members participated in the ceremony as well. After the ceremony, a small reception was held with dancing and food.

The happy couple met at SteppingStones in the cafeteria one day when Shane was introducing a potential member. They went on their first date to see "Murderball" and were accompanied by members and staff from SteppingStones. They officially became a couple at the Deerfield Fair last fall. The relationship then blossomed into talks about marriage! Shane asked Ashley's father for permission to marry his daughter. Permission was granted and then he proposed on Christmas last year. The stone in Ashley's engagement ring was a Smith family heirloom, the stone from her grandmother's ring. Shane had the stone mounted in a new setting for his future bride.

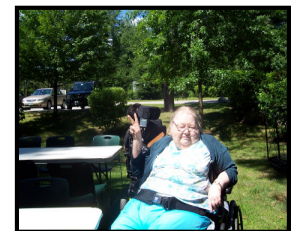
SteppingStones hosted a pre-wedding party on September 12, 2006, for the couple. The party started off with what turned out to be a week-long celebration. During the party, members gave the couple advice. Shane's favorite was "Recycle," given by none other than Dick H.. Ashley's favorite was, "Ashley is always right." The couple is planning on taking a weekend in October to go to Cape Cod for their honeymoon.

We all wish the couple many, many years of health and happiness, with the peace of mind knowing the whole SteppingStones community is always here for support.

SteppingStones Summer Enrichment a Big Hit

By Lory Chase

For the first time this summer, SteppingStones offered programming for its members three days a week. There were many diverse groups offered and members really enjoyed participating in the wide array of activities, while also getting the opportunity to try brand new things that made for a very pleasurable summer at SteppingStones. Russ M. really enjoyed the poetry writing classes that took place, while Steve W. and Dave W. agreed that their favorite activity were the cooking classes. Jacki M. felt that the best part of the Summer Enrichment Program was the sign language classes that were offered, while Ashley P. really enjoyed the surfers that came and visited SteppingStones, as well as the art programs and emotions workshops. Here are is a photo essay of some of the fun that went on this summer at SteppingStones!



The SteppingStones community thanks the artists, musicians, health and wellness guests, student interns and community volunteers who shared their talents during the Summer Enrichment Program. Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!