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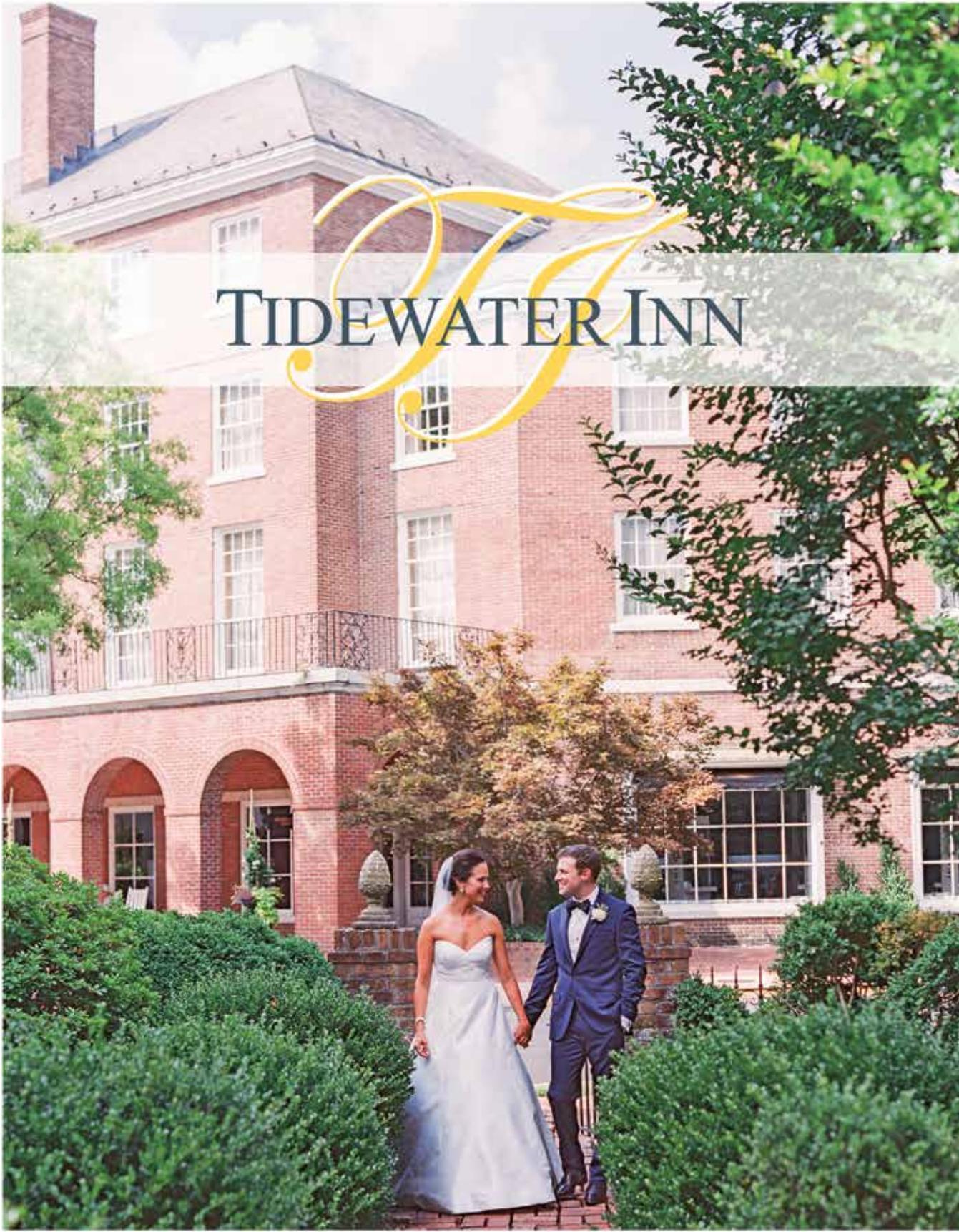
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In August, I celebrated the wedding of one of my childhood best friends.

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right shop, a *right* time to shop, and a *right* list of what to wear to the appointment. Our guide (“Dress Shopping for Success,” page 28) covers each of these topics, and more.

Because style is such an important part of the day, (if you look good, you feel good, eh eh?) we decided to crown this the style issue. We learned about custom jewelry design (page 14), we found the prettiest ponytails of 2021 (page 15), and we interviewed four fashionable couples about what they wore and why it mattered to them (pages 19 to 27).

Our Real Wedding features center around fashion, too, with Victoria and Derek’s starry, all-black reception (pages 34-37) serving as one of the most dramatic wedding aesthetics we’ve seen in years.

We hope this issue fills you with inspiration as you plan your wedding. Just remember, while the details are fun, the only thing that truly matters is the person you’re getting married to.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Greensmith".

Jessica Greensmith

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When my friends who have been married awhile talk about their weddings (and yes, they still talk about their weddings!!), inevitably, the hot topic is their gowns. One wishes she had an excuse to unveil her gown annually, she was that smitten. Another tells me how her bridal shop ordered her dress THREE sizes too big. Love it or hate it: she’ll dwell on this single clothing item for decades to come. The outfit is a milestone and maybe even a manifesto, declaring, “This is who I am... and don’t I look amazing?”

And yet advice on how to choose your gown is relatively scarce. Of course, dress shopping is figure- and personality-dependent, but, as with any endeavor, it also pays to prepare. There is a

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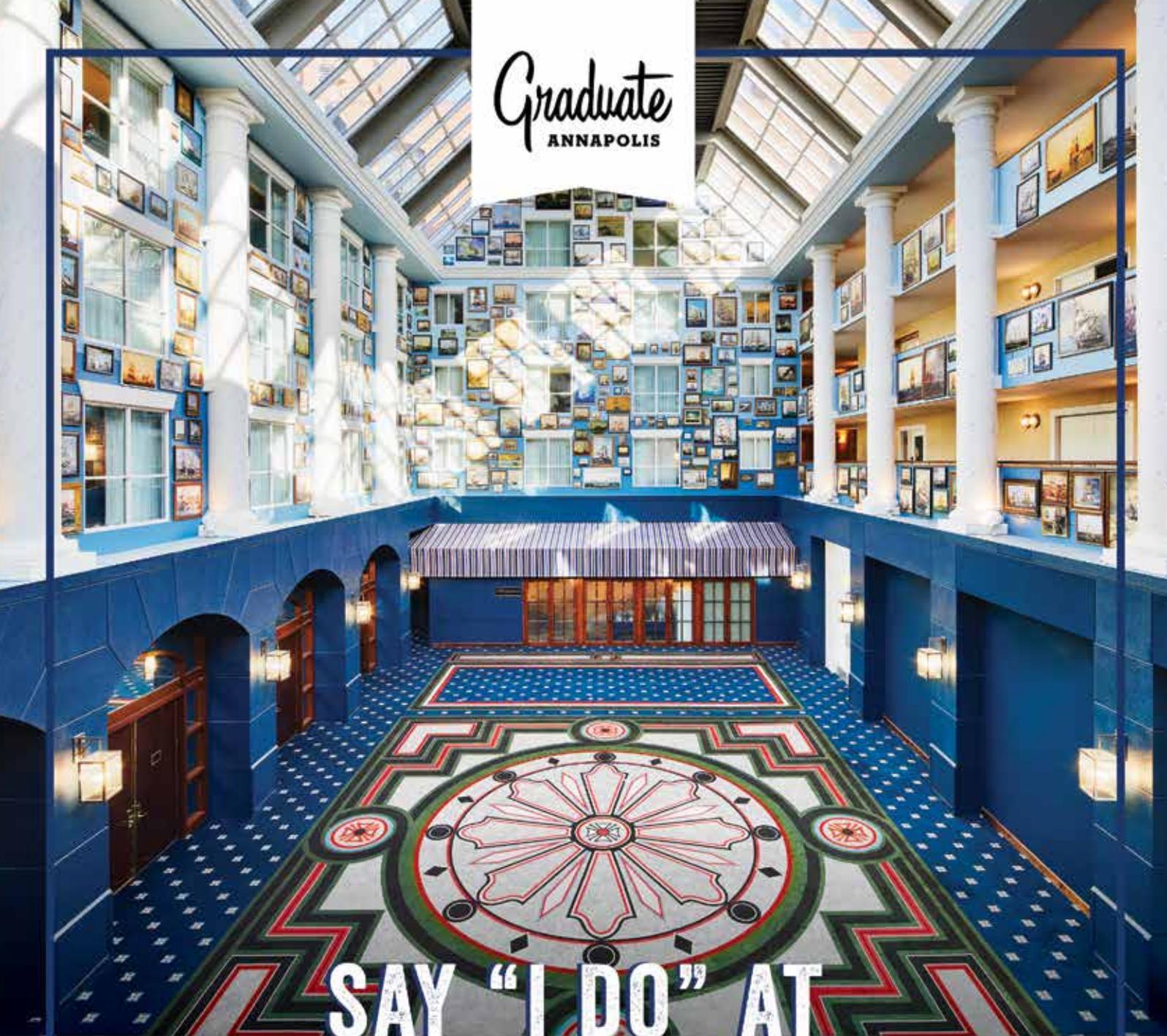
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Misconceptions were toppled, decisions were made, and now, here we are, singing the praises of bespoke pieces for your wedding day.

HOW IT WORKS

During an initial consultation, the jeweler will ask the client about their vision for the piece. “It could be as simple as the shape of the stones they want, the color of the metals, their finger size, and budget — all of these details play a factor in where we go with the design itself,” says Erica Cureton, a senior designer with Zachary’s Jewelers. When Cureton first started working in the industry twenty-two years ago, she would give “mini-seminars” to her clients, walking them through the four C’s of diamond quality - cut, color, clarity, and carat. Nowadays, however, there is so much information available online, that Cureton says most of her clients already know exactly what they’re looking for.

THE INITIAL SKETCH

For those that are less certain, however, or for clients that want to keep the entire process a surprise, Cureton asks a lot of questions. She uses information about personal preferences (“Do they wear silver or gold jewelry?”) and style to dial in on the right design. “We know from experience what styles certain personality types are drawn toward,” she explains. Once Cureton has the input she needs, she creates a hand-drawn sketch of the piece. After making any necessary revisions, she shares her drawing with the jeweler, who will estimate how much time and money it will take to manufacture the piece.

FROM CAD TO CASTING

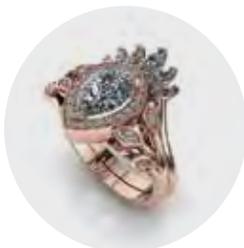
If the client decides to move forward with the design, the jeweler will create a CAD (computer aided design) blueprint or wax model. At this point, Zachary’s will collect a deposit, so the jeweler can begin sourcing materials for production (prior consultations and the estimate are free). The final step is then to cast and finish the ring, which takes one to two weeks. “Most people think they need months and months to design a custom ring, but, ideally, the whole process is just four weeks from start to finish,” Cureton says.



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The initial sketch Cureton drew for Nicole.



The CAD rendering before Nicole asked Cureton to add two diamonds to the band.



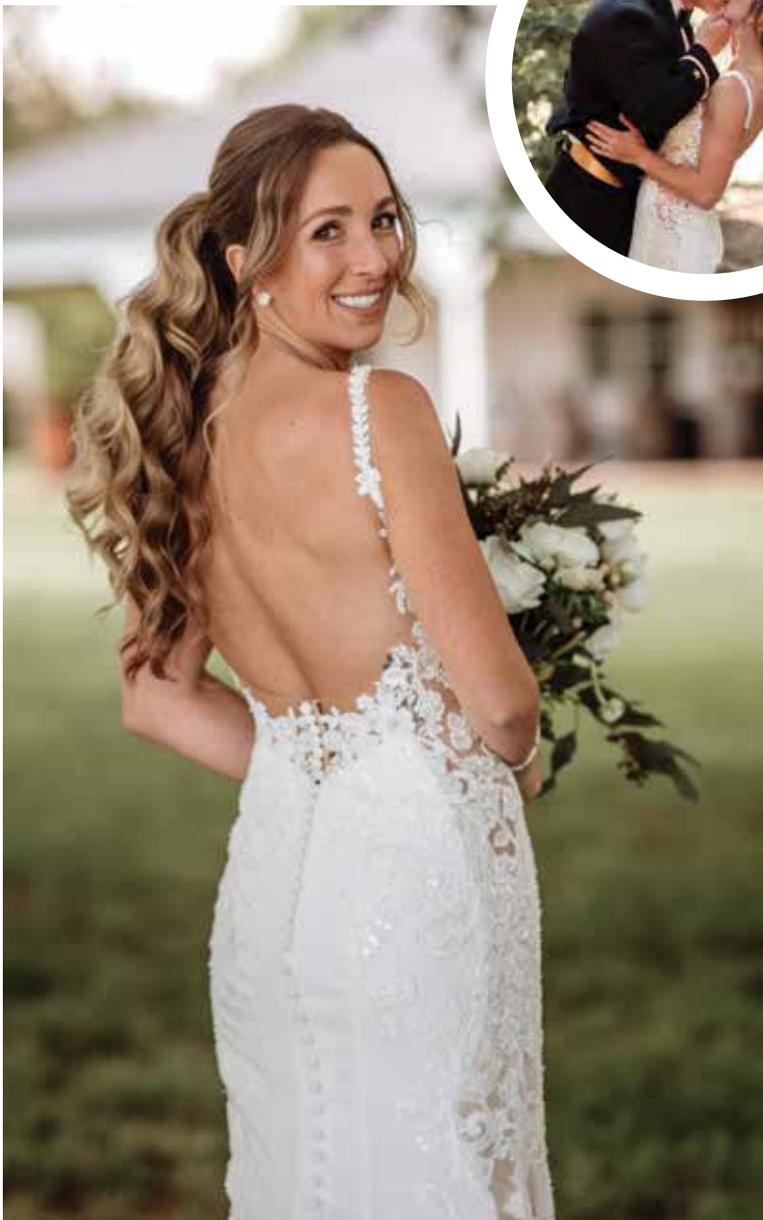
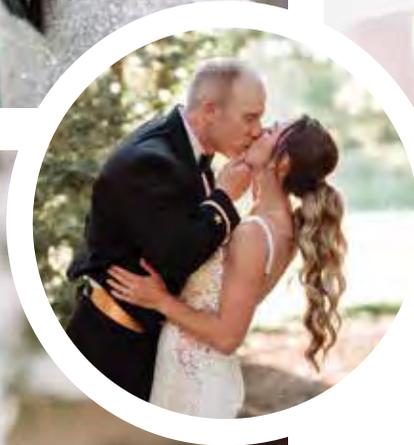
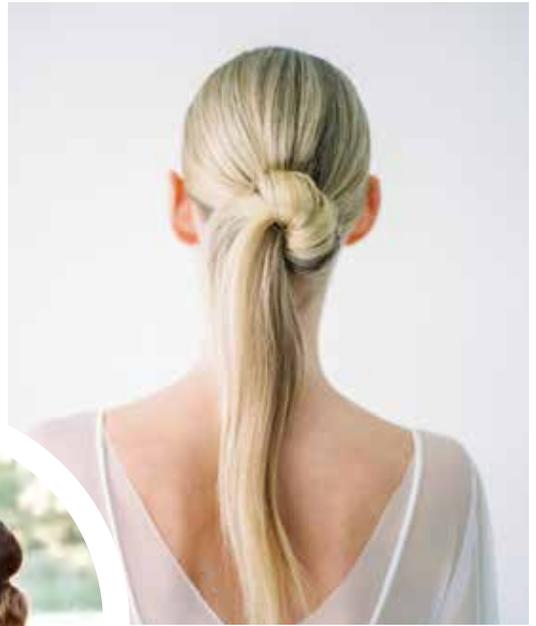
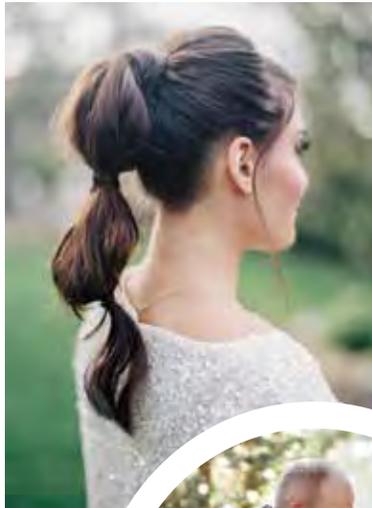
The final piece, captured by Peach May Photography.

MAKING A FAMILY HEIRLOOM

The quick turnaround time was one of the things that most impressed Sam Groat when he worked with Cureton to design an engagement ring for his girlfriend. “We were planning a trip abroad and the month before, I thought, ‘Wait a minute! This is the perfect time to propose,’” he says. Sam figured it would be a “rush job,” but Zachary’s delivered, crafting a gorgeous pear-shaped diamond ring with “leaves” wrapping around the band to symbolize Sam’s love of nature. “To have that unique element is so special,” Sam’s now-wife Nicole says. “When I saw it, my first thought was that it would be a family heirloom.”

Sam and Nicole commissioned Zachary’s to make their wedding bands, and continue to visit the family-owned shop for cleanings. “Every time we go, they’re so personable,” Sam says. “It’s not like you go there, buy your ring, and they move onto a different client. [The team] at Zachary’s knows all their couples [in a way that] makes you want to keep coming back.”





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Show Ponies

Oh ponytail, how do we love thee? Let us count the ways: We love thee with bows and baubles, with volume, with twists, and bubbles. We love thee with wispy tendrils and classic Hollywood waves. We love thee sleek, sideswept, bouffant-ed and wrapped. We love thee all the ways thee are pulled back.

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Give us the insider's scoop. What's the best

flavor? Mark: I like the Cookie Monster, with blue ice cream, cookie dough, chocolate chip cookies and Oreos. *Adam:* Chocolate brownie batter or salted caramel.

Hmm, maybe we should trust Adam since he's the one who makes them! What's it like running a business with your brother? Can you tell us how you differentiate your roles? *Adam:* I handle all the ice cream making, ordering, and food truck events. We have an ice cream maker who makes the ice cream but when we first started, I was making it everyday. We have recipes we still follow from the beginning in 2004. Mark handles the HR, payroll, scheduling, and employee training.

Let's tackle the elephant in the room: There is a lot of ice cream in downtown Annapolis. What sets yours apart? *Adam:* That it's all homemade on-site. We use all fresh ingredients. There are no artificial purees in any of our ice creams. When you taste strawberries, its actually strawberries that you're eating.

You also have a lot of local partnerships... and epic ice cream sandwich options. *Mark:* Yes, the Icy Bunz is our ice cream inside a Carlson's donut. All of our coffee ice creams are made with Rise Up coffee. And we also make ice cream sandwiches (Icy Wichz) using cookies from Annapolis' Double T Diner.



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Annapolis Ice Cream has been around since 2004, churning out homemade flavors, but this past year, you decided to shake things up. What was the reason for the rebrand? *Mark:* When we came in to help our dad with the downtown store, we realized there was this huge following and decided to grow it. The goal was to take Annapolis Ice Cream to the surrounding areas and maybe even expand to Virginia and North Carolina. But when we looked at the coolest ice cream shops we could find, we saw that the old-school ice cream parlor was done. We decided to build a new brand, Always Ice Cream, that was modern and edgy, with art on the walls and cool lighting.

Yes, we love the new aesthetic, with the black and white palette. Also, the fact that you are expanding! The West Annapolis store just opened, right? What's next? *Mark:* Edgewater should open soon and we have a couple of other shops in the pipeline, including Severna Park and Montgomery County. We also have a food truck that can be rented for private events, like weddings.



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“...My shoes were the hardest accessory to find. I thought I wanted a simple pair of white ankle strap heels. The ones I found instead were a little pricey, but truly one of the best wedding purchases. They had the perfect heel at 3.5 inches, and were comfortable all night long.”



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Mrs. Rachel Sullivan

"I knew that I wanted some lace, a little sparkle, and something that I was able to dance in. As soon as I slipped into the Eddy K dress, I knew that this was [the one]. It was comfortable, lighter than what I was expecting, and it passed my dancing test!"

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"My favorite accessory was my bridal headpiece. The earrings I purchased for the wedding did not arrive in time, but I didn't feel underdressed with the more simple earrings I had on hand because my headpiece was so large and sparkly."

GET THE LOOK

Mrs. Rachel Castillo



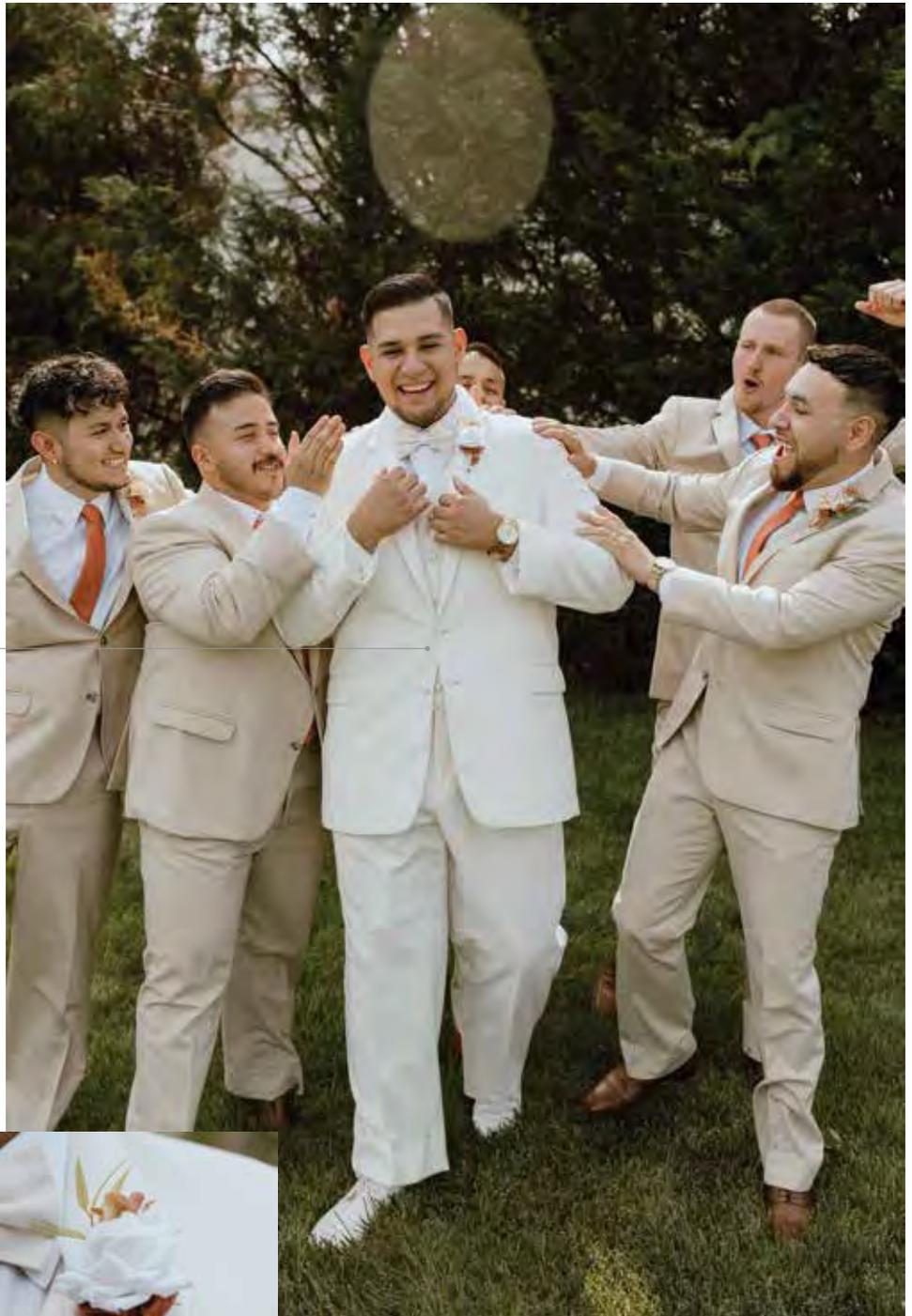
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"I knew dresses could make up a large part of a wedding's budget, but I preferred to save the money for florals or decor. I said yes to a dress from Poshmark, which originally retailed for \$2,000. The only alteration I needed to add was a corset back, which cost \$60. Since I had saved so much in buying a preloved dress, I also purchased a second reception dress from David's Bridal."

“My husband and I consulted together to come up with his look. We wanted to keep our color scheme light and for him to be equal in standing out on our special day. We thought that there was no better way than for him to wear ivory, like me. His only special request was that he wear a bow tie.”

& Mr. Eddy Castillo

Groom's Attire: Joseph & Feiss Ivory Notch
Lapel Tuxedo, \$175 from Men's Wearhouse



MET AT A SANDWICH SHOP WHILE VACATIONING IN MIAMI BEACH. EDDY'S SUPERLATIVE PICKUP LINE WAS, "HAVE YOU TRIED THE SPECIAL SAUCE?"

COINCIDENTALLY, THEY WERE BOTH ATTENDING THE SAME MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

WED AT MARTIN'S CROSSWINDS WITH 200 FRIENDS AND FAMILY CHEERING THEM ON

Mr. Jeffers Frazier

JEFFERS AND MONTANA WERE SET UP BY MUTUAL FRIENDS, DESPITE LIVING 3,000+ MILES APART.

THEIR FIRST CONVO (AN INSTAGRAM DM) WAS ABOUT DEHYDRATING SWEET POTATOES.

WILDFIRES DISRUPTED THEIR PLANS FOR A LAKE TAHOE WEDDING, SO JEFFERS AND MONTANA PIVOTED TO A COURTHOUSE CEREMONY IN ELLICOTT CITY, WITH A LARGER CELEBRATION POSTPONED TO 2022.

"Jeffers was voted best dressed in high school and is one of the most fashionable men I've ever met. He dresses us both, daily. He found my shoes, helped me pick my hairstyle, and dressed himself, perfectly!"



Suit: Hugo Boss
Shirt: Slim Fit Easy-iron Shirt, \$15 from H&M
Belt: Kenneth Cole Reaction
Shoes: 'Loafer with Horsebit' by Gucci, \$850
Watch: Breitling 'Premier,' \$8,500

"Our biggest splurge was Jeffers' wedding day gift, a Breitling watch!"

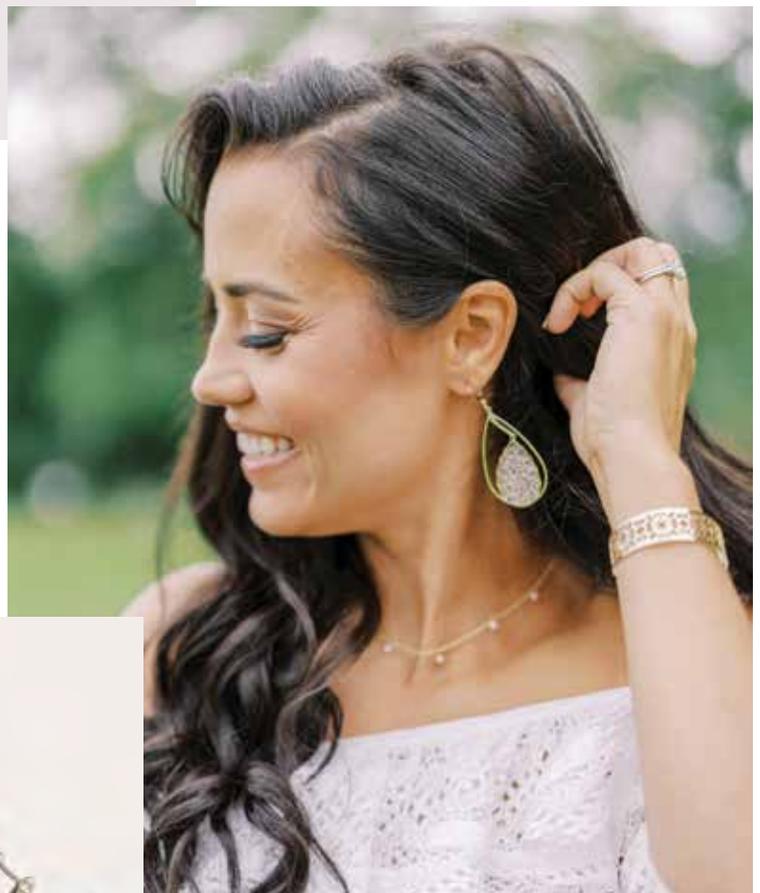


Gown: Vintage
Necklace: Grit Choker by Bryan Anthonys, \$44
Earrings: Panacea Jewelry Double Teardrop Earring, \$13 from Nordstrom Rack (no longer available)
Shoes: Rockstud Ankle Strap Wedge by Valentino, \$790

“We decided to save our original wedding outfits for 2022, which meant we needed something to wear for our special occasion at the courthouse. My mom had given me her dress, which I got her blessing to alter, and Jeffers and I both felt that this was the perfect time to wear it. I found a local seamstress, who saw me same-day and altered the dress overnight! She fitted my mom’s dress to my body and made it into a crop top, which is more my style.”

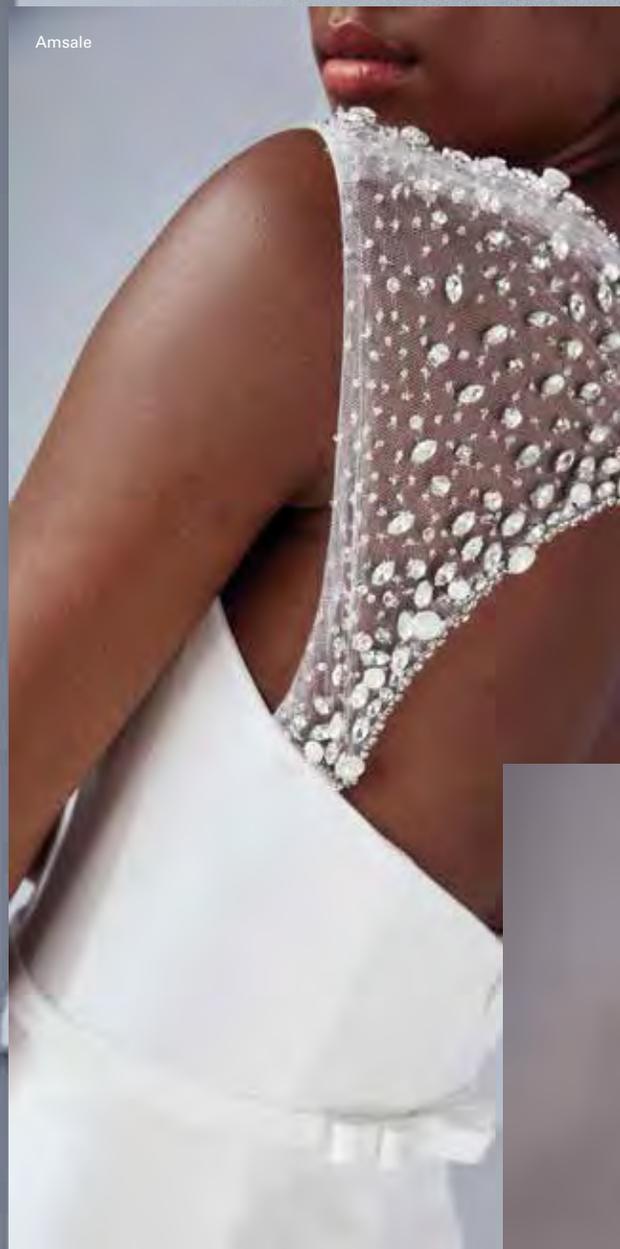
Dami Or Photography (photos) + Carmen’s Sewing & Alterations (alterations) + @katetuch (hair) + The Aimee Nicole MUA (makeup) + Whole Foods (flowers)

& Mrs. Montana Frazier



“The hardest accessory to find was my shoes — I have wide feet and am a sneakers girl who always chooses comfort over fashion. This was my first time purchasing designer shoes, and they were perfect.”





DRESS SHOPPING FOR SUCCESS

HOW TO
FIND
THE
ONE

Every bride wants to look beautiful on her wedding day, but finding the perfect gown can be easier said than done! For the luckiest ladies, the first dress is the dress. But what if dress shopping feels more like hunting for a Chupacabra? How do you avoid stress and uncertainty when so much is riding on one single (expensive!) item of clothing?

Our little secret: it pays to prepare. If you want to enjoy your dress shopping experience and find a gown you still love five years later, you'll need a strategy. It takes the right salon, the right accessories, and the right mindset to say yes and really mean it!

BY JESSICA GREENSMITH

Plume by Esposa





Nadia Manjarrez Studio

When to visit?

During a trunk show. If you book an appointment during a designer's trunk show, you can save big—10 percent is the industry standard—and see a broader range of gowns from the designer's collection. Usually, a brand representative (or even the designer him or herself) will be on hand to offer styling tips.

What to bring?

Multiple shoe options. "Bring a tall pair, a low pair, and something with a block heel," suggests planner Lauren Corrigan. "It's so easy with online shopping—you can buy a bunch of shoes and return [whichever ones don't work]."

An open mind. Let the stylists do their jobs! "When I went dress shopping, I was convinced I was going to get an A-line lace dress, but my consultant really pushed me to try different silhouettes to see what my body did," planner Sara Reynolds says. She was surprised when she ended up with a mermaid-style gown, which she always thought would make her hips look big.

Where to go?

A shop that carries designers you like. Peruse Instagram and wedding websites to get a sense of your favorite designers and silhouettes before you start shopping. Most bridal shops will list the collections they carry online, but if you're looking for a specific gown it's wise to call ahead to ensure the style is available for try-on.

A salon that matches your budget. "When you call the salons, ask for their price range," says Stephanie Sadowski, the founder of SRS Events. "The worst thing is to make an appointment for a salon where all the gowns are outside your budget." Other expenses you may want to consider beforehand are alterations, jewelry, shoes, and accessories.

A place your friends or planner recommend. Katie Fisher, the owner of Social Graces Events, often gives clients advice on where to shop. "Based on what they're looking for, we can give them a good idea of which shops in the area have really good client experience and have the types of dresses that they're looking for in stock."



Dana Harel

How to dress?

With full hair and makeup. If you're feeling frumpy or disheveled, the dress will have more to prove. "Without going crazy, be as close to wedding-ready as you would on the day-of," says planner Lauren Corrigan. "Don't go with wet hair. Give yourself a nice blow out, maybe pin it up. I know a couple brides who have done their hair/makeup trial in the morning and then go shopping. You could be putting on the perfect dress but if your hair and makeup are not good, you're not going to be happy."

Wearing the right undergarments. Bring pasties or a stick-on bra to your appointment, as well as seamless nude panties. "You could try on the best dress, but if the straps are hanging out, you won't really love it because you're not getting the full picture," says Corrigan.



How to choose?

Wobble, baby. On your wedding day, you'll hardly stand still. So shake your bum-bum, sit, and give the gown a preview of all the movements to come, to ensure this dress that is so pretty also is functional.

Take pics (if permitted.) Some of us make decisions best when we mull. Help your brain out by documenting each dress, so you're not scrambling to recall the finer points of chapel trains and bateau necklines days after the fact.

Pay attention to your people. Their reactions are a great litmus test for how you look. Ultimately, you're the only person whose opinion matters, but your entourage may have favorites that are worth discussing if you're feeling overwhelmed.

TYPES OF GOWNS



A-LINE

Subtly flares from the waist to mimic an uppercase "A" shape.



BALL GOWN

A dramatic style with a fitted bodice and full, bell-shaped skirt.



MERMAID

A form-fitting style that flares outward at or below the knees.



TRUMPET

Similar to the mermaid gown, except the flare is less pronounced.



SHEATH OR COLUMN

A narrow style that flows straight down from the neckline to the hem.





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THE JET-BLACK RECEPTION

Victoria Cujé + Derek Miller

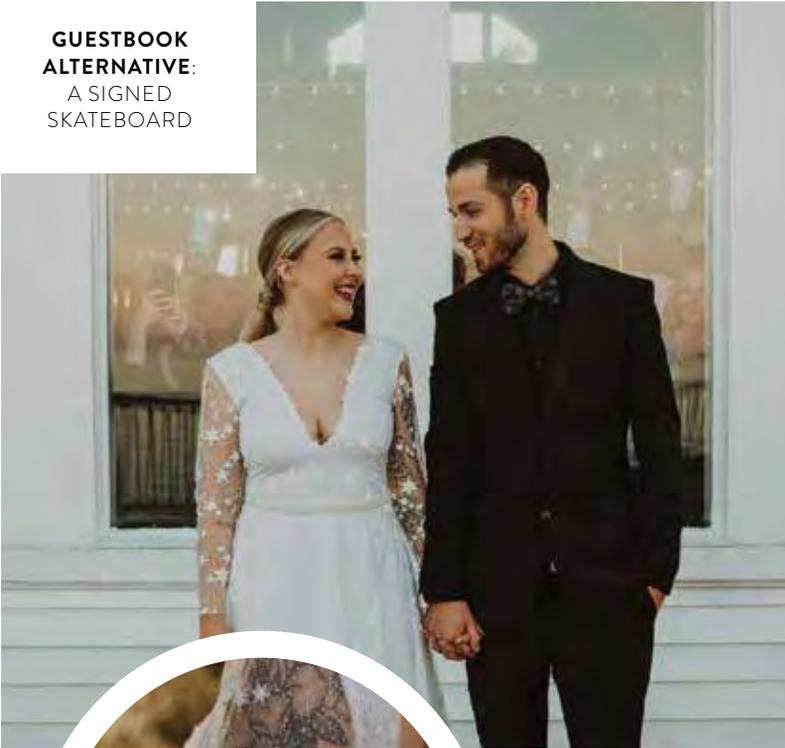
Celebrations at the Bay | Shelly Pate Photography

**WEDDING
DATE:**
NOVEMBER
8, 2020

**NUMBER OF
GUESTS:** 100

BEST BITE:
LOBSTER
BISQUE

**GUESTBOOK
ALTERNATIVE:**
A SIGNED
SKATEBOARD



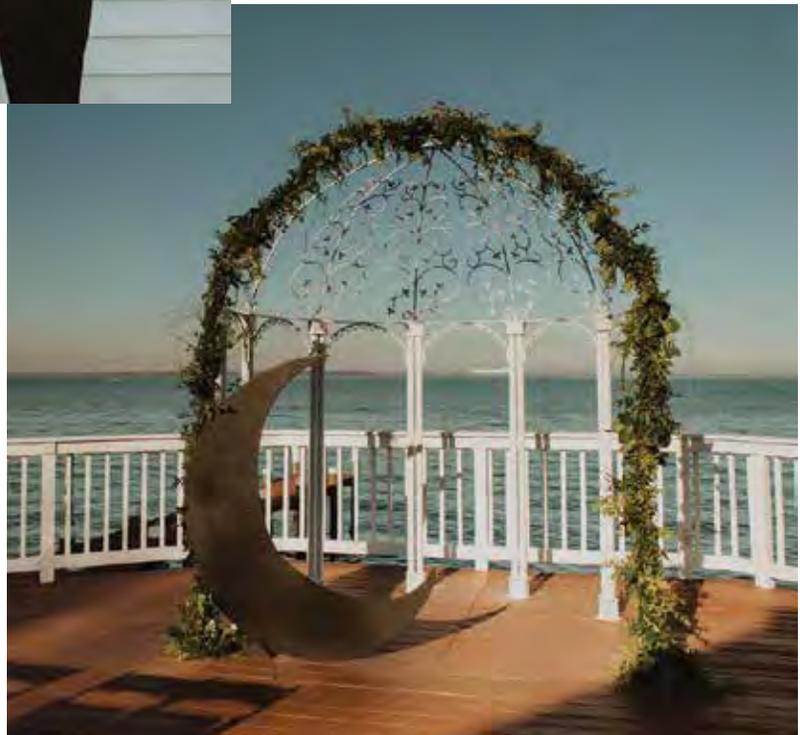
Victoria dreamed of a star-studded dress, but couldn't find one that captured her vision, so she hired LILLIE Couture in Philadelphia to design a custom gown with tulle Victoria sourced from Germany.

I LIKE THE WAY YOU SHOOT

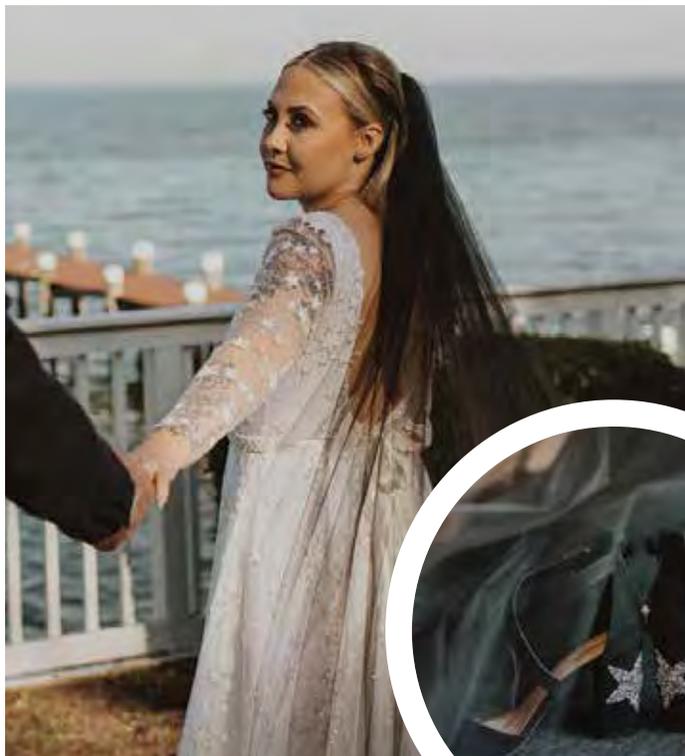
Derek and Victoria started following each other on Instagram in 2013, via a model they both knew. As fellow photographers, they became easy Internet friends, but they didn't actually meet face-to-face until two years later. "We eat, sleep, and breathe photography, so for our first date Derek set up a beauty photoshoot for me and then took me out to dinner," Victoria says.

PASADENA

Victoria didn't care much about planning, so it was a relief to her when Derek found Celebrations at the Bay, which is an all-inclusive venue. They both liked that the venue was on the water and close to their Baltimore home. "We thought it was the perfect spot," Victoria says.

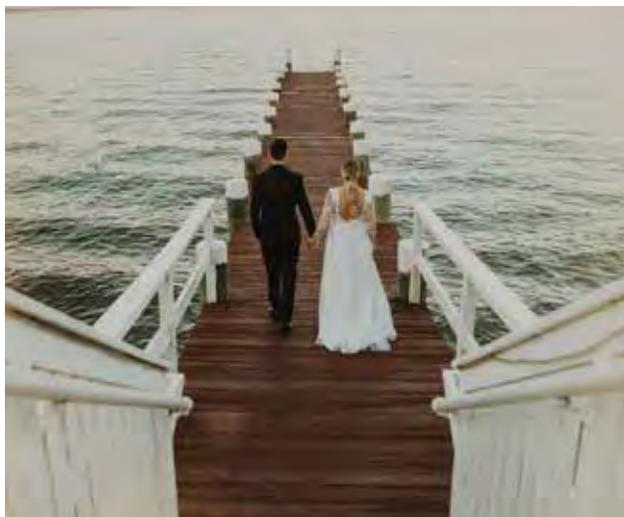


“I’m a very non-traditional person, so I eschewed ‘something old, new, borrowed, and blue.’ I did wear a veil, but it was black so that wasn’t traditional either...”



BLACK EVERYTHING

Black is Victoria’s only color — she lives in an all-black house (inside and out) and exclusively wears black attire — so it was a no-brainer that she would have an all-black wedding. “Even the guests wore black and I didn’t even tell them to!” Victoria says. The aesthetic was celestial-inspired with unique DIY details, like a black moon backdrop Victoria built with her dad and sister.



FIGHT SONG

The couple's first dance song was "ILYSB (Stripped)" by LANY and Victoria walked down the aisle to an instrumental version of "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by Jack Jezzro, which was a complete surprise to Derek. "He survived childhood leukemia and The Lion King was the only movie that got him through all his cancer treatments," Victoria says. "It was a major crying moment for everyone."



THE DETAILS

BRIDE'S GOWN: LILLIE COUTURE

BRIDE'S HAIR: ANNA CECCHIS SMITH

BRIDE'S MAKEUP: TALITHA COLLADO

CATERING: CATERING BY UPTOWN

DJ: BLM ENTERTAINMENT - BRIAN TRACE

FLORALS: THE DRYING RACK CO

PHOTOGRAPHY: SHELLY PATE
PHOTOGRAPHY

VENUE: CELEBRATIONS AT THE BAY

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A CLASSIC WINERY WEDDING IN CECIL COUNTY

Shelbi Edwards + Tyler Meekins

**WEDDING
DATE:**
MAY 1, 2021

**NUMBER OF
GUESTS:** 140

BEST BITE:
SMITH ISLAND
CAKES

**FIRST DANCE
SONG:** "JOY
OF MY LIFE"
BY CHRIS
STAPLETON

Chateau Bu De | Madison Berlen Photography



Shelbi added an heirloom touch to her reception dessert display with an antique buffet and cake stands that had been handed down for generations, from her great-grandmother and aunt.

STARGAZING

Shelbi and Tyler met at a homecoming dance in 2012. "I was not so interested at first," Shelbi admits, "but Tyler was very persistent!" He grabbed her number from a mutual friend and the pair started texting. A few weeks later, they had their first date: a stargazing excursion in the back of Tyler's truck, which had been outfitted for the occasion with snacks and blankets. "It was so sweet!" Shelbi says.

THE RIVERFRONT VENUE

As Kent County residents, the couple had visited Chateau Bu De a few times to drink wine and watch the sunset. But it wasn't until Shelbi scrolled through the winery's Instagram that she realized they also hosted weddings. Shelbi and Tyler were quickly sold on the river views and the venue's open policy toward outside vendors. "Many of the places we visited had a set vendor list to choose from, but we wanted to be able to pick our vendors," Shelbi explains.



A HOT RIDE

The Meekins were also fans of the Rolls Royce Chateau Bu De offered as an add-on rental. “We saw pictures from previous weddings that used the car and instantly knew that we wanted to have it as part of our day,” Shelbi says. It took center stage, chauffeuring Shelbi to and from the ceremony and providing a fun prop for the couple’s portrait session.



AN IMPORTED “GARDEN”

A dusty blue color scheme was Shelbi’s first major design decision, which she accented with white flowers, greenery, and touches of gold. “We kept it pretty simple and let the florals be the center of our decor,” she says. In lieu of a traditional arbor, Ellie Belle Events installed a ground-level flower “garden” for the Meekins’ ceremony. This piece was later repurposed for the bride and groom’s sweetheart table.





THE DETAILS

BRIDE'S GOWN: CLAIRE'S FASHIONS

BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP: GLOSS SALON

CAKE: SMITH ISLAND CAKES

CATERING: SISTERS BY CHANCE

CIGAR TRUCK: SMOKE SHOWING CIGAR COMPANY

DJ: DJ MEGAHERTZ

FLORALS: ELLIE BELLE EVENTS AND FLORAL

PHOTOGRAPHY: MADISON BERLEN PHOTOGRAPHY

RENTALS: EASTERN SHORE TENTS AND EVENTS

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To share Tyler's love of cigars and bourbon with their guests, the Meekins hired Smoke Showing Cigar Company. "We were at an event with Alex's cigar truck and we thought it would add such a personal touch to our wedding," Shelbi says.



THE BEAUTY TRIAL

One of Shelbi's greatest challenges in planning was finding her hair and makeup team. "Finding a salon that makes you feel comfortable and gives you and your girls the kind of look you want is a big deal!" she says. Eventually, she signed the stylists at Gloss Salon in Newark, Delaware, which was "the best decision," she says.





A HALLOWEEN GALA WITH AN OPERA ODE

Lily Olsakovsky + Benjamin Bamberger

Herrington on the Bay | Kir2ben Photography

**WEDDING
DATE:**
OCTOBER
30, 2020

**NUMBER OF
GUESTS:** 100

**HARDEST-
TO-FIND
VENDOR:**
THEIR BAND



Lily's vision for the reception was an "enchanted treehouse," filled with greenery, champagne accents, and black-tie-optional attire. To soften up the tented space, her florist, Wander and Whimsy, encased the walls in Smilax vines and hung greenery from the ceiling above the head table.

THE GOLDEN GUY

Lily and Ben met at a party at Carnegie Mellon University in 2014. But with Ben graduating, that night might have been the end of their story — if not for the Grammys. A year after they met, Lily flew to Los Angeles for a seat-filling gig at the award show. Ben, six hours away in San Francisco, seized the opportunity to take Lily out. They had an "amazing date" at a "trendy rooftop restaurant," and then Ben got back in his car, making the 300-mile-plus journey home and a lasting impression.

VENUE NO. 2

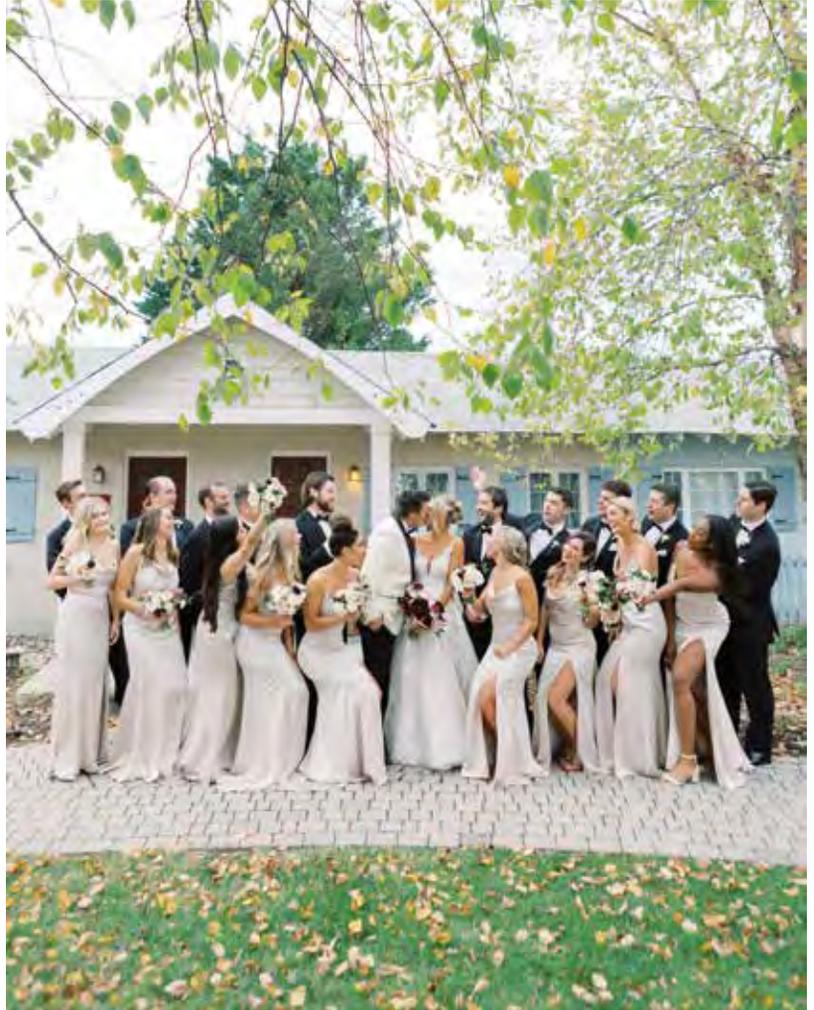
When the couple got engaged in October 2019, they had grand plans to get married in D.C. the following autumn. But as COVID-19 restrictions mounted, they realized there was no way they would be able to keep their date, their large guest list, or their specific vendors, unless their venue changed. "It was very stressful," Lily says, of the last-minute shuffle, "but as soon as I called Herrington on the Bay, they made everything a breeze." Lily and Ben booked a tour and fell in love with the ceremony site and expansive tented ballroom.





BACH BAND

Lily and Ben knew they wanted to hire a band, but the search for the right act proved tougher than expected. A few weeks passed before the couple discovered the Bachelor Boys Band, a 3- to 14-piece combo based in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Then, there was no looking back. “We went to one of their showcases and put a deposit down while we were still in the audience,” Lily says.



A HINT OF HALLOWEEN

Since the wedding took place the day before Halloween, Lily decided to incorporate some spooky design details. “We had a Halloween signature cocktail, Halloween decorations at the bar, and our entrance song was a Phantom of the Opera EDM remix, which we thought was perfect for Halloween but also alluded to my opera background,” Lily explains. (She majored in vocal performance in college.)





THE PITTSBURGH COOKIE TABLE

Lily hails from Pittsburgh, which is known for its tradition of cookie tables, so she hired her hometown favorite, Bethel Bakery, to provide the sweet treats. “It’s where we always got our family birthday cakes growing up,” she says. Of course, everything tasted delicious, but, in the bride’s opinion, the peach gobs were the best.



One of Lily and Ben’s favorite moments was their first look, which took place right on the Bay. “We were so lucky that a sailboat was passing as we were taking the pictures,” Lily says.



THE DETAILS

BRIDE’S GOWN: MARTINA LIANA (DESIGNER) + BRIDAL BEGINNING (SHOP)

BRIDE’S HAIR + MAKEUP: ABIGAIL PATTISON

COOKIES: BETHEL BAKERY

MUSIC: BACHELOR BOYS BAND

FLORALS: WANDER AND WHIMSY

PHOTOGRAPHY: KIR2BEN PHOTOGRAPHY

TRANSPORTATION: BORDEN TRANSPORTATION

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PIZZA PARTY ON THE PATUXENT

Sarah Hessler + Zachary Rodriguez

WEDDING DATE:
MAY 8, 2021

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 150

FAVORITE MOMENT:
SEEING THE FACES OF ALL THEIR GUESTS DURING THEIR RECEPTION ENTRANCE

Private residence | Peyton Curry Photography



AHAVA

A faith-based trip to Israel for college-aged Christians was how Sarah met Zach. He first piqued her interest when he initiated a game of Monopoly at midnight. Over the following days, the pair bonded over their love of the outdoors and travel, and, since they lived only an hour away from each other in the States, it was easy to start dating when their journey through the Holy Land ended. For their first date, they went hiking in Great Falls Park.

CHESAPEAKE ROOTS

Sarah and Zach chose to highlight their Maryland roots with a backyard wedding at Sarah's aunt and uncle's house. "We loved that the property showed off the state's nature and wildlife," Sarah explains. "The surrounding fields made for a great reception site, and between the main house and guest house, we had perfect getting-ready spaces."

Sarah and Zach toasted their favorite places, with local brews from three states: Flying Dog beer from Maryland, Shiner Bock beer from Texas, and Bold Rock hard cider from Virginia.





FORAGED DECOR

With an emphasis on natural beauty, Sarah and Zach sourced much of their decor from the Chesapeake coastline. “We foraged driftwood from the surrounding beaches and saved oyster shells that we pulled up from the oyster cage on my family’s dock,” Sarah says. Their color scheme was simple: just neutrals and muted pinks. “Many people say that your guests won’t notice decorations and centerpieces, but I believe if you put thought and effort into it to make it meaningful, they will,” Sarah adds.



The couple didn't have a common pastor to marry them, so they asked Zach's dad, Jim Rodriguez, to officiate their ceremony. He went through all the requirements to become an ordained minister. "It meant a lot to have someone perform the wedding that we both knew," Sarah says.

THE DRESS SHE DIDN'T EXPECT TO LOVE

After having a disappointing experience at a local bridal shop, Sarah made an appointment at BHLDN in Georgetown. “I went in looking for a bohemian-style dress with lace and a lot of flowy material,” she says. But the dress she ended up with, a gown by Jenny Yoo, was a different silhouette altogether: a fitted crepe gown with a square neckline and a plunging open back. “I would have never imagined wearing a dress that snug tight to my curves, but I am so glad I stepped outside my comfort zone,” Sarah adds.





STARRY SPLURGE

One of Zach and Sarah's biggest splurges was renting a clear-topped tent for their reception. Sarah had never seen one in person, but she knew it would create a magical aesthetic with light filtering through the surrounding trees. "I had always loved golden hour in the field, so I wanted everyone to experience it," she says.

THE DETAILS

BRIDE'S GOWN: JENNY BY JENNY YOU (DESIGNER) + BHLDN (SHOP)

BRIDESMAID DRESSES: BHLDN, LULUS, CALLED TO SURF

CAKE: STARRY NIGHT BAKERY

CATERING: TIMBER PIZZA COMPANY

DAY-OF-COORDINATOR: BRIANNE LEIGH WEDDINGS

FLORALS: VESSEL & STEM

GROOMSMEN ATTIRE: THE BLACK TUX + TIE BAR

MUSIC: BACHELOR BOYS BAND

OFFICIANT: JIM RODRIGUEZ

PHOTOGRAPHY: PEYTON CURRY PHOTOGRAPHY

PORTABLE RESTROOMS: BROTHERS' JOHNSON SEPTIC SERVICES

RENTALS: TOP HAT PARTY DESIGN

RINGS: SHIPLEY'S DIAMONDS AND FINE JEWELRY, YADAV DIAMONDS & JEWELRY

VIDEOGRAPHER: STEPHEN BURNELL

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A FIRST PRAYER

Although Sarah and Zach decided not to have a first look, they knew they wanted to spend as much time together as possible on the day of their wedding. Just before their ceremony, they scheduled a "first prayer," to help calm nerves and create a moment alone. Sarah had given Zach a new bible as a wedding present, and he brought it along to read Sarah her favorite passage. "It was a special time and I'm so glad we made it a priority in our timeline," Sarah says.



SUPERLATIVE VENDORS

As a wedding photographer, Sarah already knew who her top vendors were. But since she planned her wedding in less than six months, she was astounded when all of them were available for her date. The only vendors she hadn't worked with before were her band and her caterer, and guests couldn't say enough nice things about either. Timber Pizza Co. supplied superlative wood-fired pies: "Many people said it was the best wedding food they had ever had," Sarah says. And the Bachelor Boys Band got guests grooving.





NEUTRAL NUPTIALS FROM A PLANNING PRO

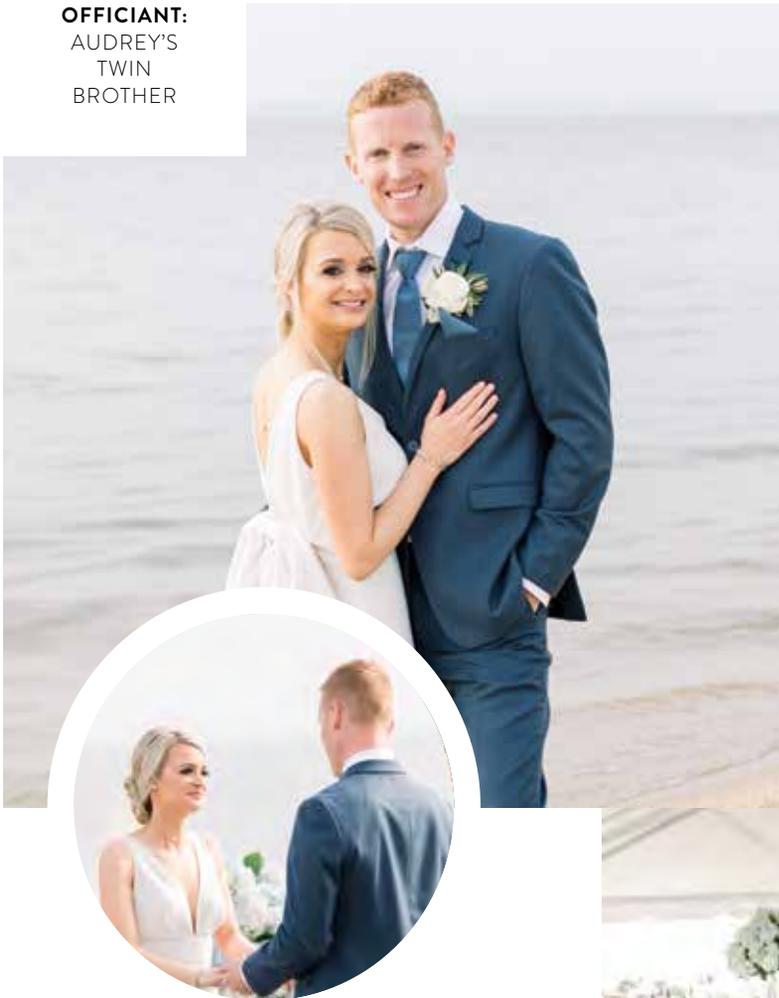
Audrey O'Clair + Mark Anderson

**WEDDING
DATE:** APRIL
10, 2021

**NUMBER OF
GUESTS:** 105

OFFICIANT:
AUDREY'S
TWIN
BROTHER

Silver Swan Bayside | Birds of a Feather Photography



STOOD UP?

Mark was the all-star baseball player and Audrey... well, Mark wasn't really sure who Audrey was until he connected with her on Facebook several years after they had both graduated from the same high school. When Audrey posted an update about getting her first big-girl job with a national homebuilder, Mark, working for another homebuilder at the time, reached out to find out what he could earn working for Audrey's company. This led to a resume session, Preakness with Mark's friends, a local bar outing, and, eventually, an interview for Audrey's company, which embarrassingly, Mark never showed up for! But the damage had been done, and Mark had already insinuated his way into Audrey's heart.



In order to honor their Catholic upbringing, Audrey and Mark planned a private ceremony at St. Mary's Bryantown before their public ceremony on April 10. "Mark grew up going to St. Mary's Bryantown, so it was very touching that he was able to get married in the same church that he was baptized and confirmed in," Audrey adds.

MARRYING CONDITIONS

Because of her side hustle coordinating weddings for the Hitched Co., Audrey had plenty of expertise to draw from when it came to planning her own wedding. She knew she wanted nothing to do with bugs or bad weather, so she focused her search on indoor venues in Annapolis. The first venue Audrey visited seemed like the one, until she brought her husband-to-be to tour it. "He said it looked like a dungeon, and no amount of florals or drapery would convince him otherwise," Audrey says. With options running out, Audrey widened her radius to Kent Island. COVID shutdowns prevented the couple from touring in person, but the view from a window was enough to satisfy Mark. Silver Swan Bayside had the indoor space both parties desired. The irony is that, ultimately, Audrey turned out to be a tent bride. Due to COVID, most of their reception was held outside.



NEUTRAL TERRITORY

Audrey knew she wanted a timeless look for her day, so she anchored her decor with a neutral palette. After ordering linen samples from Nuage Designs, all details fell into place. "With a soft blue and white color scheme and a neutral charger, a lemon place card was the perfect personal touch and pop of color that the overall table design needed," she says.



FRUGAL FLOWERS?

Even as a professional, Audrey had a tough time locating a “good, reasonably priced florist.” Jamie Taylor, the owner of J Starr’s Flower Barn, was the only vendor she hadn’t worked with before, but the florist exceeded all expectations, Audrey says. “She was able to create exactly what I pictured, and executed flawlessly on the day-of.”

EVERYBODY LOVES FRANKLIN

Mark and Audrey’s dog Franklin is the light of their world, so it was only appropriate that he made many appearances throughout the ceremony and reception. The couple had a Franklin figurine for their cake, a cutout near their sweetheart table, and Franklin’s mug embossed on cookies and socks.

THE DETAILS

BRIDE’S GOWN: BHLDN

BRIDE’S HAIR + MAKEUP: MIRANDA PAIGE BEAUTY

BRIDE’S ALTERATIONS: BEFITTED TAILORING CO.

BRIDESMAID DRESSES: SHOW ME YOUR MUMU

CAKE: GRAUL’S MARKET

CALLIGRAPHY: KATE SLAYTON LETTERING

COOKIES: THE COOKIE JAR

DJ: DJ JON DEPOMPA

FLORALS: JSTARR FLOWER BARN

GROOMSMEN: GENERATION TUX

INVITATIONS: MINTED

LINENS: BBJ LINEN + NUAGE DESIGNS

PHOTOGRAPHY: BIRDS OF A FEATHER PHOTOGRAPHY

PLANNING: THE HITCHED CO.

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“I had a few vendors who I HAD to have. I determined my must-haves, and scheduled the date around their availability! There is nothing like trusting your vendors, knowing your vendors, and being able to be yourself around them.”



GROOMZILLA!

Mark wanted to be involved with the planning, but “we quickly learned he was a groomzilla and very opinionated!” Audrey says. In order to appease her husband-to-be, Audrey obtained three different quotes from each vendor. “After most vendors were signed, he was out of the planning!” The couple had different perspectives on what constituted a splurge, but, as a visual person, Audrey knew she wanted to prioritize florals, linens and table chargers, and photography.





RED HOT ROMANCE AT A SOUTHERN MARYLAND BARN

**WEDDING
DATE:**
MAY 22, 2021

**NUMBER OF
GUESTS:** 64

**AMAZON
FIND:** THEIR
CEREMONY
RUG

**FIRST DANCE
SONG:** "YOU
SAVE ME" BY
ALICIA KEYS

Taryn Cornish + Adrian Brice

Wildflower Estate | Morgan Moos Photography

SORRY, NOT SORRY

Taryn and Adrian met in 2015, at a college volleyball game. "I was sitting in the top bleacher with one of my sorority sisters, and he was sitting right in front of me," Taryn says. The tight quarters made for easy introductions. Adrian accidentally elbowed Taryn in the knees a few times and kept turning around to apologize. Taryn, who had already been crushing on her cute encroacher, made the most of the "disturbance," and before long, they were embarking on their first "date:" watching a horror movie in Taryn's dorm room.



Taryn wanted to create an earthy aesthetic for her wedding, but she also loves bright colors, so she bridged the two visions together with pops of red and orange.





FIELD OF WILDFLOWERS

After Taryn and Adrian got engaged, the bride-to-be attended a wedding convention in Salisbury, where Wildflower Estate was a participating vendor. She had admired Wildflower Estate from afar many times — her parents live 15 minutes away — and the more she learned about it, the more she loved the idea of a barn wedding with a modern feel. “I was especially drawn to the field of wildflowers and the exposed wooden beams on the ceiling,” Taryn says. She also appreciated the venue’s smaller size, which made for an intimate ambiance, and its all-inclusive package, which would minimize planning stress.

The first vendors Taryn booked were her photographer and DJ, both of whom she found on WeddingWire. “These two vendors were the most important to me as I wanted to find artists who could bring my vision to life,” she says.





SHE PINNED IT

A picture of Taryn's dress had been saved on her Pinterest board for months before she went shopping. When she finally tried on the All Who Wander gown at Betsy Robinson's Bridal Collection, she knew it was perfect. "I loved the look of the bell sleeves and the floral lace," she says. The gown was a splurge, but it was a definite "treat yourself moment," she says.



BEST FOOD EVER

Adrian and Taryn hit a slam dunk with Vittles Catering, who prepared crab dip, spring rolls, bruschetta chicken, chimichurri short ribs, truffled white cheddar mac, and balsamic Brussels sprouts. "It was the best food we have ever eaten!" Taryn says.

CAN I KICK IT

Adrian and Taryn wanted to share their love of music with their guests, so they worked with their DJ to build a custom playlist full of '80s and '90s hip-hop, reggae, R&B, and alternative rock. "We definitely had some variety," Taryn says. "I walked down the aisle to 'Everything' by Lifehouse and our recessional song was the instrumental version of 'Can I Kick It?' by A Tribe Called Quest."

THE DETAILS

BARTENDER: BAYSHORE BAR SERVICE

BRIDE'S GOWN: BETSY ROBINSON'S BRIDAL COLLECTION (SHOP) + ALL WHO WANDER (DESIGNER)

BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP: KALON MERAKI SALON

CAKE: CAKE ART

CATERING: VITTLES CATERING

DJ: DJ BLACK WIZARD

FLORALS: FLOWERBOX BY LITTLE NIKA

MEN'S ATTIRE: MENS WEARHOUSE

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 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

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 Water View: No



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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

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

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

Graduate Annapolis

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

Maryland Inn

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

**Martins Bo Brooks at
 the Naval Academy
 N*Room at the Navy*Marine
 Corps Memorial Stadium**

511 Taylor Avenue
 443-221-4051; Bobrooks.com
 Max guest count: 530
 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

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47 Spa Road
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 Water View: No



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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

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

Soaring Timbers

610 North Bestgate Road
410-919-8393;
soaringtimbers.org
Max Guest Count: 300
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/
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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;
Watermarkjourney.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

Whitehall

1915 Whitehall Road
443-906-3464; Whitehallmd.com
Max Guest Count: Call for details
Outdoor Location: Yes
Water View: Yes

William Paca House & Gardens

186 Prince George Street
410-990-4538; Annapolis.org
Max Guest Count: 150
Outdoor Location: Yes
Water View: No

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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

2010 Knollview Drive, Pasadena
410-437-6926
Atlanticmarinasmd.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

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 at the Bay

2042 Knollview Avenue, Pasadena
410-437-5711; Celebrationsatthebay.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: 225
 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

7151 Lake Shore Drive, North Beach
 410-741-5101; HerringtonontheBay.com
 Max Guest Count: 350
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Historic Baldwin Hall

1358 Millersville Road, Millersville
 410-923-3438; Baldwinhall.org
 Max Guest Count: 150
 Outdoor Location: No
 Water View: No

Historic London Town and Gardens

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

The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

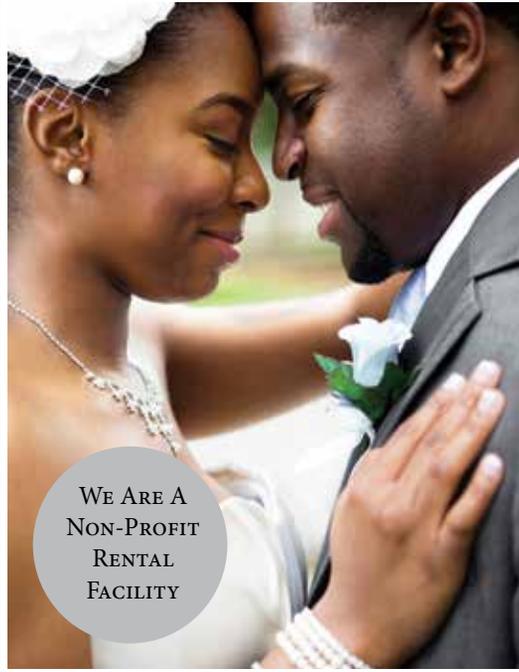
7795 Arundel Mills Blvd., Hanover
 410-796-9830; Thehotelarundel.com
 Max Guest Count: 500
 Outdoor location: No
 Water view: No

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Outdoor Location: No
Water View: No

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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; Mdyoc.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

The Town of North Beach

8916 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach
301-855-6681
northbeachmd.org
Max Guest Count: NA
Outdoor Location: Yes
Water View: Yes

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

Village Commons Community Center

1326 Main Chapel Way, Gambrills
410-451-8801
Outdoor Location: No
Water View: Yes

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

4003 Camp Letts Road, Edgewater
410-919-1410; Campletts.org
Max Guest Count: 350
Outdoor Location: Yes
Water View: Yes

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Water View: No

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88 Rivers Edge Road, North East
443-877-6313; bohemiaoverlook.com
Outdoor Location: Yes
Water View: Yes

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

The Inn at Mitchell House
 8796 Maryland Parkway, Chestertown
 410-778-6500;
 Innatmitchellhouse.com
 Max Guest Count: 100
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Moonlight Bay Inn & Marina
 6002 Lawton Avenue, Rock Hall
 410-639-2660; Moonlightbayinn.com
 Max Count: 120
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Osprey Point
 20786 Rock Hall Avenue, Rock Hall
 410-639-2194; Ospreypoint.com
 Max Guest Count: 200
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Worsell Manor
 555 Worsell Manor Road, Warwick
 410-656-4144; worsellmanor.com
 Max Guest Count: 190
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: No

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Bay Bridge Marina Yacht Club
 357 Pier One Road, Stevensville
 410-643-3162; baybridgemarina.com
 Max Guest Count: 100
 Outdoor location: yes
 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
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 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
 910 Kentmorr Road, Stevensville
 410-643-2263; Kentmorr.com
 Max Guest Count: 250
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Kent Manor Inn
 500 Kent Manor Drive, Stevensville
 410-643-4242; Kentmanor.com
 Max Guest Count: 300
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Maria's Love Point B&B
 1710 Love Point Road, Stevensville
 410-643-5054; mariaslovepoint.com
 Max Guest Count: 275
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Prospect Bay Country Club
 311A Prospect Bay Drive West, Grasonville
 410-827-6950;
Prospectbaycountryclub.com
 Max Guest Count: 250
 Outdoor location: Yes
 Water view: Yes

Silver Swan Bayside & Catering
 412 Congressional Drive, Stevensville
 443-249-0400; Silverswanbayside.com
 Max Guest Count: 300
 Water View: Yes
 Outdoor Location: Yes

The Inn at Chesapeake Bay Beach Club
 180 Pier One Road, Stevensville, MD 21666
 410-604-5900; Baybeachclub.com
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 Outdoor location: Yes
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 410-886-2452; blackwalnutpointinn.com
 Max Guest Count: Call for details
 Water View: Yes
 Outdoor Location: Yes

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

213 N. Talbot Street, St. Michaels
 410-745-4944; Cbmm.org
 Max Guest Count: 350
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Chesapeake Bay Skipjack

Rebecca T. Ruark
 Tilghman; 410-829-3976
 Skipjack.org
 Max Guest Count: 49

The Inn at Perry Cabin

308 Watkins Lane, St. Michaels
 410-745-2200; Perrycabin.com
 Max Guest Count: 100
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Kirkland Manor

300 North Talbot Street, St. Michaels
 410-745-5255; Tidewaterwedding.com
 Max Guest Count: 400
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

Knapp's Narrows Marina & Inn

6176 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman
 410-886-2720; Knappsnarrowsmarina.com
 Max Guest Count: 100
 Outdoor Location: Yes
 Water View: Yes

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