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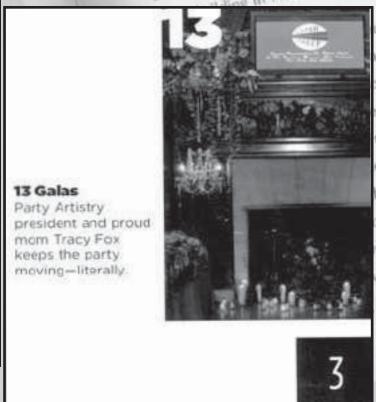
Four Seasons

"Because we're in the business it was easier for us to narrow down our choices," says Tracy, whose mother, Judy Davis, is president of Party Artistry. "However, I still spent several months, full time, planning all the details of our wedding." A small amount of time, it seems, considering the scope of the theme chosen by the couple—the four seasons. (Not surprisingly, this celebration recently won the Gala Award for Best Wedding of 1996 from Special Events magazine.)

The couple were wed on March 2, 1996, at the [venue] in New York



From top: Just married: newlyweds Tracy Davis and Marty Fox; a pretty scene from summertime; the rustic autumnal setting; a peek at the winter wonderland.



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Party Artistry president and proud mom Tracy Fox keeps the party moving—literally.

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ENJOYING THE EVENING: Patti Scripps, center, and Jim Scripps, left, Mary Buchanan, center, and Jim Scripps, right, all of Loudonville, enjoy Wednesday night's gala at Colonie Center.

Colonie Center gala draws star-studded crowd

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COLONIE — Dressed in black ties and gowns draped with diamonds and gold, the Capital District's rich and famous came together for the gala reopening of the Colonie Center mall Wednesday evening.

The extravaganza was marked by a star-studded invitation list of visiting Belgian diplomats, local and national politicians and local businessmen. More than 1,400 guests paid \$75 a ticket to attend the reopening gala, which featured Emmy nominee Diahann Carroll, who performed in a Las Vegas-style revue.

The renovated mall was decorated with gold and purple tapestry. Flowers of red and yellow accented the lush green garden entrance leading to the mall's center court.

"This is probably one of the most extraordinary nights," said Rhonda Childs, chairman of the Gala Preview Party. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be de-

nated to Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Albany County Inc., which will use the money to develop new programs and expand existing programs for the Capital District's youth.

"This is the largest fund-raiser we have ever had," said Jim Snyder, director of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Albany County.

The gala was sponsored by mall owner Equitable Real Estate Investment Inc. and developer Kravco Co.

The new Colonie Center, set to reopen at noon today, is an architectural feat and a renovation. It has 60 new shops, a planned third anchor store and a second-story international food court. In the works since 1987, the stores, stands at a bold contradiction to the bleak economic times.

An estimated \$50,000 price tag was put on the party, according to Angelo Anzzone, owner of Glen Sanders Mansion of Scotia. About 360 bottles of champagne, 480 bottles of wine, 730 pounds of fish, 1,300 pounds of assorted meats and more than 12,000 hors d'oeuvres of

glazed lamb chops, smoked salmon, caviar and grilled tuna were prepared for the black-tie affair.

The entertainment also included the New York City-based theater group Le Clique and its Full Royal Regalia actors, saxophonist Nick Brignola and The Carl Landa Quartet and pianist Mike Purcell.

The buffet menu included a royal carving table of turkey and prime tenderloin. Guests were also able to select from various European and oriental delights as well as various shell and fresh fish. Sweet tooths were treated to banana foster flambé and cherries jubilee, macadamia nut chocolate mousse, assorted tarts, pecan clusters, lemon and raspberry squares and other gourmet pastries.

New additions to the mall include The Coffee Beanery, Great American Chocolate Chip Cookie Company, Beiden Jewelry, The Body Shop, Victoria's Secret and Steinbach, as well as several other specialty-item and chain store businesses.