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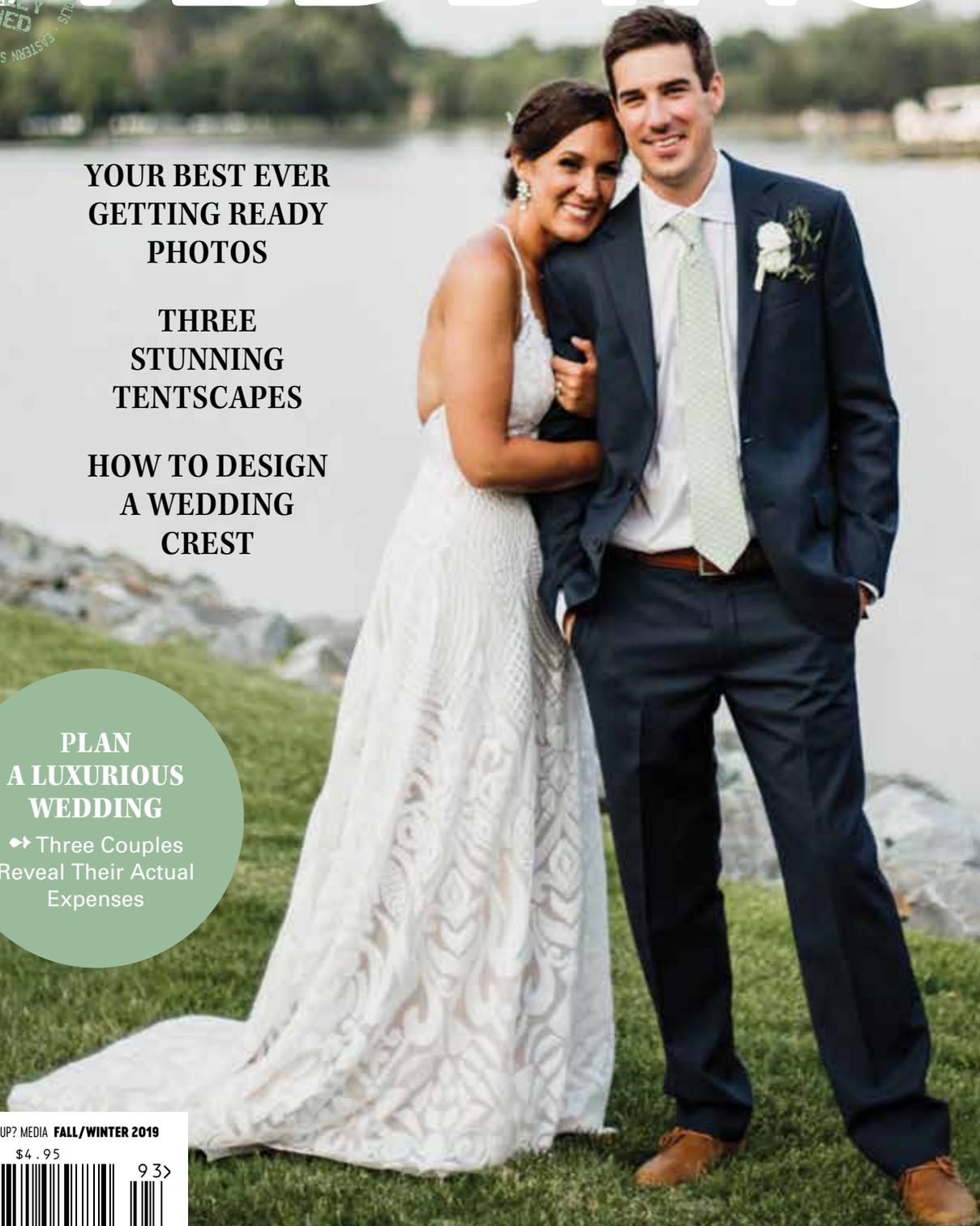
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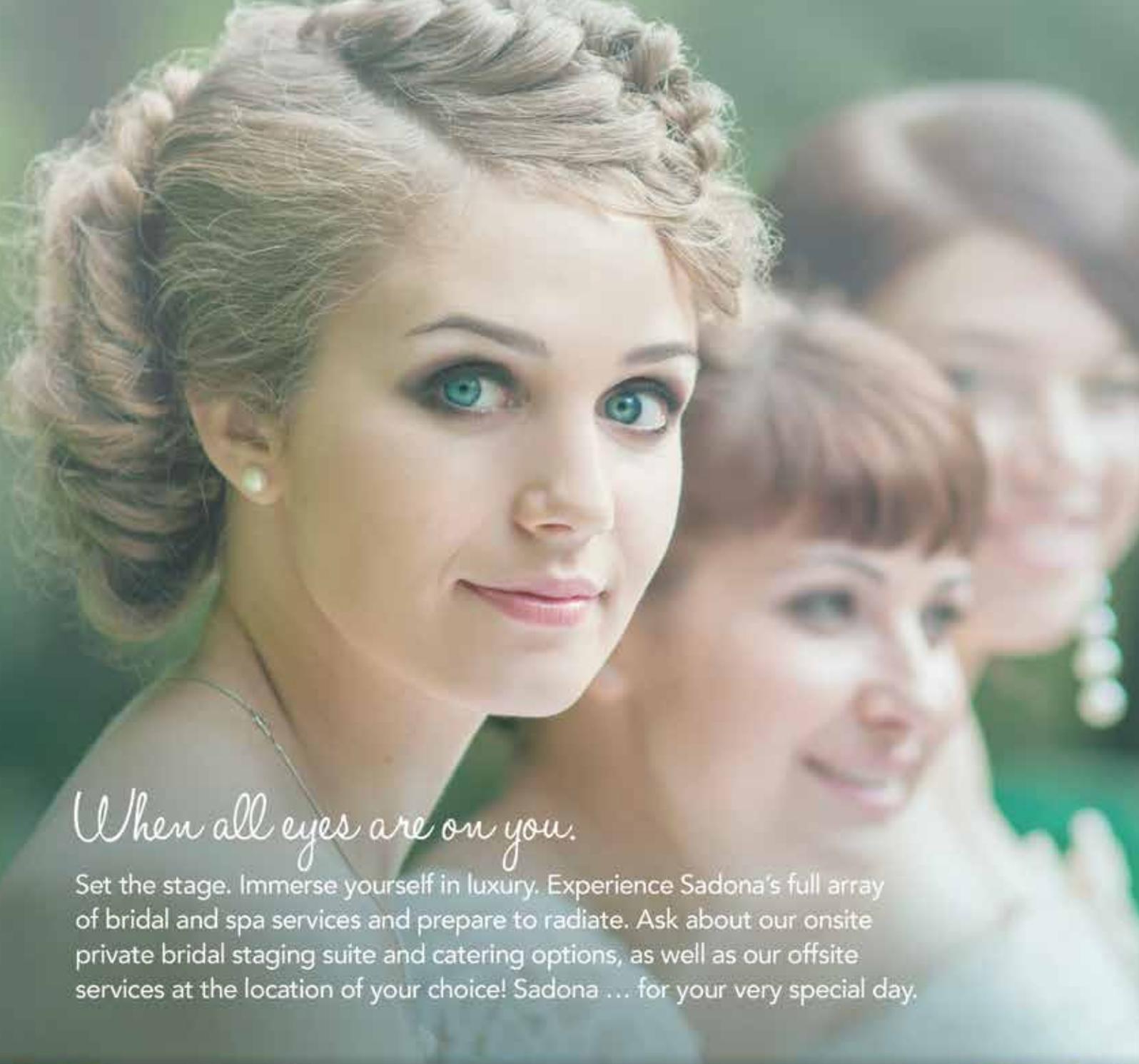


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**Y**ou're not afraid of taboo topics, are you? Good, because we're heading straight for the elephant in the room: money, money, money. The wedding industry is a dynamo: worth \$3 billion per year in the United States, with the average couple and co. spending \$33,931.\* Admittedly, it's a lot of dough to spend for one weekend. But something we're quick to forget is that weddings are a celebration of (mostly) small, local businesses. Vendors are not out to get you! They're regular humans with mortgages and mouths to feed and crafts that incur significant costs, like payments to employees and suppliers. Another aspect of budget talk that can get real awkward is comparing. We all have different means and goals, and that's OK. Maybe you have a ton of college debt and can't afford to drop buckets on a big wedding. Go you for thinking savvy! I have a friend whose parents have been saving since she was 5 years old. Does that make her spoiled? Frivolous? Absolutely not! Weddings are beautiful at every budget and that is THE truth. Our proof is on page 31, where three awesome couples — with three very

*This past June, I had the honor of standing beside my brother John and his wife Katelyn for their wedding at the New Southern Hotel in Jackson, Tennessee.*

different budgets — debunk the actual costs of their weddings.

Tented weddings are a shore staple (because VIEWS), but they can seem intimidating to the uninitiated (because EXTRA DECISIONS). Fortunately, we've done all the homework you didn't want to on page 38. Our conclusion? Tented weddings are not just rain insurance; they're glamorous, versatile venues that allow you to play creative mastermind (or Mother Nature, because how else can you have an outdoor wedding in December?!)

Finally, don't skip over our Morning Mojo feature on page 44, which is packed with great advice from the experts about how to look your best the day-of, snag amazing getting ready photos, and enjoy those final hours before you tie the knot!

Congratulations!

**Jessica Greensmith**  
WHAT'S UP? WEDDINGS EDITOR

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4. **Your makeup pre-game:**  
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5. **Gorgeous lashes with universal comfort:**  
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# Tutorial:



by UpDos Artist  
*Lauren Hall*

## Half Up Boho Braid

- 1** Curl the entire head, making sure all curls are moving in one direction away from your face. Brush through curls for a more tousled effect.
- 2** Separate the hair from the ears forward and clip away from the rest of the hair. Tease the crown for extra texture and volume.
- 3** Unclip the hair on the left side of the head and divide into two sections horizontally, so you have a top and a bottom. Twist the sections around each other to create a rope braid. Secure the bottom with a clear elastic. Repeat on the right.
- 4** Bring the two braids together at the back of the head and secure with a clear elastic. For extra boho vibes: Lightly pull apart the rope braid and run a straightener through the ends of the hair.



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- Top with 4 oz Ginger Beer
- Garnish with Thyme Sprig

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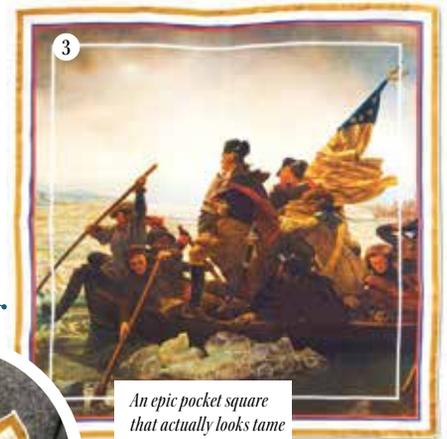
*If you're doing a full bar, experts suggest you'll need 50 percent wine, 30 percent liquor, and 20 percent beer. As a general rule, plan to serve one drink per guest per hour.*



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# His & Hers GIFTS

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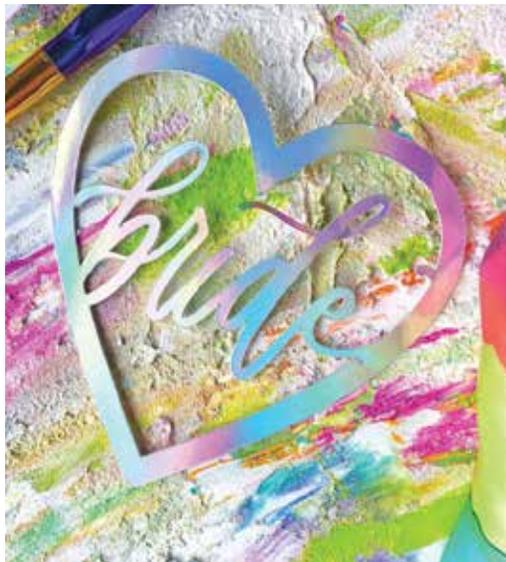
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## How to look urbane instead of uncouth

**SUIT:** One word — custom. Since you’re flouting tradition, you need a suit with a flawless fit.

**BUTTONS:** True air tie enthusiasts, like Ryan Gosling and Rami Malek, will keep things buttoned up tight. For a more casual look, drop one or two buttons. Anything more and you’ll look like an extra on *Miami Vice*.

**COLLAR:** Crisper than burnt toast. Busting out your iron is an absolute must. Add spray starch or collar stays for good measure.

**UNDERSHIRT:** Peekaboo is a game for kids, not the state of your undershirt. Wear a white v-neck or grandmas everywhere will coerce you into an endless bout of “tuck, tuck, spruce.”

**ACCESSORIES:** Love your lapel. Create a new focal point with a romantic bout, a luxe pocket square, or really fabulous shoes.

## Guys who did it



**BRIAN BAKER**  
“We wanted the whole vibe of our wedding to be laid-back, since we are a very laid-back couple.”



**SAM SHOGE**  
“I wanted to be comfortable at my own wedding; having a shirt buttoned all the way with a tie traps a lot of heat, especially in the summer.”



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One gown to unite them all or multiple looks for a more complex beauty? Follow these three simple rules to knock the mismatched dress trend out of the park.

### SET ON THE DRESS, BUT YOU'RE FLEXIBLE ON COLOR *same style, different hues*

Take time to check out fabric swatches (in person!) before committing to your colors. If you're sticking to one color family, like grey, we suggest mixing three different shades for maximum impact.



### CELEBRATE EVERY BODY AND EVERY BODY *same hue, different styles*

Finding the exact same hue is hard, unless you stick with one designer. Big brands often offer an array of styles in a single shade, so your bridesmaids can easily find the dress that fits them best.



### LET YOUR GALS ROAM FREE, BUT GIVE YOURSELF FINAL VETO POWER *different hues, different styles*

With so many variables, things can get chaotic. Before your maids start shopping, establish a few boundaries (Do you have a preferred length? Fabric? Silhouette?) and create a Pinterest board to share your vision. Remember, at the end of the day, it's still your wedding. Don't be afraid to speak up if you think a selection is going to bomb.





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# Beautiful **at any** Budget

BY JESSICA GREENSMITH

WE ASKED THREE COUPLES TO TALLY UP  
THEIR WEDDING COSTS AND TELL US HOW  
THEY DID IT, DOWN TO THE STAMPS  
AND NAPKINS.

# The \$15K Wedding

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 100

**DANI & IAN**

SARAH AARON PHOTOGRAPHY

ESTIMATED  
TOTAL:  
**\$13,995.20**



**\$3,360.91**

VENUE  
(INCLUDES TENT & RENTALS)



**\$2,200**

PHOTOGRAPHER



**\$2,194.79**

CATERING



**\$1,497.43**

ATTIRE



**\$900**

DJ



**\$800**

DAY OF  
COORDINATOR



**\$729.43**

ALCOHOL



**\$678.40**

FLOWERS



**\$500**

VIDEOGRAPHER



**\$439.12**

MISCELLANEOUS



**\$383.17**

STATIONERY



**\$186.95**

DECOR



**\$125**

DESSERTS



## HOW THEY DID IT

### Their Budget

Dani's grandparents and other family members gifted the Davises the majority of their \$10,000 budget, which covered most of the essentials. From there, the couple spent \$4,000 of their own money to pay for alterations, accessories, and "fun, optional" costs including alcohol and a DJ. "We definitely intended to stay within our budget, but during the last couple of months, I realized there were certain things that I really wanted, like Bay Country Donuts, Rise Up coffee, and St. Michael's wine," Dani says. "You just can't come to the Shore without having those experiences."

For Dani & Ian's complete budget and vendor list, visit [www.whatsupmedia.com/weddings/beautifulatanybudget](http://www.whatsupmedia.com/weddings/beautifulatanybudget)

## Their Biggest Splurges

**PHOTOGRAPHY: \$2,200.** “Since wedding photos are the one thing that last forever, a photographer was just not something I could not go cheap on,” Dani explains.

**TENT AND RENTALS: \$2,160.91.** Having their wedding at a wellness center in Easton was a huge money-saving move, but it also meant that the Davises had to rent a tent, chairs and tables, a bar, a dance floor, and portable bathrooms. Luckily, the couple was able to save on space heaters, which were still full from a wedding the previous weekend, and by using the center’s yoga room for their rehearsal dinner.



## Their Biggest Savings

**CATERING: \$2,194.79.** Dani really wanted to have a pizza truck cater her reception, but she couldn’t justify the cost. Instead, she went with a buffet-style dinner provided by Mission BBQ. “We cut costs by sticking to simple appetizers - just cheese, crackers, and veggies - and Mission BBQ supplied all the nonalcoholic drinks and cutlery,” Dani says.

**FLOWERS: \$678.40.** The Davises hired a vendor from the Amish community, Weavers Florist, for their flowers and saved further by making their own garland out of pine from a friend’s yard. “It was one of the most daunting DIY projects I’ve ever done,” Dani says. “There was so much sap on my kitchen floor afterward!”

**DECOR: \$86.95.** Dani borrowed as much of her decor as she could. A donut wall came from a co-worker, napkins from an extended family member, and a circle wreath for the sweetheart table from a friend’s aunt. “But one of the things I’m most proud of getting was my long tulle veil for \$5 on wish.com!” Dani says. “Those veils are easily \$100 on Etsy.”



# The \$35K Wedding

JILLIAN  
&  
JONATHAN

CAPTURED BY ALYSSA

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 125

ESTIMATED  
TOTAL:  
**\$35,581.39**



**\$21,097.19**

VENUE  
(INCLUDES FOOD & ALCOHOL)



**\$3,000**

FLOWERS



**\$2,937**

ATTIRE



**\$2,525**

PHOTOGRAPHER



**\$1,530**

VIDEOGRAPHER



**\$951.20**

MISCELLANEOUS



**\$900**

DJ



**\$688.25**

DECOR



**\$575**

OFFICIANT



**\$565.75**

STATIONERY



**\$417**

DESSERTS



**\$395**

HAIR AND MAKEUP



## HOW THEY DID IT

### Their Budget

The Raglins based their budget on Jillian's sister's wedding, which they attended a month before they got engaged. Initially, they hoped to stay under \$30,000, but unexpected costs like bridal party gifts and a videographer quickly added up. "At the beginning of wedding planning, we weren't sure if we were going to hire a videographer, but we are so glad we decided to spend the money," Jillian says. "Nothing beats having a video that captures all of the special moments you may have missed day of!"

For Jillian & Jonathan's complete budget and vendor list, visit [www.whatsupmedia.com/weddings/beautifulatanybudget](http://www.whatsupmedia.com/weddings/beautifulatanybudget)



## Their Biggest Splurge

**FLOWERS: \$3,000.** At the outset, Jillian didn't think she cared that much about flowers, but they turned out to be one of the biggest splurges of her wedding. "I had this vision in my mind of big, beautiful fall bouquets," she says. "We repurposed as many of the ceremony flowers as we could, but since our reception decor was so simple, it was important to us that our flowers stood out." Her arrangements were composed of roses, privet berries, eucalyptus, thistle, and mums, studded with gold-painted pine cones. They asked their florist, J Starr's Flower Barn, to create a floral garland for their head table and the fire place in front of which their ceremony took place.



## Their Biggest Savings

**DJ: \$900.** Jillian and Jon found their DJ through his wife, who is actually their dog sitter. "Because DJing is a side gig for him, he was much cheaper than any other person we had previously contacted," Jillian explains. "He had 13 years of experience and, as a dad of adult children, was more relatable to our particular audience."

**PHOTO BOOTH: \$330.** To cut costs, the couple created a DIY photo booth with props and a custom backdrop purchased from Etsy. "Jon's mother is into scrapbooking and made us a guestbook that guests could add their Polaroids to, along with a note," Jillian says. "Not only was this cheaper, but it was also more interactive and personal!"

# The \$75K Wedding

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 160

BROOKE  
&  
BRANDON

MANDA WEAVER PHOTOGRAPHY

ESTIMATED  
TOTAL:  
**\$74,250**



**\$41,300**

VENUE  
(INCLUDES FOOD & ALCOHOL)



**\$5,290**

VIDEOGRAPHER



**\$4,500**

PHOTOGRAPHER



**\$4,000**

FLOWERS



**\$4,000**

DRAPING & LIGHTING



**\$3,600**

PLANNER



**\$3,500**

DJ



**\$3,150**

ATTIRE



**\$1,600**

STATIONERY



**\$1,500**

MISCELLANEOUS



**\$800**

DECOR



**\$600**

DESSERTS



**\$410**

HAIR AND MAKEUP



## HOW THEY DID IT

### THEIR BUDGET

When they started planning, Brooke and Brandon didn't have a set budget. Instead, they focused on finding a venue they loved and priced decisions out from there.

For Brooke & Brandon's complete budget and vendor list, visit [www.whatsupmedia.com/weddings/beautifulatanybudget](http://www.whatsupmedia.com/weddings/beautifulatanybudget)



## THEIR BIGGEST SPLURGES

**VENUE: \$41,300.** The Cahalls had two major requirements for their wedding venue: a waterfront location and onsite accommodations. Since the couple started dating during a Caribbean cruise vacation, they loved the symbolism of getting married on the water. The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay blew them away and also ensured their guests had a comfortable place to stay after the reception.

**WEDDING PLANNER: \$3,600.** It was important to Brooke that her family and friends could enjoy her wedding without worrying about setup, decorating, and day-of logistics. “Having Katie [of White Oak Weddings] and her assistant’s help on our wedding day and throughout the planning process was well worth the money,” Brooke says.



## THEIR BIGGEST SAVINGS

**DECOR: \$800.** Brooke designed and created all her own paper goods, from escort cards to programs. “We saved a lot of money by not ordering these items online,” she says.



# PITCH A TENT



By Jessica Greensmith

**A**s much as we love a ballroom wedding, there's something magical about getting married outdoors — especially in coastal Maryland, where the Chesapeake Bay glistens year-round. But Mother Nature is a fickle friend and outdoor receptions need insurance against the elements (nothing, not even an off-color officiant, will kill your party vibes faster than unobstructed rain). Which makes tents the MVP of the whole-dang-thing. They're stylish, infinitely customizable, and your canvas/vinyl ticket to weather-proofed bliss, come snow, hail, and your uninvited ex. (Just kidding, tents can't protect you from that kind of storm. You're on your own, friend!)



▲ *The Paradise Ballroom is a tent-like venue exclusive to Herrington on the Bay that accommodates 250 guests, or up to 350 guests with a tent extension. This image by Renee Hollingshead showcases a Moroccan-themed wedding designed by Adriana Marie Events.*



▼ *This Eastern Shore wedding, which took place at the bride's grandparents' home, was shot by Heather Dodge Photography, with a sailcloth tent provided by Ebb Tide Tent and Party Rentals.*

## PROCESS

Now, before you hightail it to the tent people, let's talk logistics. While functional and fabulous, tents involve a lot of moving parts. "You have to account for every item that will be under the tent," explains Michele Beaudry, an event specialist with Eastern Shore Tents & Events. While indoor venues often include basic rentals, like tables, chairs, and linens, with a tented event, you start at zero. Besides the basics, you may have to bring in lighting, a dance floor, restroom trailers, and heaters. Intimidated? Don't be. Some tent vendors are full-service and will help you tackle all your rental needs, from fruitwood chairs to barrel bars and gold flatware. Plus, there's a huge upside to starting with a blank canvas. "You can create any wedding vision you have with little to no restrictions," Beaudry says. Want a black-and-white tiled dance floor? Done. Purple sidewalls? Go crazy. And don't worry about your budget (or brain!) exploding; tent rental companies offer a streamlined process to navigate all the decision-making. "First, we meet onsite or in our showroom to look at pictures and establish a client's vision," says Heather Comegys of Ebb Tide Tent & Party Rentals. "Then, we'll customize a basic quote, so clients aren't overwhelmed by the variety of options available."



◀ Kari Rider Events upgraded this sailcloth tent from Eastern Shore Tents & Events by wrapping the center poles in greenery. Photo by Kimberly Florence.



## TENT TYPES

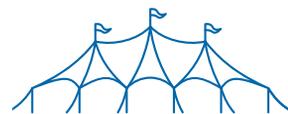
When it comes to the tent itself, there are three major types: pole, frame and sailcloth. Pole and sailcloth tents are both tension-style, which means they require staking on soft surfaces, like gravel or grass. Frame tents, on the other hand, are free-standing, and can be set up on almost any surface, including asphalt, a tennis court, or deck. Some people prefer frame tents for their open aesthetic: unlike pole and sailcloth tents, they lack center poles and can be customized with clear-top canopies for a view of the stars and venue surroundings. However, others prefer the classic peaked silhouettes of the pole and sailcloth tents. Pole tents are usually the least expensive rental, made from white vinyl with aluminum center poles. Sailcloth tents are the luxury upgrade, with rustic, wooden poles and translucent, canvas material, which emits a soft glow at night and easily complements a natural setting.



POLE



FRAME



SAILCLOTH

	POLE	FRAME	SAILCLOTH
COST	Least expensive		Most expensive
ROOF	Classic, white peaked silhouette.	Ridge-style. Comes with choice of solid white or a clear top canopy, for a view of the stars.	Similar to pole style, although the canvas material is more translucent and allows in natural light.
POLES	Aluminum center poles. Wood side poles must be staked into the ground.	Self-supporting. Tent can be set up on almost any surface.	Wood center poles. Wood side poles must be staked into the ground.



◀ Clear frame tents, like this one from Eastern Shore Tents & Events, give guests a view of the stars. Photo by Kate Fine Art.

## TIMELINE

Beaudry and Comegys recommend that clients book their tents up to a year in advance. Couples who are looking to get married in the Chesapeake Bay's busiest months, including May, June, September, and October, should consider reaching out even earlier, as much as 18 months ahead. This timeline will give couples the greatest flexibility when it comes to inventory, as some rental items do sell out.

## STYLE

Some of our favorite ways to dress up tents are by hanging chandeliers, draping, and floral garlands from the ceilings. Another popular idea is to create a "living room" space with comfy chairs, vintage rugs, and coffee tables, where guests can lounge when they're not shimmying all over the dance floor. Twinkly cafe lights will always look romantic, and we say "more is more" when it comes to greenery; bring the outside in. For a whimsical twist, consider stringing ribbons — or swings! — from the rooftop.



▶ A tent from Ebb Tide Tent and Party Rentals is made all the more gorgeous with a flower bar sign by Keleidoscope Florals. Photo by Dyanna LaMora.



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A soft-focus photograph of a bedroom. On the left, a gold-colored floor lamp with a white shade stands next to a window. In the foreground on the right, a bed is covered with white linens. The background wall is a light, neutral color.

# Morning mojo



## A planner, a stylist, and a photographer talk tips for the morning-of.

By Jessica Greensmith

If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, your wedding-morning game plan is your avocado toast. It's not the big event, but it's going to set the tone. It's your chance to screw your head on straight and prep yo' self for this mighty milestone, for receiving lines and hangry small talk and details that run amok. For some, this a.m. prelude will crawl on by; for others, it will careen - and suddenly you're on a flight to your Portugal honeymoon. Either way, listen up. Our experts have your morning strategy all mapped out.

## Q&A

### The Hair & Makeup Artist:

*Jackie Nunez of Jackie's Design*

#### When should the bride and her party start to get ready?

**It depends.** "I create my timeline based on when the photographer needs them, the size of the group, and the number of services. We spend a full hour with the bride. I curl her hair first, then start working with my assistant on bridesmaids, before returning to apply the bride's makeup and style. The bride should never go last. We ask her to dictate the order, based on who needs to be ready when. It takes us approximately 30-45 minutes with each bridesmaid."

#### Do you prefer clean or dirty hair?

**Clean!** "I tell my clients to wash and rough dry their hair the night before. If the hair is too clean, the style won't hold. Skin should be clean with no trace of makeup."



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#### Most brides do beauty trials weeks in advance to fine-tune their wedding look, whereas bridesmaids are working with you for the first time on the morning of the wedding. How can they come prepared?

**Bring realistic examples.** "I always call them inspirational pictures. We have a quick consultation where I try to be very realistic about what will work. For example, a bridesmaid might show me a Pinterest image of a model whose hair is thick and halfway down her back, but the bridesmaid has very thin hair. My best advice is for them to find pictures of people that have their kind of hair and their kind of skin. You wouldn't believe how many photos I see of Kim Kardashian!"

**Purchase hair extensions.** "A lot of Pinterest images are done with hair extensions. We offer permanent options, which will always look better, but the clip-in kind are



fine, too. I send clients to Sally Beauty; their products are not top-of-the-line, but they use human hair. I don't recommend purchasing extensions online because the colors will look different in person."

#### **What else do brides need to know?**

**Start taking care of your skin early.** "We like to start prepping for the wedding day months, or at least a few weeks, beforehand, so we can make sure our clients' skin is hydrated and can get rid of clogged pores and dead ends. If they follow the skin regimen we recommend, it makes our job easier on the day of the wedding. Makeup will go on smoother and they will look and feel better."

**Make sure someone knows how to remove the veil.** "Your hairdresser should stay until you are finished getting ready, so she can put your veil on and make any necessary adjustments. She also should teach the bride's mom or maid of honor how to take the veil off without unraveling the bride's 'do.'"

## The Planner:

*Deb Terhune of Ramsey Madison Events*

### What can couples do to ensure their wedding mornings go smoothly?

**Have a timeline and stick to it!** “I wear an Apple Watch and set at least 15 alarms for the day-of; there’s an alarm when hair and makeup is supposed to start, an alarm for when the florist arrives, an alarm for the DJ, the organist, the servers. You want to choose a planner who is well-organized and can keep everything on track.”

**Make an emergency kit.** “I bring an old suitcase with everything imaginable in it; safety pins, scissors, hairspray, an eyebrow pencil, batteries, nuts, Pepto-Bismol, a tiny steamer, you name it. I even carry fake diamond studs, after working a wedding where a bridesmaid lost her earrings and started freaking out.”

**Take a breather.** “Your wedding day is going to be the most important day in your life until you give birth to your children. It’s important to take time away from everybody to focus on what this day means to you, even if it’s just for 20 minutes.”





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## GROOM'S CHOICE

Lucky you. While ladies endure crack-of-dawn wake up calls and are quarantined for beautification, you can roam wild and free all over town. So what's a groom to do the morning of his wedding? Play. Sleep in. Workout. There are no right answers, only fun to be had, with a few suggestions.

### PLAY

Shoot skeet, race go-karts, or challenge your boys to Texas Holdem, but we'd steer clear of high-risk activities like bull-fighting or skydiving. It's best to arrive at your ceremony with all your bones intact.

### EAT

Brunch to your heart's content, but get dressed after. Tide To Go Pens are wonderful inventions, but in battle, the ketchup stain will always win.

### DRINK

Head to a cool brewery or organize a whiskey tasting, with extra emphasis on "tasting." Showing up to your ceremony drunk is a really bad move.

### RELAX

Hang out the low-key way. Go fishing, play video games, or veg out with Netflix. Just don't forget to establish a cut-off time. It's not cute to be late, especially if you've spent all morning in sweatpants.

### HELP

Enlist your guys to assist with last-minute wedding tasks. You'll earn your MIL's affection for life.

### WORKOUT

Hit the gym, rent kayaks, play basketball or a round of golf. But if you're heading outside, don't forget to 'screen up. A burnt groom = bad pictures + one unhappy bride.

**Usually, the getting ready period involves a lot of sitting and waiting. How can brides create a fun and relaxing environment that encourages bonding?**

**Honor your girls.** “The morning of your wedding is a great time to exchange gifts and tell your bridesmaids what they mean to you. In this day and age, we’re so quick with relationships. We don’t take enough time to thank our friends for being in our lives. I encourage all my brides to write individual notes to their bridesmaids explaining why they chose them. It’s important because once the bride goes down the aisle, [the balance shifts] and it’s all about her and her soon-to-be husband.”

**Plan a mini potluck.** “One of my favorite things to do is to ask each bridesmaid to bring a snack that represents a memory she has with the bride. For example, if Sally and Judy always ate chicken wings together during football season, I’d encourage Judy to bring chicken wings for the whole group. Revisiting those special moments between friends builds even more of a bond.”



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## The Photographer:

Mike Busada of Mike B. Photography

### What can couples do to ensure the best getting-ready shots?

**Keep the room clean.** “If the space where you are getting ready is a mess, we’re going to waste a lot of time straightening it up and moving things out of the way for pictures. Take the bag your wedding gown was in and stuff it under the bed. If you’re in a hotel, ask housekeeping to make the beds before your photographer arrives.”

**Communicate the plan beforehand.** “If we have a lot of time to work with the bride in the morning, her attendants can be in robes. But if we’re on a tight schedule, we want to make sure the bridesmaids are dressed before we get there. If dad is doing a first look, he needs to know. Otherwise, he’ll think he’s not needed for photos until later on, he won’t be dressed, and we may miss that opportunity.”

**Schedule enough time for photos.** “One of the big things we run into is not allowing enough time for hair and makeup. Build a thirty-minute cushion into your schedule in case your vendors run behind. Otherwise, we’ll have to rush a lot of the getting ready photos. Generally, giving your photographer at least an hour to capture candid moments and details is ideal.”

### Does location matter?

**When it comes to lighting, yes.** “If the party is getting ready in a hotel, request a corner room with extra windows. If they’re in a private residence, pick the brightest room. In both cases, open all the blinds to let in as much natural light as possible.”

### Do couples need to bring props?

**Just the essentials.** “The bride should have her invitation, shoes, rings, and other jewelry in the room with her. Her dress should be on a nice hanger and if possible, she should have the bouquets ready, too, so the photographer can use them as backdrops for some of the set-ups.”



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# All the Fall Feels

SUZANNE FORD & CURTIS BUCHHEISTER

CHARTWELL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
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**OCCUPATIONS:**  
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ADVOCATE AND REAL  
ESTATE APPRAISER

**WEDDING DATE:**  
OCTOBER 13, 2018

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:**  
127

**FIRST DANCE SONG:**  
"YOURS" BY ELLA  
HENDERSON

## FRENEMIES?

Before they ever locked eyes, Suzanne Ford and Curtis Buchheister butted heads. They met in 2008, as seniors at Severna Park High School, and, at first, their strong personalities seemed irreconcilable. But a mutual friend group drew them together regularly enough that they eventually realized they shared similar views and values. When they finally started dating, during their sophomore year at St. Mary's College of Maryland, the relationship was a long time coming. "We have been together for so long, as friends and then as a couple, that I honestly do not even remember what we did for our first official date!" Suzanne says.



*Suzanne gave her bridesmaids custom gift boxes, which included lavender soap, dark chocolate caramels, blush matches, and a sea salt candle.*



## **MOVING BOXES**

It was the first snowfall of 2017: Curtis had just moved to a new apartment in Richmond and the couple had spent the entire day unpacking boxes. Suzanne was cooking dinner, when Curtis called out from the bedroom — they had forgotten something. When Suzanne walked in the room, Curtis was down on one knee with an open jewelry box displaying a stunning diamond. “I am obsessed with my ring,” says Suzanne. “The center diamond was my grandmother’s, from when she married my grandfather in May of 1950.”

## **AUDREY HEPBURN & AURORA**

Curtis and Suzanne wanted their day to be romantic and fun. They love the fall season, so they incorporated cozy details like fire pits, blankets, and velvet ribbons, which



Suzanne hand-tied to secure nametags to menus at the head table. “I told vendors I was going for a blend of classic style and romanticism, kind of like Audrey Hepburn meets *Sleeping Beauty*,” she says.

### THAT CHARTWELL MAGIC

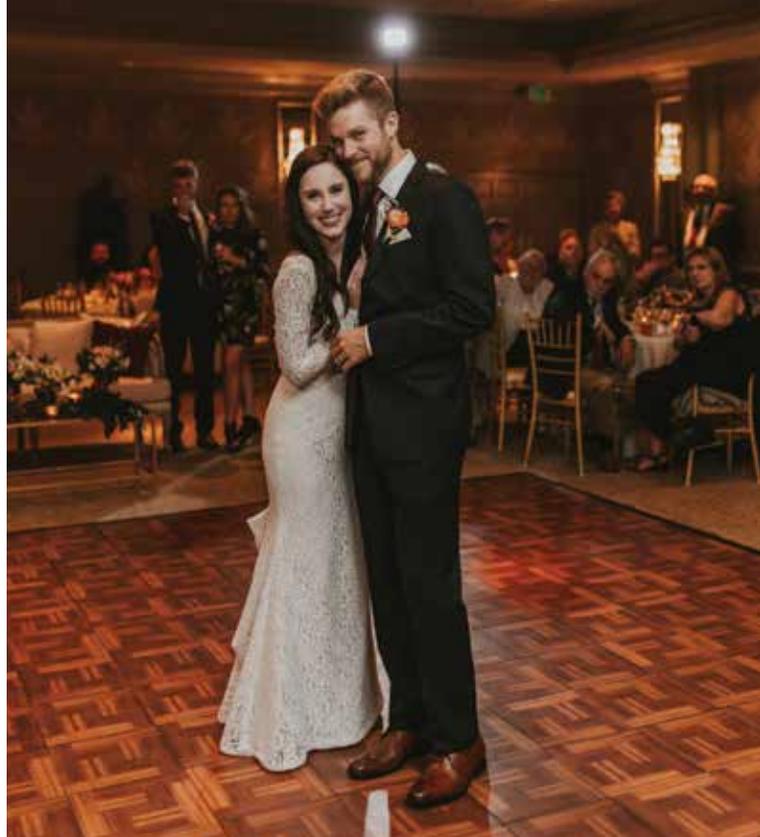
Suzanne didn’t have just one reason to get married at Chartwell Golf and Country Club; she had eight. “I loved that Chartwell had a lawn, a giant patio, string lights, and a neutral ballroom,” Suzanne explains. She liked the venue’s flexibility with vendors, exclusive use policy, and convenient location, five minutes from her childhood home, where her party would get ready. The fact

*The couple's officiant asked them to send her a secret list of 5 things they love about each other.*

that she had been going to the country club since she was a little girl was the icing on top. It was a familiar place, full of memories — and the best to come!

### THE BIG REVEAL

When you're the bride, one of the most exciting wedding day reveals is your flowers. "You don't get to see what they're going to look like until the day of," Suzanne explains. "I was blown away by Amy [from Crimson & Clover] and her ability to bring what I had described to life." Among the blooms in her bouquet? Garden roses, astilbe, ranunculus, cafe au lait dahlias, and a few surprises.



#### THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** MIKAELLA BRIDAL (DESIGNER), LOVE COUTURE BRIDAL (SHOP)  
**BRIDE'S HAIR & MAKEUP:** ALISON HARPER & CO.  
**BRIDE'S JEWELRY:** TIFFANY'S  
**BRIDE'S SHOES:** SAM EDELMAN  
**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** JENNY YOO (DESIGNER), LOVE COUTURE BRIDAL (SHOP)  
**CAKE:** SUGAR BAKERS CAKES  
**DAY OF COORDINATOR:** THROW THE CONFETTI  
**FLORALS:** CRIMSON & CLOVER  
**GROOM'S ATTIRE:** BROOKS BROTHERS  
**GROOMSMEN ATTIRE:** THE BLACK TUX  
**INVITATIONS:** PETAL AND PRINT  
**MUSIC:** STEVE MOODY ENTERTAINMENT  
**OFFICIANT:** LAURA CANNON OF CEREMONY OFFICIANTS  
**RENTALS:** 2HANDS STUDIOS  
**RINGS:** W.R. CHANCE JEWELERS  
**VIDEOGRAPHER:** SHUTTER AND SOUND

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# A Very Navy Christmas

ELIZABETH MORGAN O'BRIEN & KEVIN GINN

CHESAPEAKE BAY BEACH CLUB  
CHRISTA RAE PHOTOGRAPHY



**WEDDING DATE:**  
DECEMBER 29, 2018

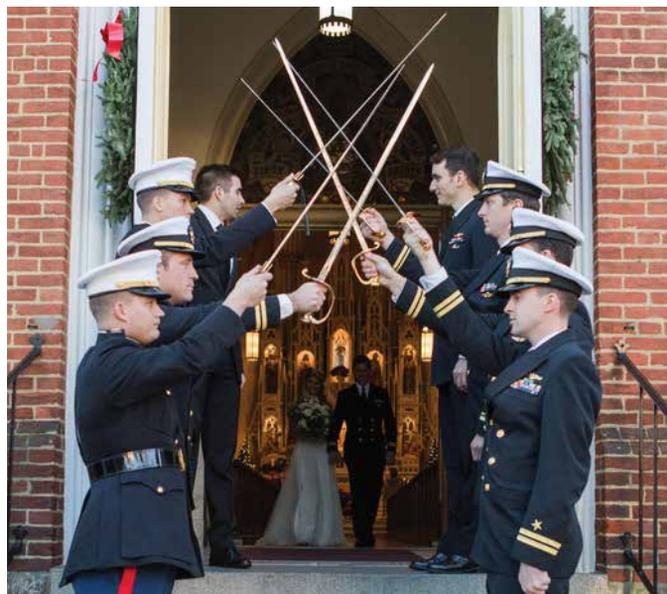
**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:**  
86

**FAVOR:**  
GINGER SNAP COOKIES —  
THE GROOM'S IDEA!

**EXIT STRATEGY:**  
WANDS TOPPED WITH  
BELLS AND SATIN  
STREAMERS

## RED'S HOT ROMANCE

On Independence Day weekend, Elizabeth O'Brien and her best friend Eli went out to a San Diego bar called Red's, where they ran into some Naval Academy grads that Eli knew. Elizabeth started talking with a "handsome, sweet, and very polite" guy, but their conversation was cut short after only ten minutes; the Uber had arrived. The entire ride home, Elizabeth peppered her friend with questions. Who was that guy? Through some savvy networking, she procured Kevin's number and sent the first text. "It sounds crazy, but I just wanted to thank him for being so kind," she says. Two days later, they went on their first date.



*Elizabeth started planning her wedding while deployed on the USS Coronado, but she called in a professional planner, her friend Elaina Anthony, when she realized she couldn't balance work and romance.*



### **SHE SAID YES A THOUSAND TIMES**

Elizabeth was preparing for a 5-month deployment aboard the USS Coronado, when she learned she would be able to meet up with Kevin halfway through in Hawaii, where her ship was scheduled for a month of maintenance. To make their limited time special, they booked a stay at the Turtle Bay Resort. “As the sun set over the northern part of the island, I told Kevin I couldn't have asked for a better end to our vacation,” Elizabeth says. “He got off the bench, turned to me, and said, ‘I know one thing that could make it better. Will you marry me?’ I must have said yes a thousand times!”

*To keep the party going, Elizabeth and Kevin served up late-night snacks: Boardwalk-style fries, topped with Old Bay, and sliders.*



## TAKE ME TO CHURCH

Elizabeth decided she wanted to get married at St. Mary's Church when she was just 7 years old — after she watched her older sister Chrissie say "I do" there. One of the added benefits of having the ceremony at the Catholic church during the Christmas season? "We didn't have to decorate," Elizabeth says. "St. Mary's adorns the altar every year with poinsettias."

## VENUE SHOPPING

Because she was planning a wedding from afar, Elizabeth tasked her mom Michelle with touring venues. "Chesapeake Bay Beach Club was the first one we talked about... and truly the one," Elizabeth says. When she moved to the East Coast and saw the Stevensville spot for herself, Elizabeth fell in love with the Tavern Room. "The open floor plan, the suite above the ballroom to relax, and the inn were all so elegant," she adds. "You didn't need much to make the venue romantic."



**MARYLAND MUNCHIES**

For their cocktail hour, Elizabeth and Kevin dreamed up a classic Maryland beer and food pairing: Natty Boh with Mini Crab Cakes and Chesapeake Chicken Wings. Alongside their cake, they indulged guests in cinnamon sugar ‘Sand Dune’ and pumpkin spice donuts from Sandy Pony. But our favorite food move was their late night snack: Boardwalk-style French fries, topped with Old Bay, to keep the party going long after they left.

**SATIN SEND-OFF**

In lieu of sparklers, guests waved the happy couple off with wedding wands affixed with bells and satin streamers.

**THE DETAILS:**

- BRIDE’S GOWN:** ESSENCE OF AUSTRALIA (DESIGNER), WREN BRIDAL (SHOP)
- BRIDE’S HAIR:** ASHLEY LEADER
- BRIDE’S MAKEUP:** MAKEUP BY FARREN
- CAKE:** MAIN & MARKET
- CEREMONY VENUE:** ST. MARY’S ANNAPOLIS
- DONUTS:** SANDY PONY DONUTS
- DJ:** MIXING MARYLAND
- FLORIST:** ANN’S GARDEN
- PLANNER:** E. ANTHONY WEDDINGS & EVENTS
- RECEPTION VENUE COORDINATOR:** SAMANTHA RUTHERFORD
- TRANSPORTATION:** CHESAPEAKE CHARTER

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# Pastel Romance

ALEX KORDENBROCK & MICHAEL BRANTHOVER

TURF VALLEY RESORT  
BOW TIE PHOTO



**OCCUPATIONS:**  
THIRD-GRADE TEACHER  
AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR

**WEDDING DATE:**  
JULY 7, 2018

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:**  
150

**RECEPTION MUSIC:**  
EVERYTHING FROM JUSTIN  
TIMBERLAKE TO JOHN  
DENVER, FETTY WAP TO  
THE WHO

## THAT FOOTBALL NOTORIETY

When Alex Kordenbrock met Michael Branthover at a Halloween party in 2008, she initially discounted him as a typical high school jock. “He was an amazing kicker that was super dedicated and there were constantly articles being written about him in the paper,” she explains. “Because of his football notoriety, I assumed he would act a certain way.” But in the weeks following the party, Michael’s sweet, reserved personality won Alex over. “I saw the way he treated his family, especially his younger sister, and knew he was a keeper!” she says.

## DINNER FOR THREE

Alex was suspicious when Michael asked her if she would join him for dinner with one of his business partners in January 2017. The proposed restaurant, Baltimore’s Rusty Scupper, had been the site of their



*In homage to their home state, the pair served crab dip, with filet mignon starring as one of several entrees.*



first anniversary date al-most a decade before. But Michael played it so cool that Alex was blindsided when her beau dropped to his knees just past the Maryland Science Center. “Finally was all I could think!” she says, before they made their way to dinner with no colleagues but lots of champagne.

**GOLF & GOOD SERVICE**

The couple knew they wanted a Maryland wedding, since most of their family is local, and they were immediately impressed with the customer service at Turf Valley Resort. “We received answers via email or phone within hours of contacting anyone,” Alex says, “which made a very anxious/type A bride feel completely at ease.” As an avid golfer, Michael was excited to fit in some rounds of golf throughout the course of the weekend, and both bride and groom liked the convenience of having their reception and hotel in the same place.

## JUST STOP SHOPPING

When Alex was a little girl, all she wanted to be was Cinderella. “I had several dress-up wedding gowns that my mom could not get me out of, even to go to school or the grocery store,” she says. But despite knowing she wanted a big, twirly dress, she found the dress shopping experience stressful. “I did not expect to be so indecisive,” she says. After visiting several stores, she ended up circling back to Garnish, where she bought one of the first dresses she tried on. “If I had to give one piece of advice, it would be to stop shopping after you find the one!” Alex says.



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## “MMM” FOR MARYLAND

When it comes to wedding planning, every groom has his priorities. For Michael, it was the food. “Although that may have just been because he wanted to go back for more tastings!” Alex reveals. “It was one of the most fun parts of planning.” In homage to their home state, the pair served crab dip, with filet mignon starring as one of several entrees.

### THE DETAILS

**BRIDE’S GOWN:** HAYLEY PAIGE (DESIGNER), GARNISH BOUTIQUE (SHOP)

**BRIDE’S EARRINGS:** KENDRA SCOTT

**BRIDE’S HAIR & MAKEUP:** HEATHER REA BEAUTY

**BRIDE’S SHOES:** BADGLEY MISCHKA

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** AZAZIE

**CAKE:** DEBI FLEURY’S CAKE STUDIO

**FLORALS:** RADEBAUGH FLORIST

**INVITATIONS:** MINTED

**MEN’S ATTIRE:** THE BLACK TUX & INDOCHINO

**MUSIC:** JORDAN SOLANDER OF MARYLAND’S DJ

**PLANNING AND DECOR:** LAUREN SPRANKLE FROM ELLE ELLINGHAUS DESIGNS

**RINGS:** SMYTH JEWELERS

**VIDEOGRAPHY:** BOW TIE PHOTO

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# Garden Glam

DANIELLA FAUST & DAVID BRONFEIN

WHITEHALL

LAUREN NIEVOD PHOTOGRAPHY



## YOUNG LOVE

Eighth grade was a monumental year for Daniella Faust and David Bronfein. Although they didn't know it then, when they first met, the middle schoolers would fall in love 11 years later, after more than a decade of summer concerts at Jiffy Lube Live, college visits, and an unshakable nickname — early on, Daniella dubbed David, “Bronny,” a reference that remained in her phone long after the couple had started dating. Which brings us to Valentine’s Day 2011: David, then a law student at the University of Baltimore, invited Daniella, a rehab technician, to dinner in Federal Hill. The pair segued friendship into romance with considerable ease; six years later, they found themselves on the cusp of another transition...



**WEDDING DATE:**  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:**  
235

**FAVORITE DETAIL:**  
THE KING’S TABLE AND THE  
CHANDELIERS HANGING OVER  
THE DANCE FLOOR

**BEST GIFT RECEIVED:**  
ESPRESSO MACHINE

*A four-server bar, positioned at the entrance of the tent, ensured guests didn't have to wait for a drink. "We really wanted our guests to enjoy themselves," says Daniella.*



## **FIT AS A FIANCE**

For Daniella's 30th birthday, the couple headed to Cave Valley Golf Club, where David's family has a home. Daniella had never visited before, so David was excited to introduce her to the area. After dinner, they set out for a walk along the green and David started talking about new beginnings, which was a clever reference to the final day of Rosh Hashanah but also the ring burning a hole in his pocket! When Daniella thought her weekend couldn't get any better, she discovered David had another surprise up his sleeve: a private spin class the next morning, with her best friends and her favorite instructor teaching.



## UNDER THE BIG TOP

Daniella had always dreamed of having an elegant tented reception, and she loved the water views and flexibility that Whitehall offered. “We really wanted to be able to create our own space and Whitehall helped that vision come to life,” she says. Although wind and rain were not a part of her personal forecast for her wedding day, Daniella endured the weather with grace. “I ended up with 99 percent of the things I envisioned, so I’d say I’m pretty darn lucky!” she says.



*For dessert,  
Daniella and  
David served  
wedding cake,  
boozy milkshakes,  
and a chocolate  
hazelnut torte.*



## EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES

Initially, Daniella thought she wanted a fitted gown, but the morning after she purchased her dress, she called Francesca's Bridal Salon in a panic. Would they let her switch her gown to a full-skirted style? Thankfully, the shop was more than willing to help. Daniella selected a sparkly Badgley Mischka dress with an illusion bodice and rose embroidery. "It was the prettiest thing I had ever worn," she says.

## A CHEESESTEAK ADVENTURE

One of the most important decisions for David and Daniella was selecting their wedding band. They traveled to Philadelphia for a showcase put on by EBE Entertainment. "We sat in the front row and danced and sang to all of the music, while every other couple had their notebooks and pencils out taking notes!" Daniella says. The band they ended up selecting, Paris, was the first to perform. "I actually cried during their last song and whispered to David, 'We're choosing them!'" Daniella says. Stops at both Pat's and Gen's for Philly cheesesteaks provided the perfect end to the evening.

### THE DETAILS

**BAND:** PARIS - EBE ENTERTAINMENT  
**BRIDE'S GOWN:** BADGLEY MISCHKA  
**BRIDE'S HAIR & MAKEUP:** ARIEL LEWIS  
**BRIDE'S JEWELRY:** RADCLIFFE JEWELERS  
**BRIDE'S SHOES:** STUART WEITZMAN  
**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** AMSALE, JENNY YOO,  
AND ADRIANNA PAPELL (DESIGNERS),  
BELLA BRIDESMAIDS (STORE)  
**CATERER:** ELEVEN COURSES  
**FLORALS:** ANN'S GARDEN  
**INVITATIONS:** PAPERS PLUS  
**PLANNING & DECOR:** JILLIAN JENKINS OF ELLE  
ELLINGHAUS DESIGNS  
**VIDEOGRAPHER:** RYAN GELDERMANN

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# Serenity on the Cove

SARAH HOLLAND & ANDREW CHILCOAT

THE OAKS WATERFRONT INN  
ANDREEA RUSSO PHOTOGRAPHY



**OCCUPATIONS:**  
SALES ENABLEMENT  
MANAGER AND  
ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

**WEDDING DATE:**  
JUNE 1, 2019

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:**  
175

**FAVORS:**  
CUSTOM PLAYING CARDS

## A STEALTH CONVO IN HER PARENTS' BACKYARD

When Andrew Chilcoat first spotted Sarah Holland at an Ocean City watering hole, he knew exactly what he needed to do. Nursing an Orange Crush, Andrew rolled up to Sarah's crew and delivered the most effective pick-up line he knew: "What are you doing?" Her puzzled look was irrelevant: an excuse to speak again. "What's your name?" Andrew asked. "Do you want to dance?" After a few twirls, he proposed they find a quiet place to chat; in the most romantic of developments, they caught a bus to Sarah's parents' house, where a swinging chair beckoned. They talked for hours, until a harsh whisper incited panic. Sarah's mother was on the move. Andrew started to flee, but fortunately Sarah stopped him. "Don't you want my number?" she asked. Second date secured.



*Sarah's favorite detail was her ceremony aisle, which was adorned with white rose petals, ferns and a hand-painted mirror that said "No sides, just good vibes."*



### **SILLY QUESTIONS ON TABLE MOUNTAIN**

Sarah and Andrew's relationship was going five years strong when they set out for a two-week vacation in South Africa. At the end of the trip, as the couple scrambled to the top of Cape Town's Table Mountain, Andrew kept asking a tired Sarah "What do you think?" and she wasn't having it. "Stop asking me that!" she cried out in frustration, which prompted Andrew to grab her hand. "Can I ask you something else?" he retorted. A second later, Andrew was on one knee, asking a very good question (finally!)

### **RING MISHAPS**

Because they were traveling in a foreign country, Andrew needed a secure place to keep the ring, which led to a few near-mishaps. For most of the trip, his fail-safe spot was his sunglasses case. One day, while relaxing at the beach, Sarah moved the case to a second bag without telling her



beau, who nearly had a heart attack when he thought it was missing. Another close call happened at the airport, when Andrew was stopped by TSA. He frantically directed Sarah to go on without him, certain the agent was about to mention the ring. Turns out the TSA agent just needed Andrew to dump out the water in his Nalgene!

### BORN & WED

Sarah knew she wanted her wedding to take place near the water and she liked the idea of getting married just a few miles from where she was born in Easton. The Oaks Waterfront Inn became the couple's top pick after they visited the venue and discovered its beautiful views - the reception space has floor-to-ceiling windows - and amazing food.



## A NATURAL LOOK

Sarah's favorite detail was her ceremony aisle, which was adorned with white rose petals, ferns and a hand-painted mirror that said "No sides, just good vibes." "I wanted to keep the look very natural and romantic," she says. In the reception room, she added greenery wreaths to the chandeliers to draw attention to the ceiling.

## COLOR SCHEMES & A COMFY GOWN

Sarah picked out purple rose bouquets for her bridesmaids, who wore grey and sage. "I gave my bridesmaids a lot of freedom for their dresses," she says, "and they did not disappoint!" She found her own dress at Garnish Boutique in Towson. "I hadn't actually heard of Hayley Paige before finding my dress, but since then I have fallen in love with all her gowns," she says. "It was the perfect silhouette, so comfortable, and I loved the little detail of the butterfly on the back."

## JUST LIKE A TATTOO, I'LL ALWAYS HAVE YOU

On the hunt for unique details, Sarah spent a lot of time browsing Etsy, which is where she found a shop that converts photos into temporary tattoos. She stashed a bunch in the bathroom baskets and before she knew it, her guests were walking around with her and Andrew's faces tattooed to them. "They were a great way for everyone to see our hashtag, #netflixandchilcoat," she says. "I only wish I had bought more!"

### THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** HAYLEY PAIGE (DESIGNER), GARNISH BOUTIQUE (SHOP)

**BRIDE'S HAIR & MAKEUP:** VINTAGE VEILS

**BRIDE'S JEWELRY:** OLIVE + PIPER

**BRIDE'S SHOES:** KELLY & KATIE

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** BHLDN

**CAKE:** SUGAR BAKERS CAKES

**DAY OF COORDINATOR:** THROW THE CONFETTI

**ENGAGEMENT RING:** TACORI

**FLORALS:** SEASONAL FLOWERS

**MEN'S ATTIRE:** JOS A. BANKS AND KNOTTY TIE CO.

**INVITATIONS:** MLC DESIGNS

**MUSIC:** EAST COAST ENTERTAINMENT, FOREST HILL BAND

**OFFICIANT:** BONNIE SCOTT (BEGINNINGS & ENDS)

**PLANNER:** RCC WEDDINGS & EVENTS

**RENTALS:** 2HANDS STUDIOS

**RINGS:** W.R. CHANCE JEWELERS

**SIGNS:** @LYNNY\_C

**TATTOOS:** STYLINTATS VIA ETSY

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** KJR STUDIO

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# Heritage Beauty

KAITLIN KIMM & BRUCE ALTER

GOVERNOR CALVERT HOUSE

HAMILTON PHOTOGRAPHY



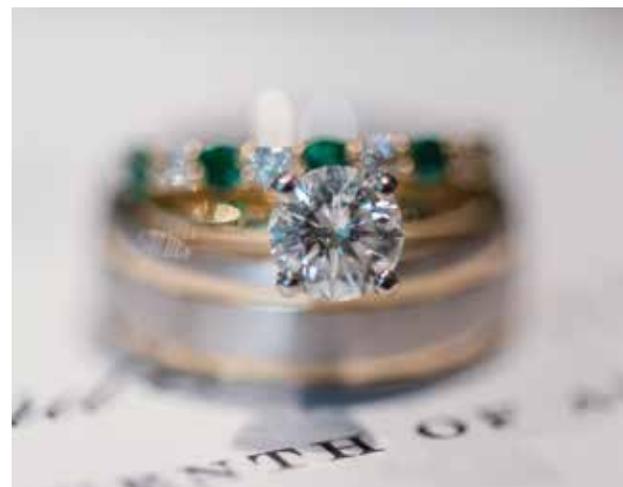
**WEDDING DATE:**  
AUGUST 18, 2018

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:**  
106

**FAVORITE MENU ITEM:**  
WRAPPED BRIE WITH  
RASPBERRIES

## A “GOOD” SPRAIN

After a bad injury in 2015, Kaitlin Kimm started physical therapy at a clinic in Montgomery, where Bruce Alter was working. Chats ensued over ultrasounds and exercise, and pretty soon the pair discovered a mutual love of faith and baseball. “I thought Bruce was so handsome and funny, and easy to talk to,” Kaitlin says. For their first date, the couple went out for dinner and bowling. “I was impressed that Bruce knocked on my front door and opened the car door for me,” Kaitlin adds. A month later came moving day — Bruce was on his way to Nashville for graduate school and Kaitlin, a professional dancer, was heading to a new ballet company in Annapolis — but they weren’t about to give up. Sweet letters, weekly FaceTime dates, and countless flights sustained them through two-and-a-half years of long distance.



*Bruce and Kaitlin had many out-of-town guests, so they wanted a venue in the heart of Annapolis. The Governor Calvert House, which dates back to 1695, appealed to Kaitlin's love of history.*



## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

In December 2017, the pair reunited, and Bruce had big plans to celebrate at Mount Vernon's annual Christmas Illuminations. With time to kill before the grounds opened, Bruce suggested they check out the museum and gift shop. Two minutes later, he stepped outside to make a phone call, which seemed to last an eternity. However, history buff that she is, Kaitlin was quite happy exploring the exhibits on her own. Bruce returned and insisted they get some air; Kaitlin reluctantly followed him to a bench surrounded by Christmas lights, where he commented on how bad he felt that they couldn't spend Christmas with her family... so he had decided to bring them to her! They were there waiting, all the way from Iowa. Kaitlin was shocked, and even more so, when she turned back around to face Bruce, who was asking her to marry him.



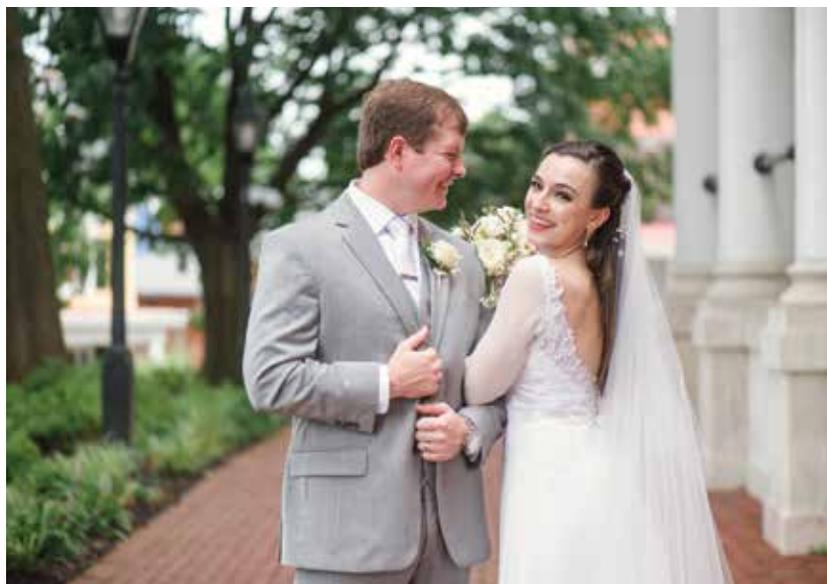
## “POOF” TO THE '80S

Kaitlin collaborated with Jill Andrews Gowns to transform her mother’s wedding dress into the gown of her dreams. “It was pretty classic ‘80s - big poofy sleeves, a bow on the back - perfect when my mom wore it, but not exactly my style,” Kaitlin explains. Jill added a chiffon overlay, with beaded details from the original bodice, and elegant long sleeves, cuffed with the original satin. For her own wedding, Kaitlin’s mother wore a Lily of the Valley halo, which Jill deconstructed and built into Kaitlin’s veil. “My mom and I are both born in May and Lily of the Valley is May’s flower, so having that shared connection was really special to me,” Kaitlin says.



## A SECRET COLLECTION

Kaitlin's aunt passed away from breast cancer in 2002, so it was especially scary for the family when Kaitlin's mother NAME was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2018, just a month after Bruce proposed. "Although we were going through a difficult time as a family, my parents were so supportive and insistent that we continue on with wedding planning," Kaitlin says. As a thank you, the couple secretly collected donations for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in memory of Kaitlin's aunt and in honor of her mother. "It meant so much when we surprised her on our wedding day," Kaitlin says.



*For a unique guestbook, the couple ordered a personalized Bible from Etsy. The artist painted the Alters' ceremony venue on the cover and guests signed their names next to their favorite verse.*

### THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S HAIR & MAKEUP:** UPDOS FOR I DOS

**CAKE:** SWEET HEARTS PATISSERIE

**CEREMONY VENUE:** ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**DAY OF COORDINATOR:** GINA INGEL FROM WEDDING SAVVY, INC.

**FLORALS:** LITTLE HOUSE OF FLOWERS

**GOWN RESTORATION:** JILL ANDREWS GOWNS

**GROOM'S RING:** CEZANNE JEWELERS

**GUESTBOOK:** IN HIS NAME CO.

**INVITATIONS:** MINTED

**MEN'S ATTIRE:** JOS. A. BANK

**MUSIC:** CROW ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** HAMILTON PHOTOGRAPHY

**RINGS:** WARE'S JEWELERS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (BRIDE'S) AND CEZANNE JEWELERS (GROOM'S)

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# Tropical Beach Bash

MICHELLE PHAM & CHRIS DELEO

HERRINGTON ON THE BAY  
LAURA'S FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY



**WEDDING DATE:**  
JUNE 16, 2019

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:**  
150

**BEST FOOD ITEM:**  
CRAB DIP SLIDERS

**FAVORITE DETAIL:**  
THEIR CHOREOGRAPHED  
FIRST DANCE, A MASH UP  
OF "I'M YOURS" BY JASON  
MRAZ AND "CAN'T STOP  
THE FEELING" BY JUSTIN  
TIMBERLAKE

## ST. PATTY, PATRON SAINT OF LOVE

Michelle Pham and Chris DeLeo met at a St. Patty's bar crawl in Arlington in 2016. Chris was working the raffle table, when Michelle strolled by, seemingly alone, and they struck up a conversation. A week later, the couple went on their first date, christened with two shots of tequila. "We connected instantly on our similar interests," Michelle explains. Both liked to travel, had moved out West during the same time period, and shared a love of hiking and snowboarding.

## SAY CHEESE

For Michelle's 30th birthday, Chris planned a surprise party and trip to Punta Cana. One evening, he asked her to take a walk along the



*Chris and Michelle blended their favorite colors to tie together details: blue for napkins and the groomsmen's suits, purple for the bridesmaid's bouquets and tent uplighting.*



beach. As they sat and watched the waves, Michelle heard someone yell, "I'm ready!" It turned out to be the resort photographer. "We've always joked about how ridiculous it is when people do resort photographs, so I was really confused," Michelle admits. But her sly boyfriend assured her he just wanted to do something nice for his birthday queen. While the pair posed, Chris stubbed his toe — a cue to the photographer to distract his unwitting beau. The photographer missed his moment, but Chris didn't and a teary Michelle said "Yes!"

### **PALM TREES IN MD**

Michelle originally envisioned a destination wedding, but when her dad's health started to decline she looked for a beach venue closer to home. "Herrington on the Bay checked everything



off our list, especially the palm trees at the ceremony site," Michelle says. "The staff there was so welcoming and informative at the initial meeting that we were ready to book that day!"

### MISMATCHED MASTERY

Michelle invited her bridesmaids to choose their own pastel floral dresses. She created a Google document to share deals and finds, as well as to make sure each bridesmaid had a different color and design. "I've been in several weddings and know how costly and uncomfortable some dresses can be," Michelle explains. "I wanted my friends to feel confident and comfortable!"

Chris and Michelle blended their favorite colors to tie together details: blue for napkins and the groomsmen's suits, purple for the bridesmaid's bouquets and tent uplighting.





## WEDDING POTAMUS

Michelle’s mom, who is a retired pastry chef, made the couple’s three-tier vanilla cake, which was frosted with vanilla and mocha icing. For the cake topper, the bride searched for something original and cutesy that could serve as a fun momento. “Hippos are my favorite animal, all before the hype!” Michelle says. She found an Etsy vendor who let the couple customize tiny details, including imparting Chris’ hippopotamus likeness with green eyes.

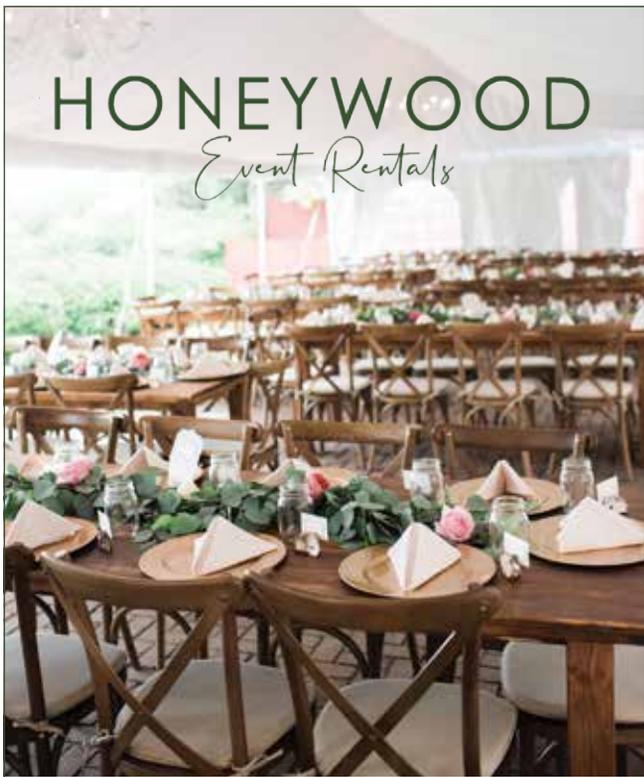
## DELEOS’ GOT TALENT

Instead of using professionals for beauty, styling, and other services, Michelle and Chris relied on a network of talented friends. “We wanted to keep costs low and stick to our budget,” Michelle says. A friend who used to do hair and makeup for local fashion shows helped Michelle get ready, while a college pal who runs an Etsy design shop created a cartoon illustration for the couple’s guestbook.

### THE DETAILS

**BRIDE’S GOWN:** STELLA YORK  
**BRIDE’S HAIRPIECE:** ETSY @AGODDESSDIVINE  
**BRIDE’S SHOES:** SAM EDELMAN  
**CAKE:** BRIDE’S MOM  
**CAKE TOPPER:** ETSY @GARDEN4ARTS  
**FAVORS:** AMAZON  
**FLORALS:** FLOWER FOLLIES  
**GUESTBOOK SIGN:** @SHEREEDRAWS  
**INVITATIONS:** MINTED  
**MEN’S ATTIRE:** KENNETH COLE (DESIGNER) AND MACY’S (STORE)  
**MUSIC:** CROW ENTERTAINMENT  
**RENTALS:** 2HANDS STUDIOS  
**RINGS:** ETSY (GROOM) AND BLUE NILE (BRIDE)  
**VIDEOGRAPHER:** SUNDREAM FILMS

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

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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 Maritime Museum**

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

#### **Annapolis Waterfront**

80 Compromise Street  
888-773-0786;  
Annapoliswaterfront.com  
Max Guest Count: 600  
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

#### **Carroll'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

#### **Crowne Plaza Annapolis Hotel**

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

#### **Doubletree Annapolis Hotel**

210 Holiday Court  
410-224-3150; Annapolismetings.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**

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Historicinnsofannapolis.com  
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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No



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[thehotelannapolis.com](http://thehotelannapolis.com)  
 Max Guest Count: 500  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: No

**Maryland Inn**

58 State Circle  
 410-216-6320;  
[Historicinnsofannapolis.com](http://Historicinnsofannapolis.com)  
 Max Guest Count: 80  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: No

**Martins Bo Brooks at the Naval Academy  
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 Memorial Stadium**

511 Taylor Avenue  
 443-221-4051; [Bobrooks.com](http://Bobrooks.com)  
 Max guest count: 530  
 Outdoor location: No  
 Water view: No

**O'Callaghan Hotel**

174 West Street  
 410-263-7700; [Ocallaghanhotels-us.com](http://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](http://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](http://Portannapolis.com)  
 Max Guest Count: 200  
 Outdoor location: Yes  
 Water view: Yes

**Pusser's Caribbean Grille**

80 Compromise Street  
 410-626-0004; [Pussersusa.com](http://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](http://Friendsofquietwaterspark.org)  
 Max Guest Count: 75  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: Yes

**Reynolds Tavern**

7 Church Circle  
 410-295-9555; [Reynoldstavern.org](http://Reynoldstavern.org)  
 Max Guest Count: 60  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: No

**Ruth's Chris Steakhouse**

301 Severn Avenue  
 410-990-0033; [Ruthschris.com](http://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**

993 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
410-349-4000; Severninn.com  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

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

**The Westin Annapolis**

100 Westgate Circle  
410-972-4300;  
Westinannapolis.com/weddings  
Max Guest Count: 400  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**West River Cruises**

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

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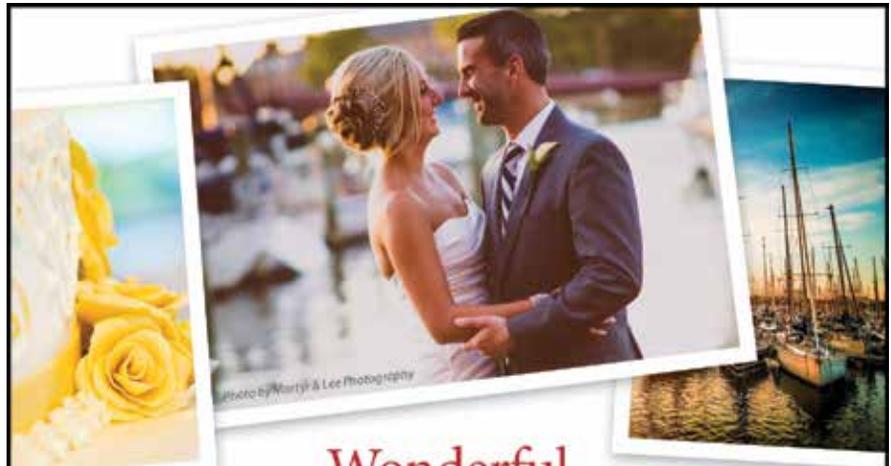
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### Anchor Inn

7617 Water Oak Point Road, Pasadena  
301-572-7744; Anchorinnmd.com  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

### Atlantic Marina and Resort Celebrations at the Bay

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

### The Blackwall Barn & Lodge

329 Gambrills Road, Gambrills  
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Max Guest Count: 120  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

**The Cannon Club**

699 Marlboro Road, Lothian  
410-343-4700; Oldsouthcountryclub.org  
Max Guest Count: 350  
Outdoor Location: Yes (Tented)  
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  
410-257-2735  
CBResortSpa.com  
Max Guest Count: 205  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

**The Country Club at Woodmore**

12320 Pleasant Prospect, Mitchellville  
301-249-6100  
ccwoodmore.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
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

**Herrington on the Bay**

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Water View: No

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839 Londontown Road, Edgewater  
410-222-1919; Historiclondontown.org  
Max Guest Count: 225  
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

**Kurtz's Beach**

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

**La Fontaine Bleue**

7514 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie  
410-760-4115; Lafontainebleue.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; Mdy.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**

3027 Riva Road, Riva  
410-956-2784;  
Michaelsonthesouthriver.com  
Max Guest Count: 180  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: Yes

**Mount Airy Mansion**

9640 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro  
301-856-9656  
Mountairymansion.org  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Newton White Mansion**

2708 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville  
301-249-2004  
PGParks.com  
Max Guest Count: 300  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Renditions Golf Club**

1380 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville  
410-798-9798; Renditionsgolf.com  
Max Guest Count: 170  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Running Hare Vineyard**

150 Adelina Road, Prince Frederick  
410-414-8486;  
Runningharevineyard.com  
Max Guest Count: 260  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

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**Walden Country Club**

1500 Riedel Road, Crofton  
 410-721-8268  
 Waldencountryclub.com  
 Max Guest Count: 150  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: No

**YMCA Camp Letts**

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 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: No

**Brittland Estates**

211 Brittland Farm Lane, Chestertown  
 410-810-7591; Brittlandestates.com  
 Max Guest Count: 400  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: Yes

**Chester River Yacht & Country Club**

7738 Quaker Neck Road, Chestertown  
 410-778-3818; Crycc.org  
 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

**Kent Island Yacht Club**

117 Yacht Club Drive, Chester  
 410-643-4101; kiyc.org  
 Max Guest Count: Call for details  
 Water View: Yes  
 Outdoor Location: Yes

**The Imperial Hotel**

208 High Street, Chestertown  
 410-778-5000; Imperialchestertown.com  
 Max Guest Count: 100  
 Outdoor Location: Yes • Water View: No

**The Inn at Huntingfield Creek**

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 410-639-7779; Huntingfield.com  
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 Outdoor Location: Yes  
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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Moonlight Bay Inn & Marina**

6002 Lawton Avenue, Rock Hall  
410-639-2660; Moonlightbayinn.com  
Max Guest Count: 120  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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20786 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall  
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Water view: yes

**Bridges on Kent Narrows**

321 Wells Cove Road, Grasonville  
410-827-0282; Bridgesrestaurant.net  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Chesapeake Bay Beach Club**

500 Marina Club Road, Stevensville  
410-604-1933; Baybeachclub.com  
Max Guest Count: 310  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

**Fisherman's Crab Deck**

3032 Kent Narrow Way South, Grasonville  
410-827-6666; Crabdeck.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

**Harris Crab House**

433 Kent Narrow Way North,  
Grasonville  
410-827-9500; harriscrabhouse.com  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: Yes

**Holiday Inn Express**

1020 Kent Narrows Road, Grasonville  
1-800-652-3705; Hiexpress.com  
Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: Yes

**Kentmorr Restaurant**

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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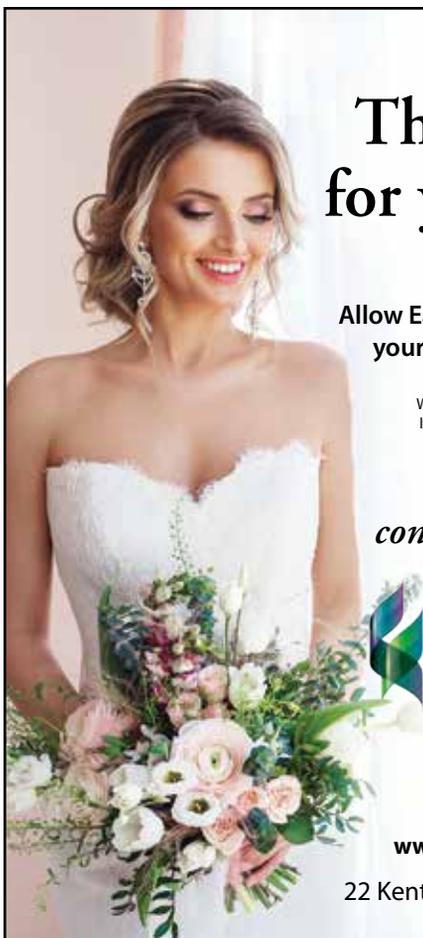


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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Max Guest Count: 275  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes

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410-604-5900; [Baybeachclub.com](http://Baybeachclub.com)  
Max Guest Count: 70  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

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Water View: Yes  
Outdoor Location:

### Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

213 N. Talbot Street,  
St. Michaels  
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Max Guest Count: 350  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
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Water View: Yes

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Max Guest Count: 400  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**The Inn at Perry Cabin**

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410-745-2200; Perrycabin.com  
Max Guest Count: 100  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water Front: Yes

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Outdoor Location: Yes (limited)  
Water View: No

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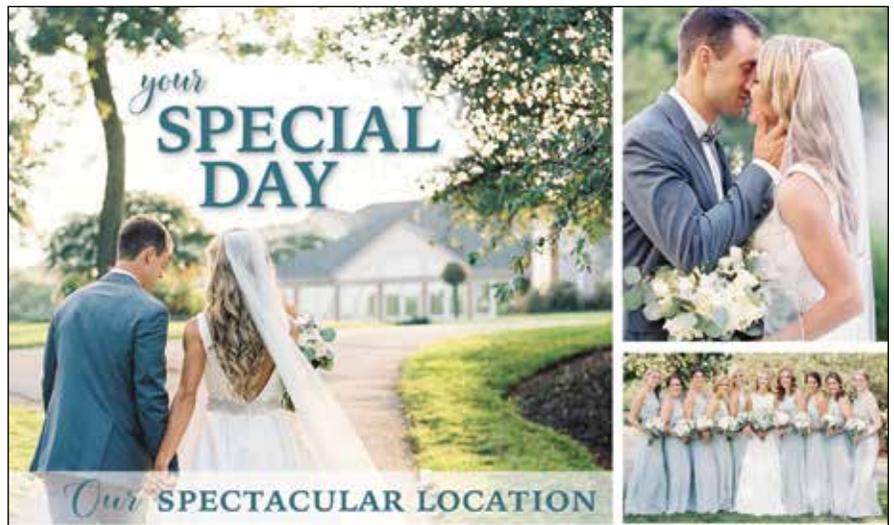
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Max Guest Count: 300  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Water View: Yes

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Oystercatcher.com

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410-745-9001; 800-955-9001  
Harbourinn.com  
Max Guest Count: 115  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Tidewater Inn**

101 E. Dover Street, Easton  
800-237-8775; Tidewaterinn.com  
Max Guest Count: 250  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Tilghman Island Inn**

21384 Coopertown Road, Tilghman  
410-886-2141; Tilghmanislandinn.com  
Max Guest Count: 150  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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410-745-2500; Wadespoint.com  
Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor Location: Yes (tented)  
Water View: Yes

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**▲ Choptank Riverboat Cruises**

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Max Guest Count: 149

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Max Guest Count: 1,000  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Skipjack-nathan.org  
Max Guest Count: 20

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Max Guest Count: 6

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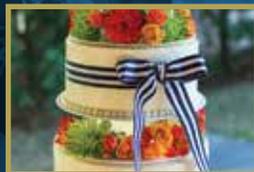


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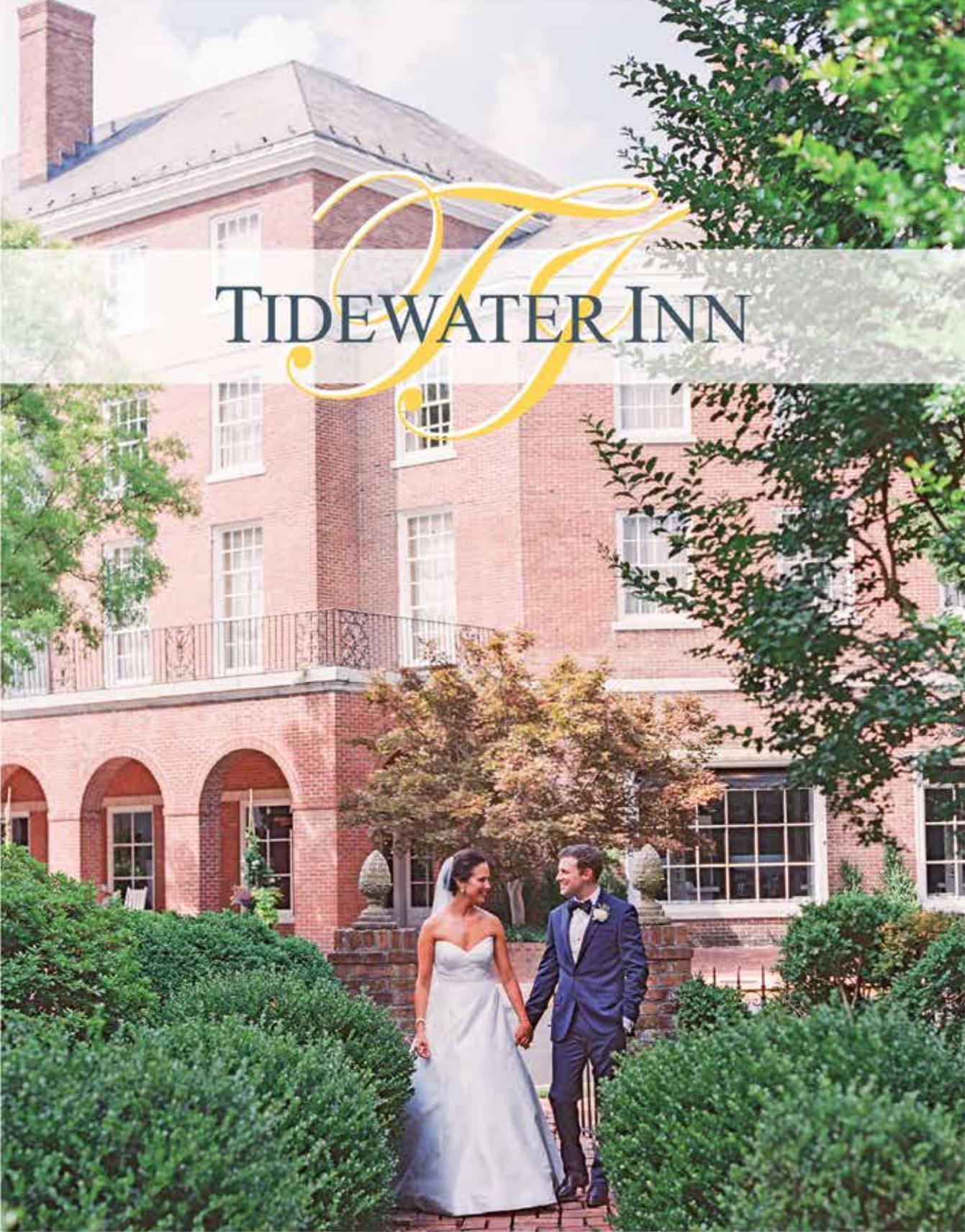
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