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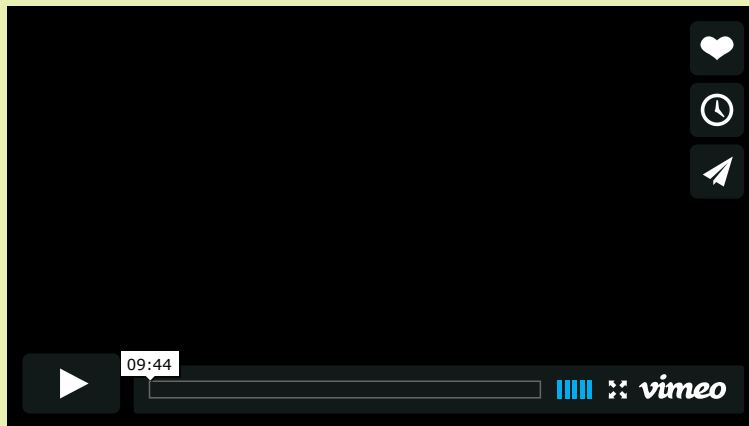
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Thursday, August 18, 2011

A Photography and Cupcake Filled Afternoon at the Allied Arts Guild

The afternoon was a great success! Here's a recap of what it was like as I wandered around the gardens and dessert bars at the [Allied Arts Guild](#) last weekend.



[Meet the children Elley met on her visit to Nepal.](#)

BTW, it's not too late to support my friend and wedding photographer Elley Ho's fundraiser to help impoverished school children living in the Himalayan Valleys of Nepal. You can purchase her and her co-exhibitor Scott Taylor's photos online and **100% of the proceeds will be donated** to help school children a world away through the [NEIO \(The Nepal Education Initiative Organization a 501c3 charity\)](#).

Welcome! I Found The Place is a multi-niche, inspirational blog that promotes local and national tourism, lifestyle, lots of food posts, advocacy for the National Marrow Donor Program and the everyday highs and lows of former Bay Area Designer ([now Michiganese](#)), Creative Consultant, Foodie, Photographer and Geeky Girl, Stacie Tamaki



I hope my blog inspires you to look around and discover fun and interesting things to do wherever you live and to follow your passion so you can be fun and adventurous too :)

Stacie Tamaki

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I know some people in the United States believe we should only help people in the United States. Need is need and we do have citizens who need help right here at home and I believe we should help them.

But at the same time the concept of "us" and "others" is based on nothing more than the man made lines that divide and separate humankind into different countries.

I choose not to acknowledge these lines when it comes to helping humanity. When it comes to human suffering and the need for opportunities to rise out of poverty I believe in helping *both* where the need is greatest and within my own local community. To me it doesn't have to be an either or endeavor. I may donate money to people overseas and money or time to those who live here and need help.

At the end of the day, regardless of our differences, we share the same basic needs of food, water and shelter.

We will also all achieve more and will create a better world if we are given the opportunity to be educated. And that's what NEIO does. It helps to educate children to help them rise out of poverty.



The gardens at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park are really gorgeous. Remember how the previous Saturday I'd gone out a week early by accident for Elley's exhibit? It turned out to be a happy accident because I stayed and photographed the Hydrangeas in the Garden of Delight.



When I arrived I spotted friend and photographer Lisa Whalen with Elley and Scott Taylor so I took a picture of her. . .

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My flirty, tiny (4'x6') trailer
"The Glampette"

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Or click [HERE](#) to read every post I've written about her.

Or watch the Youtube video of her first television interview on The Jennylyn Show!

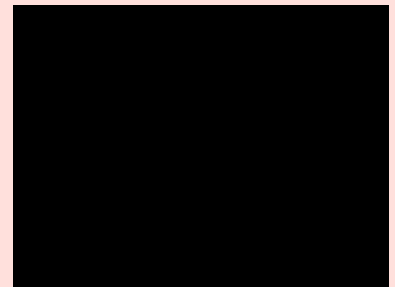




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Taking this picture of them.

Elley and Scott spent one month hiking over 100 miles across the Himalayan mountain range. They stayed in villages, lived with locals, volunteered and taught in classrooms and documented much of what they saw and experienced through photography and video.

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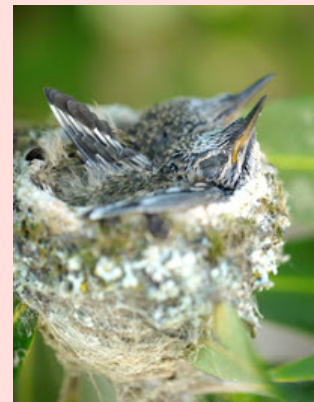
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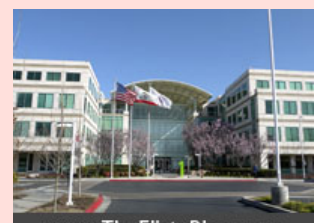


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Elley Ho and Scott Taylor

are Photographers who care about NEIO

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These are the photos that were exhibited at their "A World Away" show and are still [available on line to purchase](#) with the proceeds going to the NEIO. These kids have very little. They play kickball with a ball that is completely deflated but they love it and the fact that it has no air doesn't impact the joy they experience when they play with it.

They learn to write and draw with nubs of pencils that we in America would have thrown away long ago.



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Their penmanship is beautiful Seriously. They all have better writing skills than I do and I wasn't the only attendee saying that. My handwriting looks like chicken scratch by comparison.



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This is the Nakote School that the NEIO helped to build for the children after their existing school was destroyed by a landslide.

The NEIO was created by Wayne H. Cheung, a senior IT Corporate Manager with fifteen years of experience at a San Francisco based structural engineering firm. Wayne learned of the need and began recruiting volunteers in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hong Kong, China and Nepal to help rebuild the school. From his efforts the NEIO was born and has continued to help provide educational facilities to children in geographically disadvantageous regions.

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I loved that the photos were displayed out on the Sunset Terrace and Patio and not indoors.



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The weather couldn't have been more perfect!

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07/01/15 05:07 from [The Flirty Blog](#) • [A Wedding & Lifestyle Resource](#)

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There were three fundraisers that day all to benefit NEIO: One was to buy a raffle ticket to win one of the door prizes. Another was to purchase a glass of wine and three desserts from the dessert bar inside the Sunset Room. And the third was that the proceeds for any of the pictures sold would be donated to NEIO.



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The NEIO was there with a great display of letter, pictures and photos from the children the

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non-profit helps.



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Elley spoke a few words thanking the attendees for their support and explaining how the NEIO is making a difference.



Then we watched a video about her and Scott's experience in the Himalayas.

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This was just one of the three dessert stations that day. The desserts were donated by local bakers [Carolyn Wong Cakes](#), [Jen's Cakes](#), [Michelle Ng](#) and [Studio Cake](#).

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the paper playhouse winner! - Happy Monday, everyone! I [lost this blog](#) a brutal week of non-paying work (what's new) that will hopefully turn into something great, but no guarantees. I...

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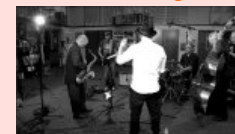


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[Louisiana Belle](#)



2014 Photo Overload - Happy Monday, y'all! Here are (hopefully) the last of my 2014 photos. Hope everyone has a great week! Will be

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The international bone marrow registry is made up of 34 different countries. Over half the marrow matches made worldwide are between donors and patients who



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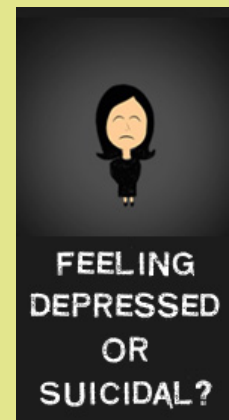
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live in different countries.
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URGENT NEED: 22 year old Cristina Di Corte is looking for, most likely, a bone marrow donor of Italian descent. Cristina suffers from a disease so rare it took doctors four years to diagnose her condition as MNGIE. Learn more at her website HelpingCristina.org



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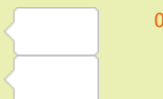
The cupcakes were displayed so beautifully. Look how perfectly aligned they were on the table. This only made it more funny when I saw the following sad picture Photographer Lisa Whalen posted the next day on Facebook of some cupcakes she took home with her but the box didn't do a great job of keeping them upright. . .



Photo by: [Lisa Whalen Photography](#)

LOL it was a Cupcaketastrophe!

In closing all I can say is that a warm summer day, good friends, a great cause and a dessert bar make doing something good all the more sweeter.



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I was awarded Wish Upon a Wedding's Shining Star award in Nov. 2010 by the San Francisco Chapter's Board of Directors. The award is their way to thank and pay tribute to wedding professionals who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire

others to engage in volunteer service. Read the blog post by [CLICKING HERE](#)

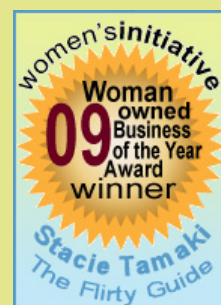


I took Mark Ferrell's Master of Ceremonies Workshop (Bronze Level) in May 2010 and it was a transformative. You can read all about it by [CLICKING HERE](#).



In late 2009 I was approached by "Be The Match" formerly known as The National Marrow Donor Program, because they had seen the volunteer, marrow donor recruitment and education advocacy I had been doing online ever since my cousin Tami had become ill in Feb. 2009. They said there were others like me out there, just doing their own thing supporting the program and they wanted to create a formal support system for us at "Be The Match."

I was invited to be a part of a focus group that over the course of several weeks, gave feedback as they designed the SMART program. Once completed, I was invited to become one of its first members and officially passed the test in May of 2010.



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