

“12 Years And It Comes Down To One Date”

Gerard, a dashing and sophisticated professional stylist in his early sixties had come to Canada from France in 1986. He got married and in time was subsequently divorced. For the next 12 years he began dating but never found the partner he was willing to share the rest of his life with. Gerard: “As a stylist, it can be very frustrating, I come into contact with beautiful women every day, but they are totally off limits. Many years ago I had dated a client for some time and when that relationship failed it nearly ruined my entire business. About a year ago a close friend of mine recommended that I go see a matchmaker, something I had never thought about, but at second glance seemed like a great idea, I was so tired of wasting time on bad dates.” Gerard took his friend’s advice and called Jane Carstens of Hearts Canada, a boutique matchmaking service with a 21-year history and servicing clients on both Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. He booked an appointment with Jane who met him at his home for an interview. “I liked what Jane had to say,” says Gerard “I liked the fact that she came out to my place to speak to me, I knew in my heart that she could help me and I placed my total trust in her.”

“I’d love to say that I matched Gerard perfectly right off the bat, but that didn’t happen.” Says Jane, “He is very exuberant, expressive and extremely romantic. I thought well, this’ll be easy, he has it all, handsome, his own very successful business, a summer home in the Gulf Islands, a loft downtown, and he cooks like a studied chef.” In the 10 months that Jane worked on his file she matched Gerard eight times and although, according to him, all the matches were great, he had yet to find the spark he was looking for. Each match generated more feedback (a major part of the Jane’s process) thereby allowing Jane to further refine Gerard’s requirements. “Sometimes with certain clients it

comes down to a numbers game, my membership is in constant flux as new members join and existing members go on hold in successful relationships, with Gerard I knew I’d get him matched successfully, it was only a matter of time.”

“Bobbie a beautiful cosmetics executive, in her early 50’s had come in for an interview on a private search ad I had placed about a week before Valentines Day last year.” Says Jane “Bobbie was a little too young for the client I was doing the search for, but as it frequently happens she was intrigued by the concept, I think about a week later, called me for an in-home follow up interview and, subsequently, became a client. Through the interview process Bobbie revealed that she had intentionally taken a break from dating, initially for one year, in reality that break stretched out to four years. “I had never given up hope on finding “mister right” says Bobbie “it’s just that because of a really emotional and traumatic break up of my previous relationship, I’d put my dating life on hold and concentrated on doing things for me”

After meeting Bobbie I immediately thought of Gerard. By this time I knew exactly what he was looking for and I thought that Bobbie was it. If nothing else these two were very, very persistent and had neither one of them had never given up hope. I sent them on their first date, kept my fingers crossed, hoped that the chemistry was there.

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