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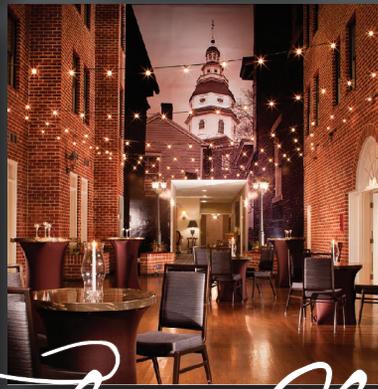
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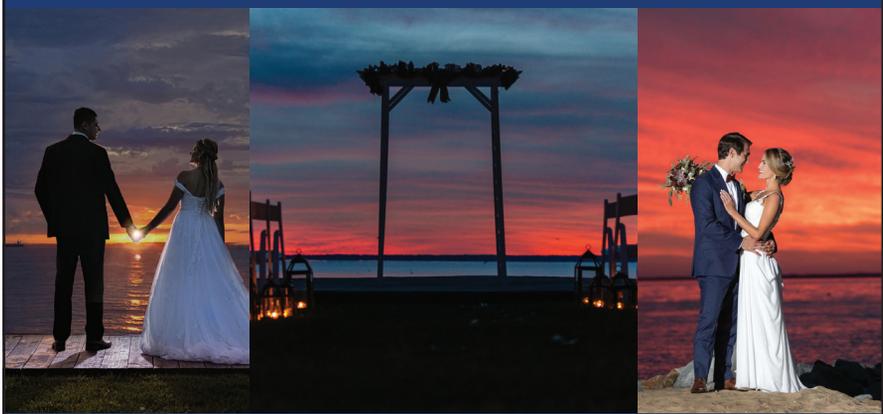
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Me, celebrating the marriage of one of my best friends Kelly (right) this past September

## Jessica Greensmith

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### *A wedding is like a launch party for a personal brand...*

**E**very detail, from attire to seating charts, affirms something about the happy couple. Did the groom wear silly socks? He's a goofball; he bucks tradition. Did the brides handwrite place-cards? They're artistic or extra thoughtful or thrifty. Another couple skips the reception seating chart. "Sit where you want!" they instruct their guests, which is a laid-back move, made by non-control freaks. (On the other side of the spectrum, there's me, the wannabe matchmaker, who spent hours obsessing over which friends might hit it off.) The point is, weddings are ripe for personalization. They're your chance to shout "This is us!" and showcase the things you love, whether it's literature (Google *The Little Prince* + ceremony readings, ASAP!) or Southern food (catered barbecue, yes please!).

Along those lines, we wanted to dedicate this issue to aspects of planning that sometimes play second fiddle yet still make a wedding uniquely you. Many of us will plow through ceremony and reception venue tours but treat the rehearsal dinner like an afterthought. It's not the big day, so it's relegated to the bottom of our vision board. But the reality is the rehearsal dinner can be the most intimate gathering of a wedding weekend, the only opportunity a couple has to let loose and be present with their friends and family. On page 38, we highlight five amazing venues based on their personality styles, to help you design a rehearsal dinner that's driven by experience.

In the last year, we've noticed more and more weddings that incorporate charitable giving, and we are thrilled to highlight two local businesses that promote social good through their services to brides and grooms (page 26). Our favorite weddings have layers of meaning: they summon us to love deeper and better, not just our significant others but our communities, too.

Other fun additions are a piece on groom fashion ("The Two-Toned Tux," page 25), a foraging-inspired photo shoot with a lavender gown and gutsy green eyeshadow ("Herb Garden Queens," page 32), and five standout Real Weddings (page 47), including the nuptials of former Annapolis mayor Mike Pantelides.

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# Blue and white patterned

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# The Just Married Jacket

Nobody talks about bridal outerwear, which is crazy because weddings get cold and “Just Married” jackets are awesome. They are the whiskey-soaked cherries atop the ice cream sundae, unexpected and edgy. And yet your window for purchasing them is so tiny! You can’t buy a jacket emblazoned with “Mrs.” three years into matrimony. It’s wacky, kind of like when someone who has been a brunette their entire life decides suddenly at 34 to go blonde and people fixate on all the possible reasons. So, get the full utility out of the jacket, and none of the raised eyebrows, by grabbing it now. You’ll make all your married friends jealous.

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## THE MOVEMENT

The Just Married jacket is not just a cool trend but also a movement started by Canadian calligrapher Sylvia Wong. Wong hand painted her favorite leather jacket for her wedding in 2016, and then posted it to a local bartering website, to overwhelming demand. Since then, she's loaned it out to couples all over Toronto for free, and calligraphers in other cities, including Baltimore and D.C., have replicated the model with their own jackets.



NICK KIEFER

### Decisions, decisions

*Do you want a leather jacket or a jean jacket?*

*What kind of lettering do you prefer — embroidery, vinyl transfer or hand-painted?*

*What should the jacket say?*

*Your new last name? A catchy phrase?*

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# Minimoons

The key to a mini-moon is “quick and easy.” Instead of superlative honeymoons that wipe out bank accounts and energy stores, more and more couples are opting for simple getaways that require less cash and planning.

“Coming off a wedding, a lot of people are finding that jumping on a plane for 15 hours isn’t what they want to do,” says Time for Travel owner Sarah Kline. “I’ve seen a huge resurgence in travel to Cancun and Jamaica, where there are amazing, new five-star hotels you can get to in less than three hours,” she adds. All-inclusive resorts or cruises are perfect for recharging, since itineraries, meals, and transportation are all decided for you. A mini-moon can also be a great excuse to explore the U.S., whether via a glamping trip to a National Park or a low-key long weekend in Charleston, South Carolina.



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### FOR THE PERSONALIZATION

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# 8 days

# 4 months

THE AVERAGE HONEYMOON IS BOOKED 4 MONTHS IN ADVANCE



# 75%

OF COUPLES STAY IN NORTH AMERICA

# 10%

OF HONEYMOONERS GO ON A CRUISE



# \$4,466

AVERAGE HONEYMOON COST

# The Cryo Countdown

When we say everybody's doing it, we mean all the beautiful people — including Gigi Hadid, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Alicia Keys. And while we wouldn't normally follow *anyone*, even a Victoria's Secret model, down a subzero chamber, whole body cryotherapy promises a host of alluring benefits, from pain management to stress relief. Plus, as Thrive CryoStudio founder Brandon Yu explains, it's not *that* cold in there: "kind of like walking down the freezer aisle of the grocery store with just your bikini on," he says. Three minutes of that, we can certainly handle. Not ready to take the polar plunge? No worries. There are plenty of stellar treatments that won't send shivers down your spine. CryoSkin is the natural alternative to botox — making you glow, baby glow — while an infrared sauna can detox your Bachelor(ette) party hangover. Magic pill? No, but close.

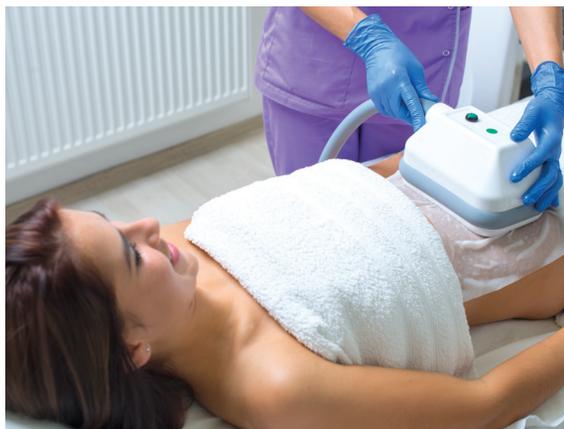


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**3  
MONTHS  
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→ *How often: Once a week until your goal is achieved.*



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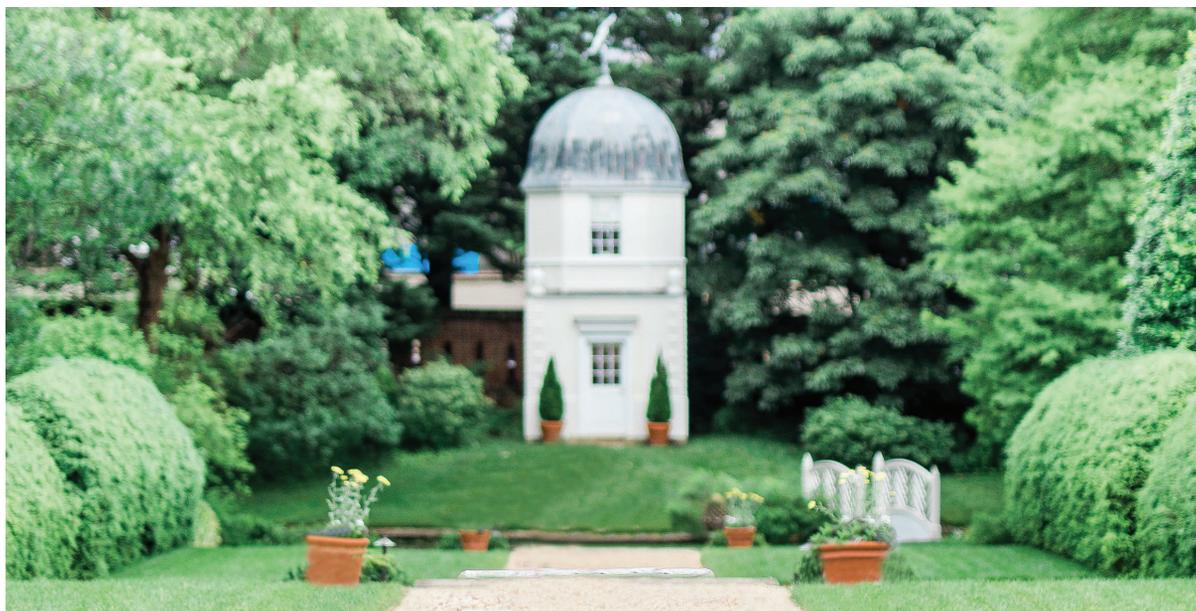
### **WHOLE BODY CRYOTHERAPY**

You're not Snow White, in need of a wakeup kiss; if anything, you're craving that poison apple with its promise of sweet slumber. To all the pre-wedding insomniacs, consider whole body cryotherapy. Besides reducing your stress, the 3-minute cold therapy can lower inflammation and spur on muscle recovery.

→ *How often: Varies by individual, but Yu suggests three times a week to start.*



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## BOHO

Let's get this straight: the boho look is not flower crowns and barefoot brides. It's a state of mind. No bridezillas in this house — we're wearing billowy sleeves and we're flying high.

*Clockwise from left: Emily Riggs "Seven," Pronovias "Mila," Rue de Seine "Vita"*



## CHILL-OUT TIPS FOR THE MORNING OF:

### CEDE CONTROL



Ask a friend to be the point person for any last-minute snags. Introduce her to your day-of-coordinator, hand her a wad of cash, and give her your blessing to make all decisions on your behalf.

### MAKE A SCHEDULE



Of course, it will change. But everything will run smoother if you have a plan. Share the doc with your wedding party and vendor team to ensure everyone's in sync.

### BURN OFF YOUR STRESS



You are going to be cooped up *all. day. long.* Start your morning with yoga or a short run to keep you energized and calm.

### EAT, PLAY, LOVE



That awesome cheese board you picked out for the reception is still hours away. Don't forget about breakfast and lunch. Your best self is your fed self.



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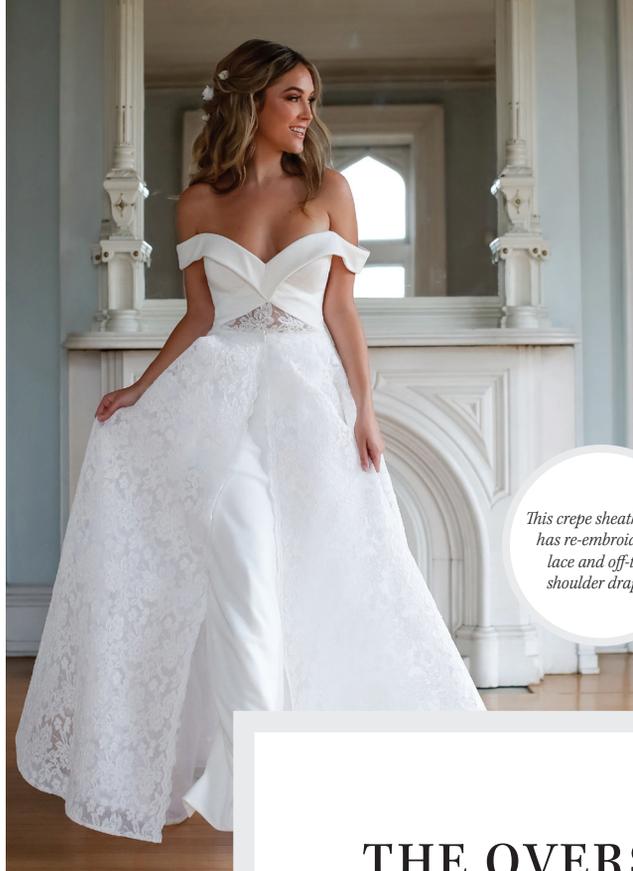
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*This crepe sheath dress has re-embroidered lace and off-the-shoulder drapes.*



## THE OVERSKIRT

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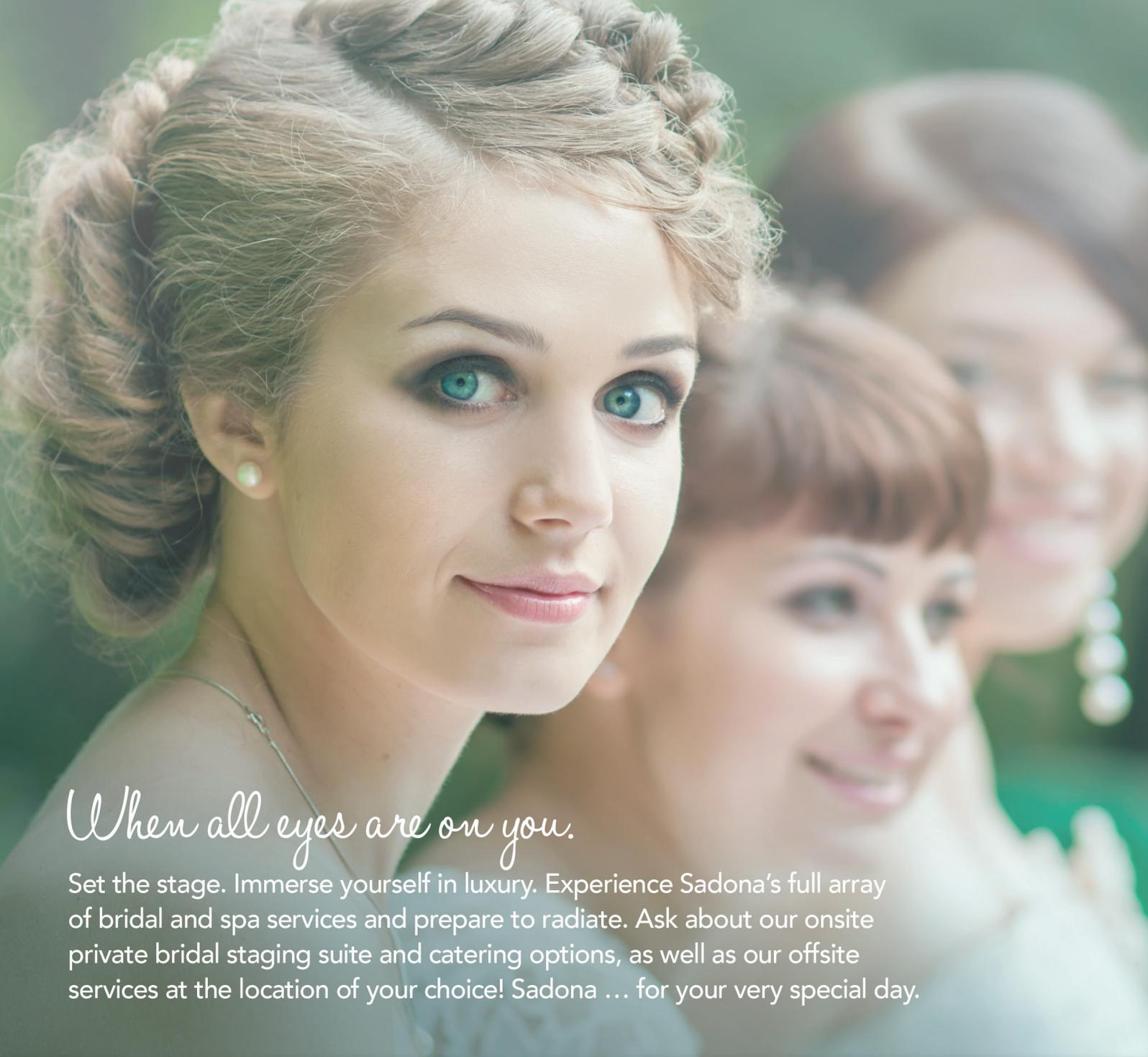
*Above: Marla Gown with Overskirt from the Joy Collection by Barbara Kavchok*

*Below: Nevis Gown with Nova Overskirt by Galia Lahav*



*This crepe sheath dress has re-embroidered lace and off-the-shoulder drapes.*





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# FRONT SLIT

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*Clockwise from left: Sarah Seven "Ritz," XO by Limor Rosen "Luna," Suzanne Neville "Luella"*



## USE FASHION TAPE



On your wedding day, the last thing you want to worry about is a wardrobe malfunction. To prevent your dress from flying up, apply tape to the top of your thighs on either side of the slit.

## AVOID PANTY LINES



Celebrity stylists swear by Shibue Couture for reliable, no-show underwear. Regardless of what brand you buy, we highly recommend you test drive your panties before the big day.

## SEW IT UP



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## TWO-TONE TUX

Sayonara, sister. It's #hisdaytoo. Let's take a moment to celebrate strapping grooms. Two-tone tuxedos are both suave and something extra, for the gentleman who likes to stand out.

*Pictured here: Hunter Deeley and PJ McGovern, who tied the knot at the Tidewater Inn on October 6, 2018 in navy and David blue dot Bonobos tuxedos.*

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## LAPEL STYLES, ACCORDING TO JAMES BONDS



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### SHAWL

DANIEL CRAIG IN *SKYFALL*

With its outward sweep, the shawl collar exudes old-school glamour. Though less formal than the peak, it's still Black-tie appropriate.



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### PEAK

GEORGE LAZENBY IN *ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE*

The most formal of the lapel styles, the peak is distinguished by its angular shape, which juts up toward the shoulders.



David Donahue

### NOTCH

SEAN CONNERY IN *GOLDFINGER*

Purists may scoff at the groom who sports a notch lapel on his tuxedo, but it's a fashion-forward move that we applaud. Just take it from Bond!



**In 2017, ten percent of couples incorporated charitable giving in their wedding registries.**

*(The Knot Survey)*



# Weddings That Give Back

**By** Jessica Greensmith

**Photos by** J. Zachary in Focus and Steve Buchanan

**I**n an industry that is all about “me, me, me,” it can be easy to think of weddings as a source of superficiality and excess. But in their most fundamental form, weddings are actually centered around giving — a father gives away his daughter to a grateful groom, guests give a couple thoughtful gifts to furnish their first home, the couple gives their friends and family a chance to celebrate an important milestone. Weddings, in all their pomp and circumstance, are an opportunity for generosity. So, instead of dwelling on the bottom line or the perfect aesthetic, we’d like to raise a challenge: Leverage your wedding for social good. In that spirit, we turn our attention to two big-hearted causes that invite brides and grooms to lean out, and three simple ways you can incorporate charitable giving into your planning.

## Veils for Tails

As an only child, Ashley Paternostro's earliest friends were her pets; animals she had adopted and rescued, like Stormy and Midnight, a pair of guinea pigs, and Blackberry, a rabbit who had spent the first three years of his life completely caged. "The love for them made me want to advocate for animal welfare," the real estate advisor explains. So, when Paternostro opened a bridal consignment e-boutique in 2017, it was an easy decision to donate a portion of her proceeds to the SPCA of Anne Arundel County and other local pet rescue organizations. "I started seeing a trend with millennial brides who really loved their pets and wanted to involve them in their weddings," she says. Veils for Tails, which became a brick-and-mortar in September, attracts a mix of clients, from animal-lovers like Paternostro to budget-savvy brides that are looking to save on the big-ticket dress. Increasingly, Paternostro also meets sustainable shoppers who want to reduce waste by repurposing gowns that might otherwise be thrown out. "Many of these gowns



In the United States, **6.5 million** animals enter shelters every year. Approximately **1.5 million** are euthanized due to limited space and resources.

(American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

have unique stories that are fun to pass on from one bride to the next," she says.

Since Veils for Tails is a consignment shop, its inventory varies, but Paternostro mostly stocks dresses from well-known designers such as Lazaro and Wtoo by Watters. Some of her gowns have never been worn and still have tags on them, with prices ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 depending on the age, condition, and label.

Beyond Veils for Tails' financial commitment, which has seen more than \$3,000 raised for local charities, Paternostro has also assisted with the adoption of abandoned puppies by partnering with K-9 Lifesavers Rescue. "Our hope is that all animals will get out of shelters and find loving forever or foster homes," she says.



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## Petals for Hope

Brittany Sard had had enough of her corporate marketing job when she came up with an intriguing idea: What if she collected the flowers that are typically thrown away after big events, like weddings, and repurposed them into bouquets to brighten up nursing homes, hospitals, and other lonely places? “I thought it would take a year, maybe two, to get [the project off the ground], but we actually got our first donation the next day,” Sard says. Now, the nonprofit she started in May 2018, Petals for Hope, services two to five weddings per weekend with a roster of 50 dedicated volunteers across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Most of her referrals come from area florists and planners, who are familiar with her work and can navigate venue protocols, but Sard also coordinates with brides who reach out to her directly. To set up a donation, all Sard needs is a wedding date, location, and time of breakdown. “We know there are so many things happening in terms of clean up,” she explains. “The one thing we don’t want to do is hinder the [onsite] team.”

Preparing flowers for reuse is an all-day event. Petals for Hope volunteers show up immediately after a reception ends to pick up arrangements, which are stored in foam or plastic trays overnight. The next morning, the volunteers assemble early, usually around 8 a.m., following specific guidelines to maximize freshness, such as recutting stems on a bias and reviving arrangements with fresh water and flower food. Blooms that can't be reused are composted instead of being sent to a landfill.

Next comes the fun part: delivering the repurposed bouquets to those in need. Two of Sard's go-to drop-off sites are small hospice centers in Centreville and Easton, but she also visits maternity wards, shut-ins, and other locations by request. Occasionally, Petals for Hope also hosts mini floral arranging workshops for residents of homeless shelters and children's hospitals.

## Other Ways to Give

### › Use your registry

Websites like The Good Beginning, Blueprint Registry, and Crowdrise (a partner of The Knot) allow couples to add charities to their wedding registries alongside traditional items, like dish sets, linens, and a honeymoon fund.

### › Donate on behalf of your guests

Do you have a favorite cause? Instead of giving out party favors, make a donation to a worthy nonprofit. Your guests will be fine without the personalized M&Ms. Just be sure to let them know about the gift by including a note in your program or setting up a display with information about the organization.

### › Hire a nonprofit vendor

You're going to spend the money anyway, so why not give it to a mission that matters? Whether you book a museum venue or hire a socially-conscious caterer, you'll be supporting important work.

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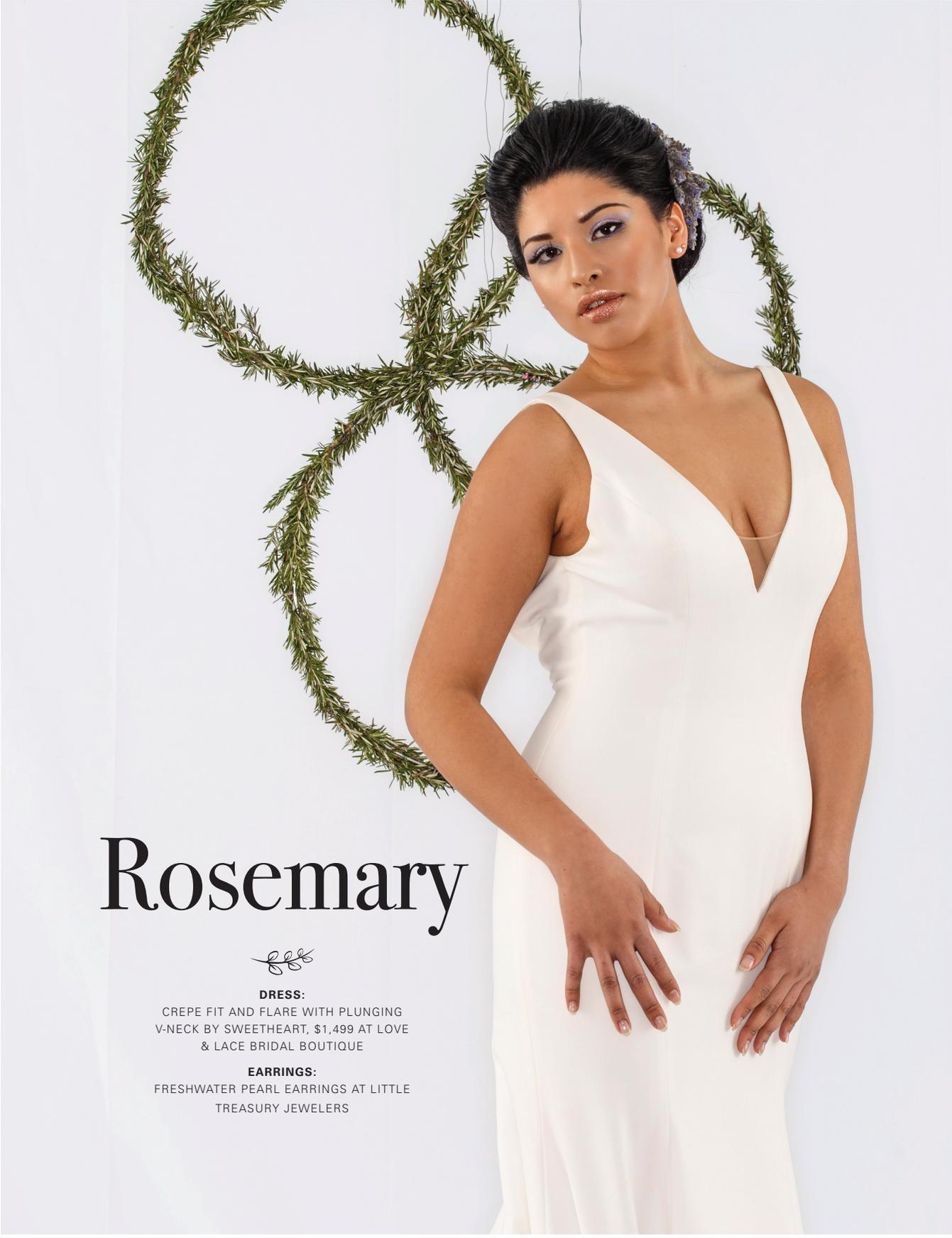


BY JESSICA GREENSMITH  
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Spring is here, and finally – permit us to rhapsodize. We want all the garden-inspired hues: mint and blush and lavender. But the colors alone won't do. We're coveting herbs as hairpieces, posies, shades of eyeshadow. We're ready to go bold and feminine simultaneously. Like their Victorian predecessors, brides who tied bulbs of garlic and rosemary around their necks to encourage fidelity and fortune, our models Cora and Maggie are herb garden beauties.

**STYLING:** JESSICA GREENSMITH • **ATTIRE:** LOVE & LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE • **FLOWERS:** BY GRACE FLORAL DESIGNS  
**BEAUTY:** JUDEE JO GEORGELES (MAKEUP) AND LACHELLE NEELY (HAIR) OF MAKEUP BY JUDEE JO • **JEWELRY:** LITTLE TREASURY JEWELERS  
**MODELS:** CORA DOWNEY AND MAGGIE SHOCHET





# Rosemary



**DRESS:**  
CREPE FIT AND FLARE WITH PLUNGING  
V-NECK BY SWEETHEART, \$1,499 AT LOVE  
& LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

**EARRINGS:**  
FRESHWATER PEARL EARRINGS AT LITTLE  
TREASURY JEWELERS

# Lavender

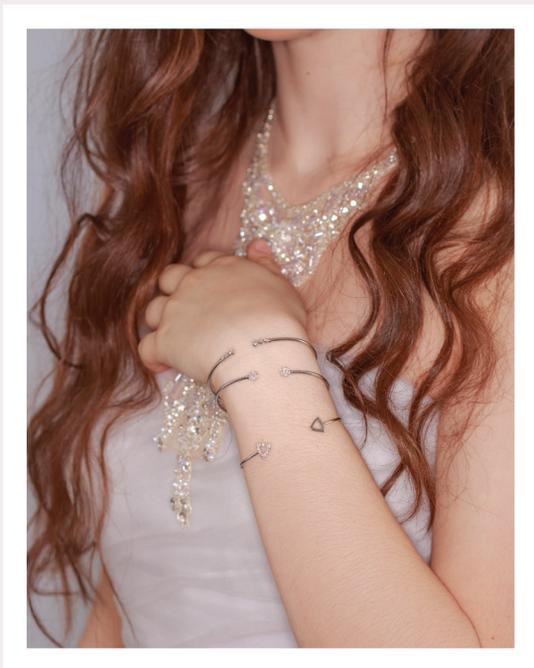


**DRESS:**

BEADED JEWEL NECK RUFFLE A-LINE GOWN BY SINCERITY BRIDAL, \$1,499 AT LOVE & LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

**BRACELETS:**

14K WHITE GOLD OPEN TRIANGLE DIAMOND FASHION BANGLE, 18K WHITE GOLD PAVE SETTING DIAMOND BANGLE, AND 18K WHITE GOLD THREE STONE BEZEL SETTING DIAMOND BANGLE AT LITTLE TREASURY JEWELERS



# Mint



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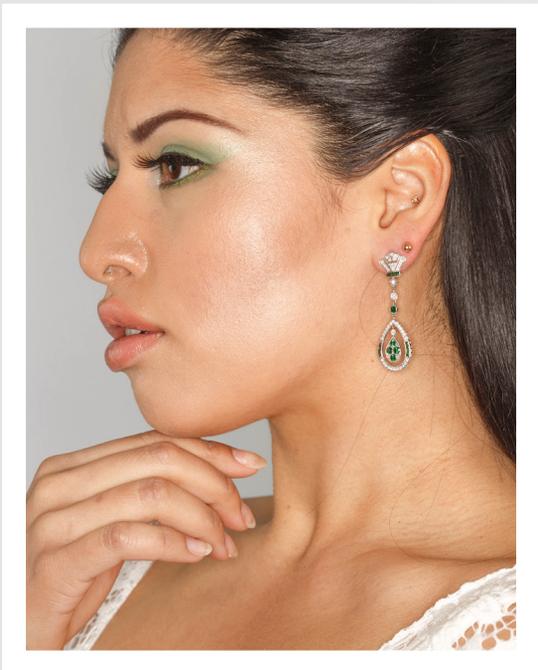
V-NECK ALLOVER LACE LONG SLEEVE GOWN  
BY SINCERITY BRIDAL, \$1,899 AT LOVE &  
LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

**EARRINGS:**

18K WHITE GOLD DIAMOND WITH TSAVORITE  
CROWN AND TEARDROP DANGLE EARRINGS  
AT LITTLE TREASURY JEWELERS

**RING:**

14K WHITE GOLD EMERALD AND DIAMOND  
RING AT LITTLE TREASURY JEWELERS





# Sage



**DRESS:**

PLEATED ENGLISH NET GOWN, \$499  
(DISCONTINUED, SAMPLE AVAILABLE)  
AT LOVE & LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

**VEIL:**

GISELLE BRIDAL VEIL STYLE SP295, \$289  
AT LOVE & LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

**NECKLACE:**

18K WHITE GOLD PRINCESS CUT DIAMOND  
WATERFALL PENDANT NECKLACE  
AT LITTLE TREASURY JEWELERS



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# *Five* Rehearsal Dinner Venues With Personality

**By Jessica Greensmith**

Oftentimes, the decision of where to host a rehearsal dinner hinges on facts and figures: the size of the space, the number of guests, the ceremony location. While these details are important, they're not the only starting point for planning your night-before affair. Our preferred approach is experience-driven; start with the vibe and settle the logistics later. For this guide, we rounded up five of our favorite Anne Arundel venues and categorized them according to personality style, to ensure you throw a rehearsal dinner that feels less like a requirement and more like the highly-anticipated event of the year.

# For the FOODIES



## Blackwall Barn & Lodge

Let's admit the obvious: a lot of people complain about food at weddings. And who can blame them when the standard is lukewarm chicken in a mystery sauce or uninspired salmon alongside blue (as in the emotion) vegetables? Fortunately, the Blackwall Barn & Lodge, the shiny new restaurant and event space from restaurateur James King, is serving up seasonal, farm-to-table fare we really want to eat. With vaulted, chandelier-studded ceilings, private cabanas, and exposed wood accents that would satisfy the ubiquitous Joanna Gaines, the Blackwall setting is just as desirable as the cuisine.





## Main & Market

Crab chimichangas, strawberry crostini, chicken salad pate a choux... We haven't even made it past Main & Market's hors d'oeuvre menu and we're already drooling. Dinner is a grand dilemma: Do you pick apple-and-sage stuffed pork loin or filet mignon with a tarragon béarnaise sauce? Six pages of delectable options is gluttony, but we're not really complaining. Bring on the whoopie pies and the donut muffins! Main & Market caters for many locations, including Federal House's Annapolitan Room, which seats 50 guests.



# For the CREATIVES



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## Prism

DIY-ers, lend an ear: Prism is your blank canvas. With its white walls, fun murals and ample natural light, this downtown Annapolis venue is styled shoot mecca. Photogs love it for its versatility, artists love it for its rotating gallery, and we love it for its atmosphere of chill. Prime example: Prism allows potlucks! Rentals include seating and tables for 50, although you are welcome to provide your own.



# For the PARTY PEOPLE

## Pusser's Caribbean Grille / Annapolis Waterfront Hotel

When a restaurant is named after a brand of rum, you know it's going to be a good time. The Pusser's Painkillers are flowing, the waterfront is bouncing, and your guests are congregating around the street taco station. Who knew you could be the "hostess with the mostest" and the blushing bride? The Harbor View Room fits up to 70 and features a fireplace, bar, and built-in bookshelves, perfect for displaying all those embarrassing photos of your beau that your in-laws have been collecting for ages.



# For the HISTORY-LOVER



WENDY HICKOK PHOTOGRAPHY

## Ogle Hall

If grandfather clocks and Persian rugs make you giddy, this Georgian-style mansion is your celebratory spot. Built in 1739 for a prominent surgeon, Ogle Hall has since been home to three governors. Legend has it that George Washington dined here in 1773 and Lafayette was so taken with its ballroom that he declared it the most beautiful in America. Although the property is now owned by the Naval Academy Alumni Association, anyone is able to rent Ogle Hall for a private event. Besides the ballroom, which seats 40, there are two smaller rooms which can be set with bars or tables for 30, and a private courtyard that accommodates 140.

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# Alexandra DeCesaris & Michael Pantelides

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

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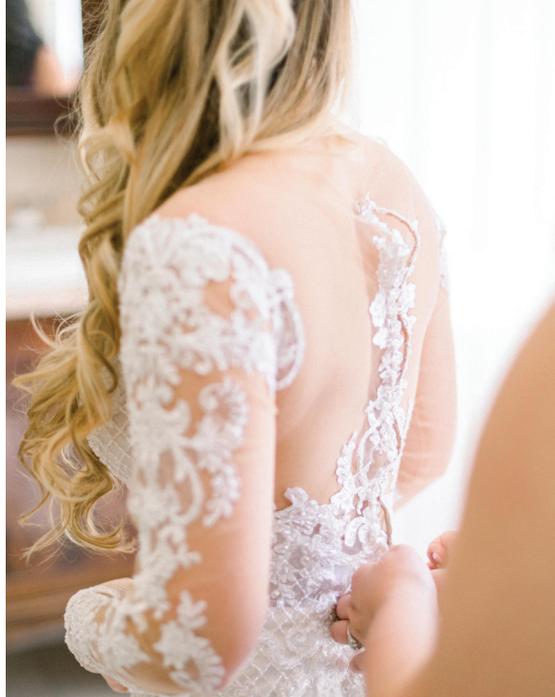


## THE SETUP

For months, a family friend of Alexandra DeCesaris's had been badgering her to go on a blind date. An experienced divorce attorney, Kim DiGiovanni Aluisi knew what did and didn't work when it came to love, and she had the track record to prove it: three of her setups were actually married, including Alexandra's cousin. The day Alexandra finally gave in, the Blue Angels were flying. Kim, sick with cancer, was at a party with Mike Pantelides, who was then the mayor of Annapolis, and she called up Alexandra. "Please, you have to do this for me," Alexandra recalls her saying. "You have to go on a date with the mayor." Of course, Alexandra couldn't refuse her. For their first date, later that summer, the pair went to dinner at Paladar.



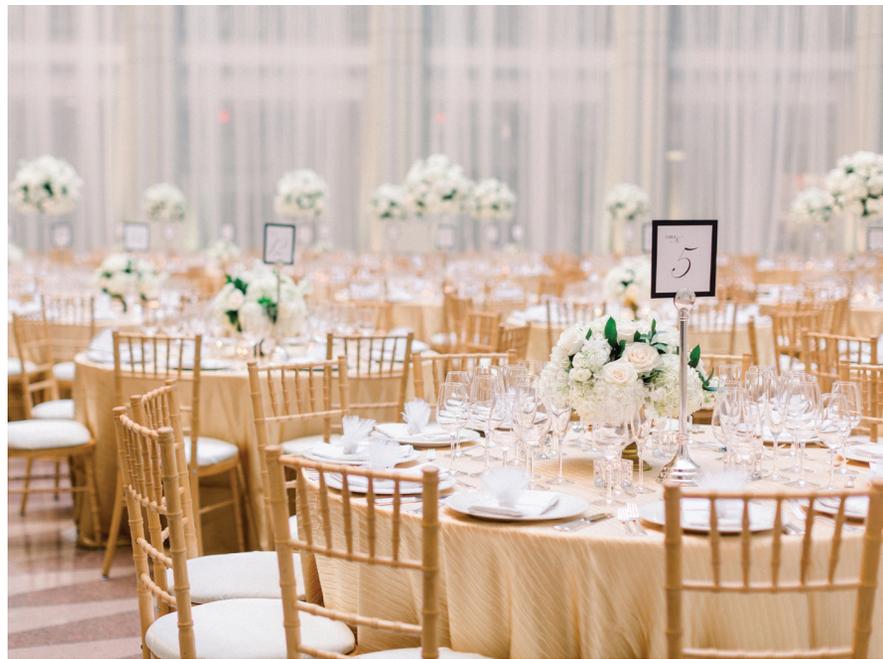
*“For the wedding invitation and church program, Alexandra’s mom designed a monogram with the couple’s initials.”*



Although Mike was focused on his work and Alexandra wasn’t looking for a relationship at the time, they had so much in common. A few months later, Kim passed away, but not before sharing her final prediction with Alexandra: “You’re going to marry him,” she said. “I know he’s the one.”

### **THEIR DC VENUE**

As much as they wanted to get married in Annapolis, Mike and Alexandra knew right away it wouldn’t be an option because of their large families. Alexandra’s dad is one of nine and her mom is one of seven; as a result, she has more than a hundred first and second cousins. They needed a venue that could accommodate 425 people for a seated reception. “With Mike’s love for government, history, and service, Washington, D.C. seemed like the perfect fit,” Alexandra says.



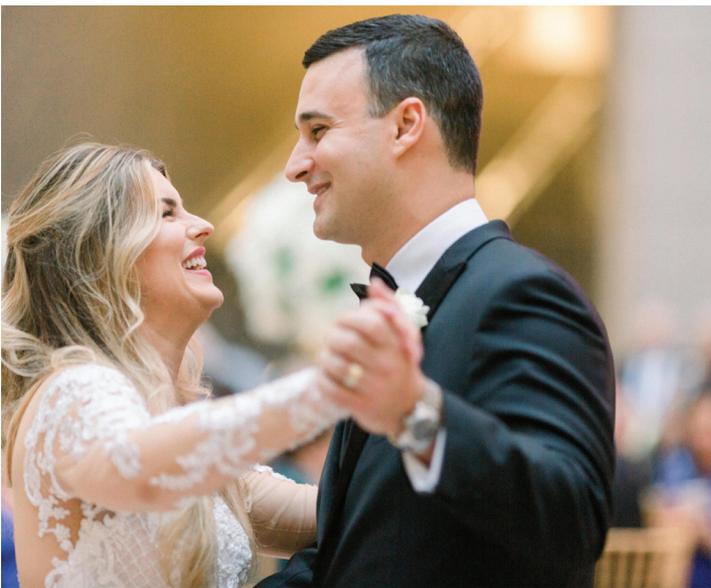
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## THE LACE DRESS

Alexandra knew she wanted lace, long sleeves, and a fit-and-flare style dress — it was just a matter of finding it! With help from her mom, mother-in-law, and two sisters, she discovered a designer she loved, Martina Liana, and the seamstress at Betsy Robinson customized the gown to exactly what she had envisioned.

## TWO MONOGRAMS BECOME ONE

For the wedding invitation and church program, Alexandra's mom designed a monogram with the couple's initials, M & A. Once the couple was officially married, however, they debuted a second monogram with their shared last name, printed on the wedding cake, table chart, bar napkins, and menus, which were personalized for each guest.



## A GOD-CENTERED, GREEK CEREMONY

“It was very important to us that our wedding ceremony was God-centered and filled with Greek traditions passed down for centuries,” Alexandra says. The couple did not have attendants, other than a flower girl and ring bearer, both of whom Alexandra had taken care of since birth. “I knew I was going to have a hard time deciding and I didn't want any hurt feelings,” Alexandra explains of the decision to forgo a bridal party. Mike's cousin and her husband served as their koumbari, or official sponsor of the marriage. During the ceremony, the koumbari are responsible for holding a stephana (crown) above the heads of the bride and the groom as the priest asks God to crown them with honor and glory. They then exchange the stephana three times, symbolizing the connection of the two people.

### THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S ATTIRE:** MARTINA LIANA BRIDAL DESIGNS (GOWN),  
BETSY ROBINSON BRIDAL (SHOP), BADGLEY MISCHKA (SHOES)

**CATERER:** RONALD REAGAN BUILDING

**CEREMONY VENUE:** SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

**DESSERTS:** BUTTERCREAM BAKESHOP

**FLORALS:** YELLOW DOOR

**GROOM'S ATTIRE:** MEN'S WEARHOUSE

**INVITATIONS:** PAPERSOURCE

**MUSIC:** KEYNOTE, BIALEK'S MUSIC

**PLANNER:** EVENT ACCOMPLISHED

**STYLING:** SYZYG Y EVENTS INTERNATIONAL

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** RIVION WEDDINGS

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# Hannah Hierstetter & Robert (Scott) Guenther

JULY 28, 2018

CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM / CANDACE NICOLE PHOTOGRAPHY



## TAG, YOU'RE IT

Hannah Hierstetter did not come to Scott Guenther's rescue when he fell off his bike; she started giggling. The eighth grader was unimpressed by this cute boy and his failed trick, although she did promptly invite him to a neighborhood flashlight game that same evening. Within a few hours, the crush was established: Scott showed up conspicuously early, Hannah stole his hat — which she still has — and several weeks later, Scott asked Hannah to flip her claddagh ring upside down as an official mark of their coupling. The pair dated through high school and college at West Virginia University, before buying a house together in Locust Point in 2016.



Hannah,

Today has been a long time  
From the day that I got into my car, I  
knew that you were someone special. The past  
11 years have had a lot of ups & downs,  
but there's no one else I'd rather be at my side.  
I promise to love you always, through all  
aspects of life. I promise to love all  
of your quirks, like putting the toilet paper  
on wrong, leaving the stove on, and being  
Secret of Number at 26 years old. ~~Secret~~  
~~Number~~ I promise the we'll never  
stop exploring together, whether its going out  
in a cute new spot, or trying a new  
restaurant down the street. I promise to  
always be your lover, your best friend, and  
also today your husband.

*“Fun fact about the ring bearer pillow: It was made out of a vintage t-shirt Scott’s mom had saved from a school field trip he took to St. Michael’s, which was the location of their venue.”*



## SUNSET PIER

A year later, the pair headed to Key West for a vacation with friends. On the first evening, the group gathered to watch the sunset. Scott asked Hannah to take a picture with him, before pointing out a sailboat on the horizon — Did she see it? She turned to look, and when she turned back, Scott was down on one knee. “It was the most unreal moment because after 11 years together, I did not think he would be able to surprise me!” Hannah says.

## A VENUE WITH A VIEW

Hannah and Scott love being outside, so they wanted to find a venue with a view. “And the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum was the perfect fit,” Hannah says. They had 123 guests show up to

*"Hannah and Scott love being outside, so they wanted to find a venue with a view. And the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum was the perfect fit."*



their tented reception, which was catered by one of the venue's exclusive partners, Garden & Garnish. They served crab cakes, caesar salad, stuffed chicken, potatoes and asparagus.

### **YELLOW AND BLUE FOR WVU**

The hardest aspect of planning for Hannah and Scott was keeping their guest list small. The easiest? Selecting colors. "Our theme was yellow and blue for WVU!" Hannah says. Which takes us to her favorite moment of the day: Singing Country Roads with the WVU flag. "I think every single wedding guest sang at some point during the song," she says.



## RING POP BEARER

Hannah and Scott's ring bearer was extra little, so they had him carry a ring pop, instead of the real rings. Fun fact about the ring bearer pillow: It was made out of a vintage t-shirt Scott's mom had saved from a school field trip he took to St. Michael's, which was the location of their venue.

## HONEYMONEY

Instead of presents, Hannah and Scott invited their guests to give them something nice for their 14-day honeymoon through Europe. "It was totally worth it," Hannah says. Of the trip, which included stops in Dublin, Rome and Barcelona, her favorite place they visited was Venice.

### THE DETAILS:

**CATERING, CUPCAKES AND DECOR:** GARDEN & GARNISH

**INVITATIONS:** JUST INK ON PAPER

**FLORALS:** MONTERAY FARMS

**MUSIC:** IT'S YOUR DAY DJ

**DAY OF COORDINATOR:** EMILY SCHUPBACH

**BRIDE'S ATTIRE:** AMANDA RITCHEY BRIDAL

**BRIDE'S HAIR:** GINA MAZZA

**BRIDE'S MAKEUP:** MAKEUP BY FARREN

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** K & B BRIDAL

**MENSWEAR:** AMANDA RITCHEY BRIDAL

**RINGS:** BLUE NILE

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# Lauren Poston & William Eckard

AUGUST 11, 2018

THE TIDEWATER INN / CARLY FULLER PHOTOGRAPHY



## THE BEST LITTLE BROTHER EVER

In the summer of 2016, Lauren Poston was living in D.C. when her best friend's younger brother, Jason, started goading her about a certain someone. Jason had met Bill Eckard at a tradeshow in Baltimore several years prior and was convinced he was the guy for Lauren, who had grown up three doors down from him and was like a sister. Only Lauren wasn't having it. But one night, after a nonstop series of hammer texts and phone calls, Lauren finally acquiesced, agreeing to meet Jason and his work colleagues that same evening at a trendy D.C. restaurant. Her only caveat was she was not dressing up



*“Not only is [Tidewater Inn] historic and beautiful, but the staff there is incredibly kind and accommodating and the food is outstanding.”*

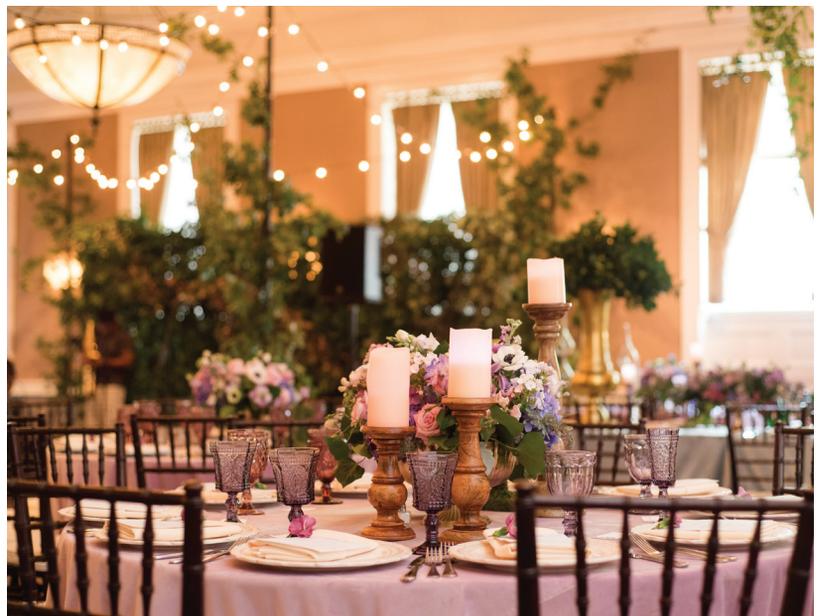


or putting on makeup. “So this is Bill Eckard,” Lauren remembers thinking, upon showing up. “He was handsome, sweet, funny,” she says. They went to Stone Tower Winery, in Leesburg, Virginia, for their first date.

### THE MAGICAL DESTINATION

Lauren always wanted to get married on the Eastern Shore. Her parents own a condo in Cambridge, and her family has vacationed there for years. “There is something about it that’s just magical,” she says. “I wanted our guests to fall in love with it like I did.” She selected the Tidewater Inn for its charm and warmth. “Not only is it historic and beautiful,” she explains, “but the staff there is incredibly kind and accommodating and the food is outstanding.”

*“Walking into the room, I was awestruck, speechless at the beauty of it all and the love, care and attention that went into every detail by Sarah: from the flowers, to the linens, to the twig silverware at the head table...”*

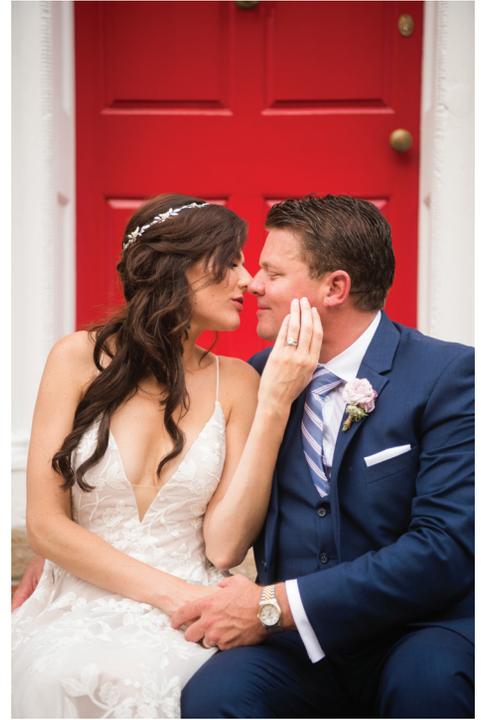


### **A MIDSUMMER’S NIGHT INTRIGUE**

Sarah Campbell of Intrigue Designs transformed the Tidewater Inn’s Gold Ballroom into a page out of *A Midsummer’s Night Dream*. “Walking into the room, I was awestruck,” Lauren says, “speechless at the beauty of it all and the love, care, and attention that went into every detail by Sarah: from the flowers, to the linens, to the twig silverware at the head table that was so whimsical it looked like it could come alive at any moment and start dancing.”

### **EARL GREY ALL DAY**

Lauren and Bill’s macaroon-adorned cake had two flavors: lavender with lemon filling and pink champagne with raspberry filling, both covered in an Earl Grey buttercream frosting. They also served bride and groom cake pops in salted caramel and lemon.



## POLISH-PALOOZA

To honor her family's Polish heritage, Lauren asked the Doug Segree Band to play a few polkas. She also included a pierogi bar as part of her cocktail hour. The next day, the party continued at St. Michaels Crab and Steak House, where Lauren and Bill hosted a crab feast on the water. In the Polish tradition, this is called the poprawiny, or follow-up reception.

### THE DETAILS

**CEREMONY VENUE:** TRINITY CATHEDRAL

**CATERER:** TIDEWATER INN

**DESSERTS:** HONEY HIVE BAKERY

**FLORALS AND STYLING:** INTRIGUE DESIGNS

**RENTALS:** WHITE GLOVE RENTALS

**MUSIC:** BAY STRINGS (CEREMONY STRING QUARTER), DOUG SEGREE BAND (RECEPTION)

**INVITATIONS:** CHARMCAT CREATIVE

**BRIDE'S ATTIRE:** BLUSH BY HAYLEY PAIGE (DESIGNER), BADGLEY MISCHKA (SHOES), TI ADORO (EARRINGS), THOMAS KNOELL (HALO HAIR PIECE)

**BRIDE'S HAIR:** HAIR BY SEVEN

**BRIDE'S MAKEUP:** GLENDA VANLANDINGHAM

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** LOVE COUTURE BRIDAL (STORE), JENNY YOO (DESIGNER)

**MENSWEAR:** MEN'S WAREHOUSE (STORE), CALVIN KLEIN (DESIGNER)

**RINGS:** LIORI DIAMONDS (BRIDE), JOHN CHRISTIAN (GROOM)

**TRANSPORTATION:** AN EXTRAORDINAR LIMOUSINE

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# Korie Zink & Rohan Gopinath

NOVEMBER 10, 2018  
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## FRIENDS WITH SCRUBS

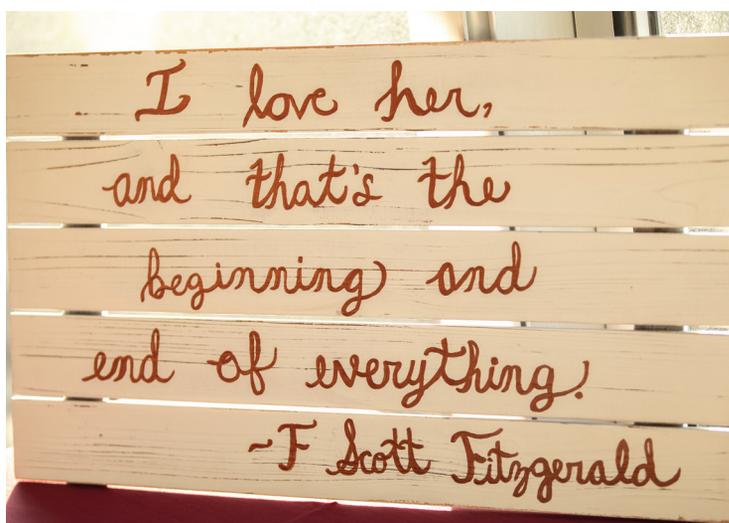
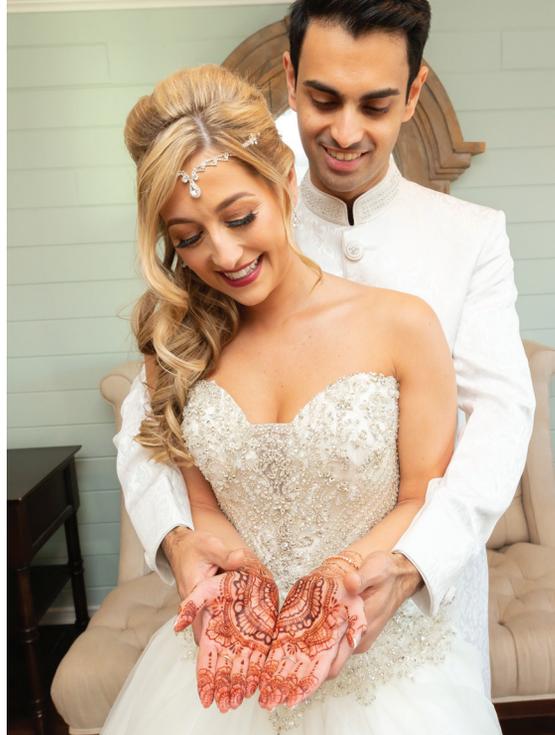
After meeting at a University of Michigan Medical School admitted-students weekend in 2013, Korie Zink and Rohan Gopinath became fast friends. But it wasn't until their second year of medical school that the future emergency medicine physician and orthopedic surgeon realized that their relationship had suffered from a misdiagnosis. They both had chronic heart conditions that required immediate intervention: they had to date!

## FIANCÉS FIRST, DOCTORS SECOND

Two years later, in October 2017, Rohan proposed at the university's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, although the real milestone had come months earlier, when the pair decided to couples match for their residency programs. It was a big



*"We loved the idea of being on the water and the intimate feel of the dining hall."*



commitment: in order to do their residencies in the same location, they had to risk matching with a lower ranked program than they might get if they matched on their own. Fortunately, both landed their first-choice programs, with Korie at Johns Hopkins and Rohan at the University of Maryland.

### **THE EASTERN SHORE WEDDING**

To celebrate their new life in Baltimore, Korie and Rohan planned a destination wedding at Silver Swan Bayside. "We loved the idea of being on the water and the intimate feel of the dining hall," Korie says. They had guests travel all the way from India for the ceremony, which included both of their dads. Korie's



father got ordained online so he could perform the secular ceremony, while Rohan's father helped guide the couple through the complicated steps of the Hindu ceremony.

## THE MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Although Korie enjoyed selecting her flowers and making other decor decisions, her biggest priority was to create a multicultural experience that honored her husband's family. For the ceremony, Korie wore a traditional Indian *dupatta* scarf and a *tikka* headpiece. The pair also handpicked songs for their wedding playlist that would resonate with both their friends from medical school and their Indian guests. They hired two caterers to ensure everyone had something they liked to eat, offering a hybrid buffet that featured both chicken tikka masala and Flamant's seared salmon.





*“Although Korie enjoyed selecting her flowers and making other decor decisions, her biggest priority was to create a multicultural experience that honored her husband’s family.”*

### A DRESS THAT BENEFITS

Korie found her dress at The Brides Project, a consignment shop in Ann Arbor that benefits a local cancer support nonprofit. “I loved the idea of having my wedding dress also be a donation to charity,” she says. Though she never imagined she would wear a ballgown for her wedding day, she fell in love when she tried the dress on.

### CLEVER CUFFLINKS

Continuing with the medical theme, Korie surprised Rohan with a pair of gold cufflinks that had a broken femur for one wrist and a surgically repaired femur for the other. For her gift, Korie dropped a big hint in advance about a certain bracelet she wanted.

### THE RIGHT SONG

Korie and Rohan’s first dance was to “Say You Won’t Let Go” by James Arthur. They practiced dancing to a bunch of different songs before settling on the pop hit. “I always just felt so strongly during that song,” Korie says. “It’s somewhat light-hearted, but speaks so much to how we feel about each other and was an amazing song to hold each other to during our first dance.”



#### THE DETAILS

- VIDEOGRAPHER:** DOCUMENTED VIDEO PRODUCTIONS
- FLORALS:** SHERWOOD FLORIST
- INVITATIONS:** PAPERLESS POST
- MUSIC:** STEVE MOODY’S ENTERTAINMENT CONNECTION
- CATERER:** FLAMANT
- DESSERTS:** PEACE OF CAKE
- BRIDE’S ATTIRE:** THE BRIDAL PROJECT, ANN ARBOR, MI (STORE), WEDDINGS BY SAGE (BEAUTY), DAVID’S BRIDAL (SHOES), AMAZON (JEWELRY)
- BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** TULLE & CHANTILLY
- MENSWEAR:** GENERATION TUX
- RINGS:** LEWIS JEWELERS, ANN ARBOR, MI

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# Colleen Abbott & Patrick Kiley

JUNE 16, 2018

CHESAPEAKE BAY BEACH CLUB / LAURA'S FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY



## RUN FOR LIFE

Colleen Abbott, a registered dietitian, was looking for some running pointers, when she reached out to Patrick Kiley, a high school English teacher and cross-country coach, who she knew through a mutual friend. By the end of their first meetup, they had decided to run a 5K together. Two weeks later, Colleen and Patrick signed up for a 10K. And suddenly, they were hanging out every Saturday — for two whole years — just to exercise. It wasn't until year three that they finally decided to date.

## SURPRISES COME IN THREES

Patrick had many tricks up his sleeve for their St. Michaels engagement: professional photos, champagne, chocolate-covered strawberries. He organized a surprise dinner with both families, which included a special guest-of-honor —



*“Colleen turned to Pinterest, where she quickly discovered mini pineapple boutonnieres, among other exciting tropical design elements.”*



Colleen's grandmother, who was celebrating her birthday and had traveled all the way from Florida to be there. Last but not least was a hotel suite and a gold necklace with Colleen's soon-to-be monogram.

### **THE MORNING AFTER**

Colleen has known she wanted to get married at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club ever since it opened in 1999. (She was 11 at the time!) So less than 24 hours after getting engaged, she and Patrick booked their venue, for the exact same day that Colleen's parents got married in 1979. And that's not all. She also bought her dress, mere hours later, for \$200, after remembering that J. Crew was discontinuing their bridal line. Not much to lose, if the dress didn't fit. But, of course, it did!



## PINEAPPLES AND PALM TREES

For the rest of the decisions, Colleen turned to Pinterest, where she quickly discovered mini pineapple boutonnieres, among other exciting tropical design elements. Her favorite search terms, honed through hours of online research, were Lilly Pulitzer, monograms, and preppy. From there, she decided to create a wedding crest for her invitations, welcome sign, and Koozies, which she gave out as favors.

## FIANCE GONE ROGUE

One aspect of planning that Colleen was not expecting was her future husband's interference. "I



*"Colleen has known she wanted to get married at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club ever since it opened in 1999."*



thought I would pick everything and he would say, ‘Uh-huh, that’s fine,’” Colleen explains. “But he had so many opinions!” Patrick, who had honed his copyediting skills while serving as high school yearbook advisor, reportedly proofed their invitation 23 times.

## ISO FLOWERS

Colleen’s favorite detail of the wedding was her flowers, despite her original vendor backing out. “She had been at the Vegas shooting and she told me she was no longer passionate about doing flowers, so she couldn’t do our wedding,” Colleen recalls. Colleen got back her full deposit and started scrambling to find a new florist, with minimal expectations. “But Blush Floral Design Studio’s arrangements were perfect!” she says.



### THE DETAILS

**BEAUTY:** XTREME HAIR

**BRIDE’S ATTIRE:** J. CREW & WREN BRIDAL

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES & TIES:** LILLY PULITZER

**CAKE:** WEGMAN’S

**CATERING:** CHESAPEAKE BAY BEACH CLUB

**FLORALS:** BLUSH FLORAL DESIGN STUDIO

**MUSIC:** GREAT SCOTT PRODUCTIONS

**OFFICIANT:** BRENT HARRIS

**RINGS:** WR CHANCE & CLADDAGH JEWELLERS

**STATIONARY:** LATTICE TREE STUDIO

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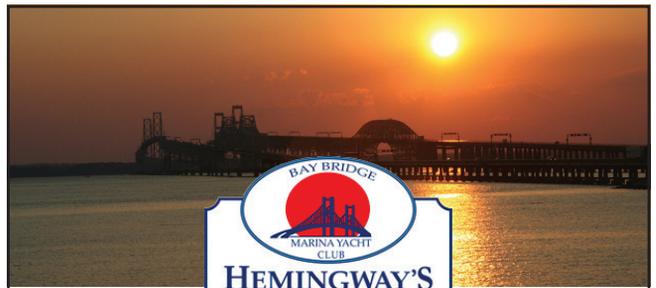
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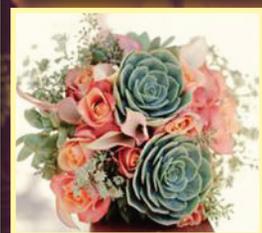
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A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF AREA VENUES, AND OTHER VENDORS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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### ANNAPOLIS

#### **Admiral of the Bay**

Annapolis; 410-263-5196  
Admiralofthebay.com  
Max Guest Count: 225

#### **Annapolis Bay Charters**

Annapolis; 1-800-991-1776  
Annapolisbaycharters.net  
Max Guest Count: 120

#### **Annapolis Inn**

144 Prince George Street  
410-295-5200; Annapolisinn.com  
Max Guest Count: 20  
Outdoor Location: Yes (garden)  
Water View: No

#### **Annapolis Waterfront**

80 Compromise Street  
888-773-0786;  
Annapoliswaterfront.com  
Max Guest Count: 600  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

#### **Annapolis Maritime Museum**

723 Second Street  
410-295-0104;  
Amaritime.org/rent-our-venue  
Max Guest Count: 170  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

#### **Annapolis Wedding Chapel**

1625 Old Generals Highway  
410-266-1440;  
Annapolisweddingchapel.com  
Max Guest Count: 24  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

#### **Annapolis Yacht Club**

2 Compromise Street  
410-263-9279; Annapolisyc.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

#### **Banneker-Douglass Museum**

84 Franklin Street  
410-216-6180; Bdmuseum.com  
Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

#### **Best Western**

2520 Riva Road  
443-837-3602; Bestwestern.com  
Max Guest Count: Call for details  
Outdoor Location: Call for details  
Water View: No

#### **Blackwall Hitch**

400 Sixth Street  
410-263-3454; Theblackwallhitch.com  
Max Guest Count: 45 (Gathering Room);  
25 (Deck)  
Outdoor Location: Yes (tent available)  
Water View: Yes (w/out tent)

#### **Boatyard Bar and Grill**

400 4th Street  
410-216-6206; Boatyardbarandgrill.com  
Max Guest Count: 90 standing  
or 40 seated  
Outdoor Location: Seasonal  
Water View: No

#### **The Byzantium Event Center**

2747 Riva Road  
240-204-1190; Thebyzantium.org  
Max Guest Count: 600  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

#### **Carrol's Creek Cafe**

410 Severn Avenue  
410-263-8102; Carrolscreek.com  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

#### **Chart House**

300 Second Street  
410-268-7166; Chart-house.com  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: Yes

#### **Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Philip Merrill Environmental Center**

6 Herndon Avenue  
410-268-8816; Cbf.org  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

#### **Doubletree Annapolis Hotel**

210 Holiday Court  
410-224-3150; Annapolismeetings.com  
Max Guest Count: 480-700  
Outdoor location: No  
Water view: No

#### **Eastport Yacht Club**

317 First Street  
410-267-0549; Eastportyc.org  
Max Guest Count: Indoor/120,  
Outdoor/ 500  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes  
Couples must be members or sponsored  
by a member.

#### **Governor Calvert House**

58 State Circle  
410-216-6320;  
Historicinnsofannapolis.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

#### **Hotel Annapolis**

126 West Street  
410-263-777  
thehotelannapolis.com  
Max Guest Count: 500  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

#### **Maryland Inn**

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Max guest count: 530  
Outdoor location: No  
Water view: No

## O'Callaghan Hotel

174 West Street  
410-263-7700; Ocallaghanhotels-us.com  
Max Guest Count: 110  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

## Podickory Point Yacht and Beach Club

2116 Bay Front Terrace  
410-757-8000; Podickorypoint.com  
Max Guest Count: Indoor/100, Outdoor/  
Varies with tent size  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

## Port Annapolis Marina

7074 Bembe Beach Road  
410-269-1990; Portannapolis.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

## Pusser's Caribbean Grille

80 Compromise Street  
410-626-0004; Pussersusa.com  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

## Quiet Waters Park

600 Quiet Waters Park Road  
410-222-1777;  
Friendsofquietwaterspark.org  
Max Guest Count: 75  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

## Reynolds Tavern

7 Church Circle  
410-295-9555; Reynoldstavern.org  
Max Guest Count: 60  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

## Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

301 Severn Avenue  
410-990-0033; Ruthschris.com  
Max Guest Count: 160  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

## Schooner Liberte

Annapolis; 410-263-8234  
Theliberte.com  
Max Guest Count: 49

## Schooner Woodwind

Annapolis; 410-263-1981  
Schoonerwoodwind.com  
Max Guest Count: 48

## Severn Inn

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Water view: Yes

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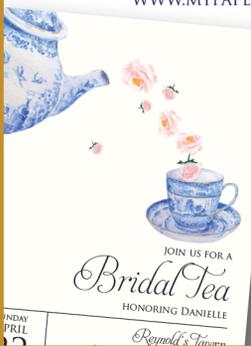
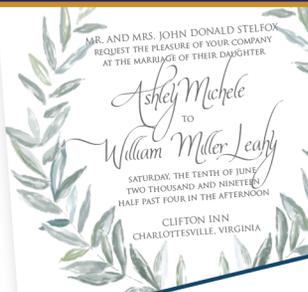
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410-266-3131; crowneplaza.com  
Max Guest Count: 150-350, depending on ballroom  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**SpringHill Suites by Marriott**

189 Admiral Cochrane Drive  
443-837-3602; Marriott.com  
Max Guest Count: 20  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**St. John's College**

60 College Avenue  
410-626-2547; Sjc.edu  
Max Guest Count: 130  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**Stanton Community Center**

92 West Washington Street  
410-295-5519; Annapolis.gov  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**Treaty of Paris**

58 State Circle  
410-216-6320;  
Historicinnsofannapolis.com  
Max Guest Count: 75-80  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**USNA Alumni House/Ogle Hall**

247 King George Street  
410-295-4000; Usna.com  
Max Guest Count: 300  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Watermark Charters/Wedding on the Bay**

410-268-7601, ext. 100;  
Watermarkcruises.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**The Westin Annapolis**

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Westinannapolis.com/weddings  
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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

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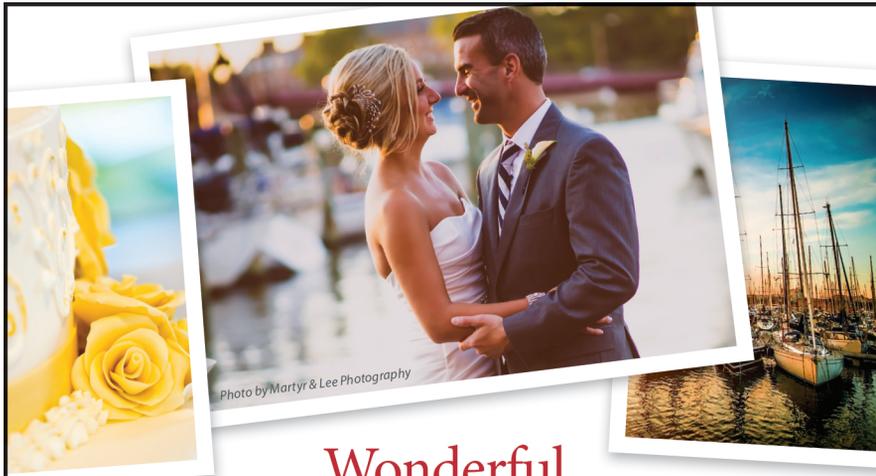
Shady Side; 410-867-6283  
Westrivercruises.com  
Max Guest Count: 90

**Whitehall**

1915 Whitehall Road  
443-906-3464; Whitehallmd.com  
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Outdoor Location: Yes • Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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410-437-1201; Cateringbyuptown.com  
Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

### Atlantic Marina/Resort

2010 Knollview Drive, Pasadena  
410-437-6926  
Atlanticmarinaresort.com  
Max Guest Count: 120  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

### The Blackwall Barn & Lodge

329 Gambrills Road, Gambrills  
410-891-2090; Barnandlodge.com  
Max Guest Count: Call for details  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

### Café Mezzanotte

760 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park  
410-647-1100; Cafemezz.com  
Max Guest Count: 120  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

### Captain Avery Museum

1418 East West Shady Side Road  
410-867-4486  
Captainaverymuseum.org  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

### Celebrations by the Bay

2042 Knollview Avenue, Pasadena  
410-437-5711; Cateringbyuptown.com  
Max Guest Count: 140 indoors/  
240 tented  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

### Chartwell Golf and Country Club

1 Chartwell Drive, Severna Park  
410-987-0400; Chartwellgcc.com  
Max Guest Count: Call for details  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

### Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa

4165 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach  
410-286-2133  
CBResortSpa.com  
Max Guest Count: 225  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

### Crofton Country Club

1691 Crofton Parkway, Crofton  
410-721-3111; Croftonclub.com  
Max Guest Count: 230  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

### The Golf Club at South River

3451 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater  
410-798-5865; Golfclubsr.com  
Max Guest Count: 150 outside;  
85 inside  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

### The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

7795 Arundel Mills Blvd., Hanover  
410-796-9830; Thehotelarundel.com  
Max Guest Count: 500  
Outdoor location: No  
Water view: No

### Turf Valley Resort

2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City  
410-465-1500; Turfvalley.com  
Max Guest Count: Call for details  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

### Historic Baldwin Hall

1358 Millersville Road, Millersville  
410-923-3438; Baldwinhall.org  
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Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

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Max Guest Count: 350  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Historic London Town and Gardens**

839 Londontown Road, Edgewater  
410-222-1919; Historiclondontown.org  
Max Guest Count: 225  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Kurtz's Beach**

2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena  
410-255-1280; Kurtzsbeach.com  
Max Guest Count: 220  
Outdoor Location: Yes • Water View: Yes

**La Fontaine Bleu**

7514 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie  
410-760-4115; Lafontainebleu.com  
Max Guest Count: 1,100  
Outdoor Location: No • Water View: No

**Lake Presidential Golf Course**

3151 Presidential Golf Drive,  
Upper Marlboro  
301-627-8577; Lakepresidential.com  
Max Guest Count: 175  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

**Maryland Sunrise Farms**

100 Dairy Lane, Gambrills  
410-739-6205; Mdsunrisefarm.com  
Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**Maryland Yacht Club**

1500 Fairview Beach Road, Pasadena  
410-255-4444; Mdyc.org  
Max Guest Count: 180  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Michael's Eighth Avenue**

7220 Grayburn Drive, Glen Burnie  
410-768-7901; Michaels8th.com  
Max Guest Count: 1,000  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Michael's on the South River/  
Mike's Crab House**

3030 Riva Road, Riva  
410-956-3410;  
Michaelsonthesouthriver.com  
Max Guest Count: 180  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: Yes

**Mount Airy Mansion**

8714 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro  
302-856-9656  
Mountairymansion.org  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: Yes • Water View: No

**Newton White Mansion**

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PGParks.com  
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Max Guest Count: 150  
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Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
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Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

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Max Guest Count: 140  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Great Oak Manor**

10568 Cliff Road, Chestertown  
410-778-5943; Greatoakmd.com  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**The Imperial Hotel**

208 High Street, Chestertown  
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Max Guest Count: 100  
Outdoor Location: Yes • Water View: No

**The Inn at Huntingfield Creek**

4928 Eastern Neck Road, Rock Hall  
410-639-7779; Huntingfield.com  
Max Guest Count: 175  
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Water View: Yes

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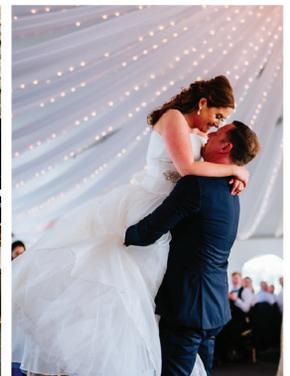
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Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

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Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: Yes

### **Kentmorr Restaurant**

910 Kentmorr Road, Stevensville  
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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Water View: Yes

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Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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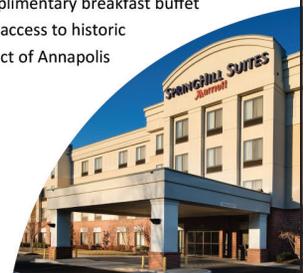
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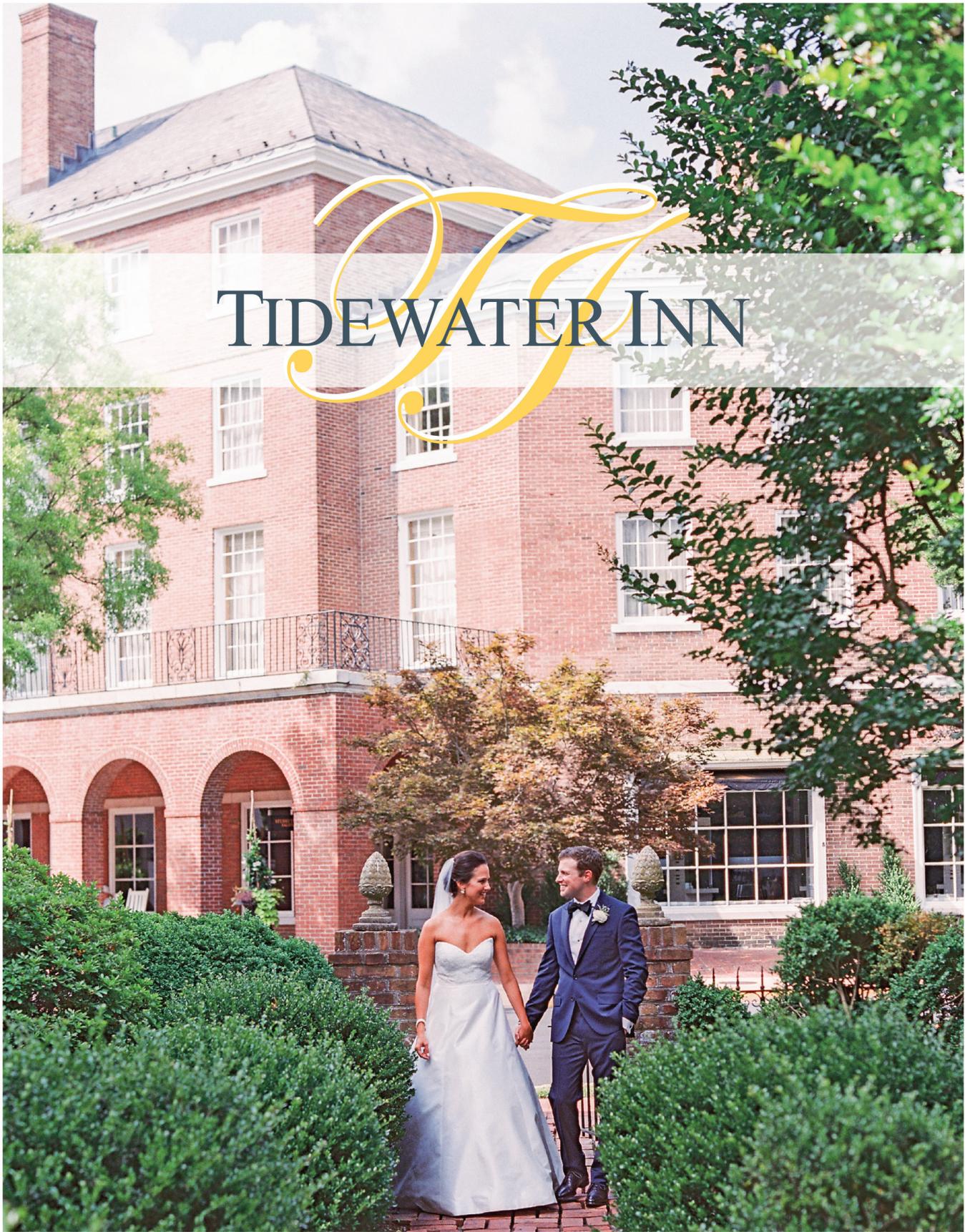


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