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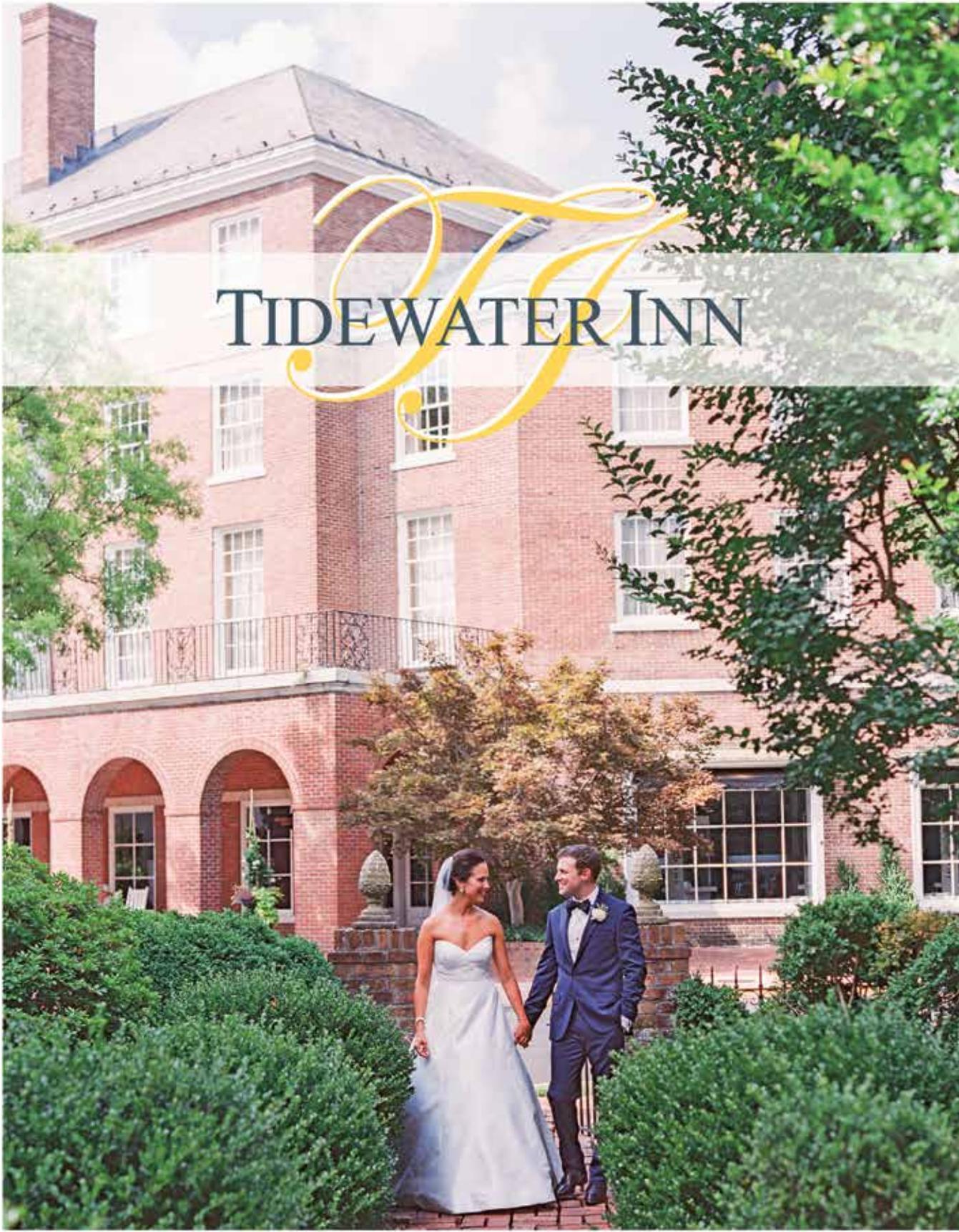
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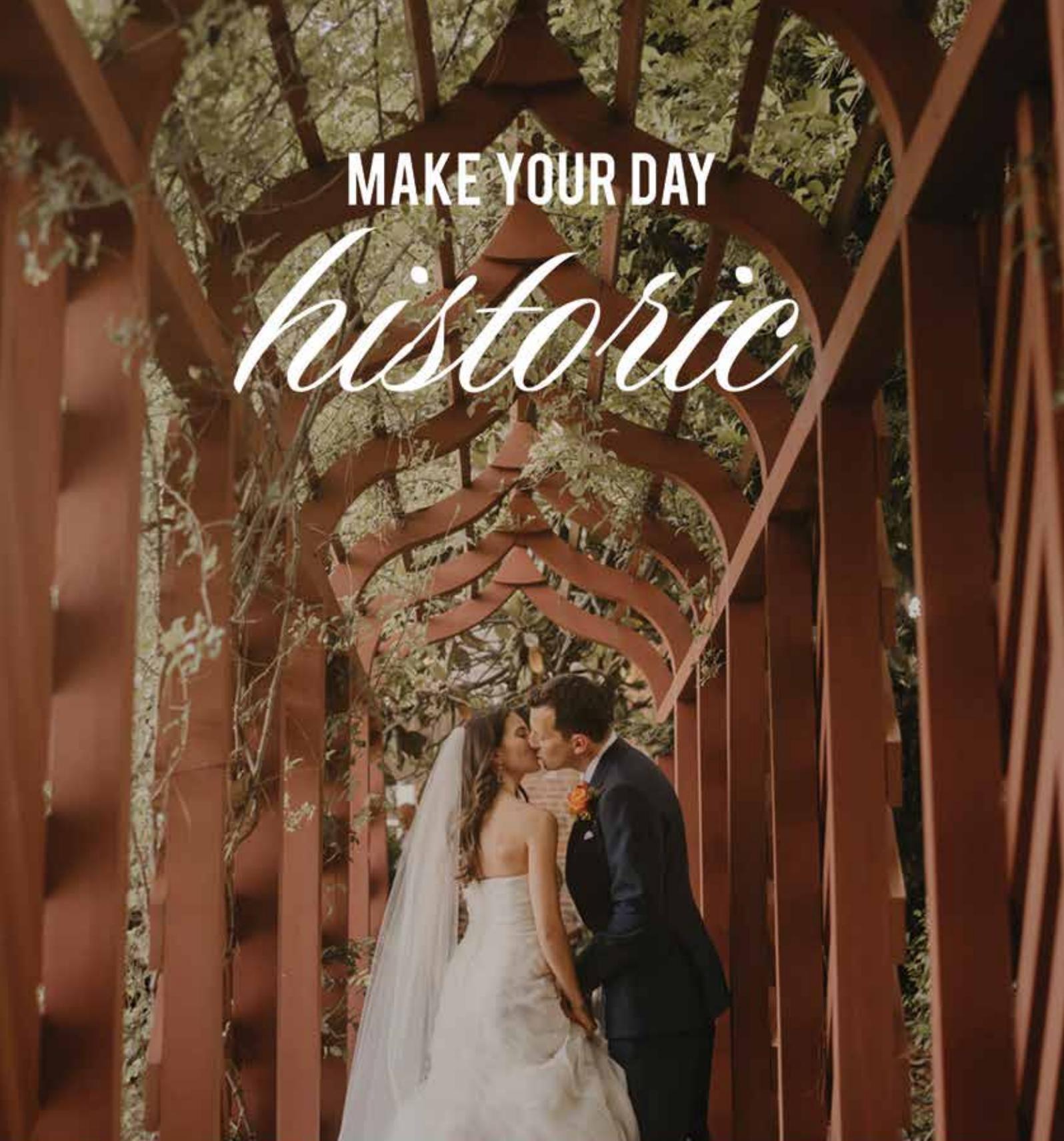


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As this is our travel issue, I thought I'd propose a bit of time travel—back to my wedding in 2014. This April, my husband and I will celebrate 10 years of marriage, and the milestone has had me pondering what advice I'd give myself if I were doing the whole shebang over. Certainly, to marry that man. But I'd definitely pass on the oversized flower crown (what does the word "boho" even mean?) and tweak a few decisions to maximize the memory of the day.

**FILM THE ENTIRE CEREMONY;** At the ripe age of 23, I was not thinking about children. But the children you may have one day will beg to watch your wedding and make you feel like a red carpet celebrity because children think everything fancy is amazing. You may like watching the footage, too, and that's not hokey.

**PICK AS MANY ATTENDANTS AS YOU WANT.** No one can anticipate the length of a friendship, so instead of agonizing over who you will play pickleball with when you're 60, maybe just think about who feels right for today. I definitely had people I "cut" from the bridal party because I was told it shouldn't be too big. Ten years later, they don't hate me but I hate that they missed out.

▲  
This past August, I had the joy of celebrating with my friend Karen as she married her sweetheart in Austin, Texas. Photo: The Bird & The Bear

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO WAIT ON THAT HONEYMOON.** When you're planning a wedding, three hundred people will ask you where you're going to honeymoon because it's easy small talk. Nobody cares if your answer is "we don't know yet." But if that's the case, head on over to page 26; we'll get the wanderlust flowing (or at least the logical thinking to inspire the wanderlust that's right for you).

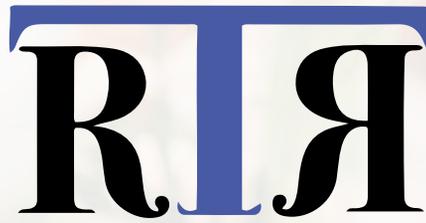
**CHOOSE A PLACE YOU WANT TO COME BACK TO.** A few issues ago, one of our brides told me she choose her venue because she was excited to return to it throughout the years. What a great tradition!

**REMEMBER, YOUR STYLE WILL PROBABLY CHANGE.** Don't agonize too much about timelessness. Stick with things you like and when you're older, you don't have to pout because you spent all your living hours finessing and "got it wrong." I cringe at the flower crown, but it's just a little because I didn't think twice about it at the time. And who knows? Ten years from now, I might change my mind again.

Happy planning,  
Jessica Greensmith

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# Best Dressed Guests

Byeeee black tie! You're the classiest attire we know, but couples are starting to create their own wedding dress codes, and it's so much more fun. This doesn't mean tuxes are retired forever — our favorite riff on the trend is themed attire for the welcome party or rehearsal dinner and normal formal for the ceremony.

↳ The dress code for Kendal Packo and Matt Williams' May wedding at Antrim 1844 was "Cocktail & Colorful." (Kir Tuben Photography)

For their rehearsal dinner, Greg and Rachel told their guests to dress in "Cowboy Cocktail" attire, also known as fancy boots, bolo ties, and Yellowstone vibes. (Social Graces Events / Anne Rhett Photography) ↪

**TWO RULES APPLY:** Channel content you love (like "Best Western" if you're in love with *Yellowstone*) or something that alludes to your venue (perhaps "Sailor Chic" for a party at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum?) Whatever you scheme, provide examples or a vision board, so your elderly guests aren't left scratching their heads at all this newfangled fashion.

*Cowboy  
Cocktail*



# Champagne Towers

In our untraditional age, champagne toasts are an unnecessary expense; let the people raise whatever is in their glass and they'll celebrate nevertheless. Bubbly cascading down a pyramid, however, is a different level— a precarious extravagance that will dial up your reception style and lend itself to fabulous photographs.



## HOW TO BUILD A CHAMPAGNE TOWER



### 1. FIND YOUR BUILDER

First, clear logistics with your vendors. Is your catering team or wedding planner willing to arrange the champagne tower? You can DIY it, but stacking glasses isn't exactly the day-of activity of anyone's dreams. If you're not able to outsource the construction, consider building a petite four-tier tower and make sure you practice building it beforehand.

### 2. CHOOSE A COUPE

Here, flutes are not your friend. Coupe glasses, with their wide brim, work best for stability. They can be rented in a variety of colors and styles from area vendors, but beware: if you mix and match glasses of varying heights, your pyramid may topple.

### 3. DO THE MATH

Do you want a glass for every guest? Or will you settle for a smaller tower and let your caterer pour glasses for the rest offsite? Most champagne towers have between 5-7 tiers, which equals 55 to 140 glasses. But the bigger the tower, the greater the logistical burden (and time it takes to actually fill all the glasses up!)



### Size Guide

- 4-TIER / 30 GLASSES
- 5-TIER / 55 GLASSES
- 6 TIERS / 91 GLASSES
- 7 TIERS / 140 GLASSES
- 8 TIERS / 204 GLASSES

### 4. BUILD YOUR TIERS

A sturdy surface is essential, with plenty of space around the display so nobody knocks it over. You'll also want to consider the height of your table. To start your build, arrange the bottom glasses in a square, with each glass touching the rim of the next so as to create diamond-shaped gaps between. Begin the next tier by placing the bottom of a glass directly in the center of the diamond. Continue adding glasses and tiers until you get to the final tier: a single glass on top.

### 5. PRACTICE THE POUR

Decide ahead of time who will be pouring. Both you and your partner? Together or apart? Either way, pour champagne slowly into the top glass so it overflows and spills all the way down the tower. It can take a long time to fill glasses solely from the top, so ask your team to pre-fill the bottom layer before your official pour begins.

### 6. NAIL THE SHOT

Clue in your photographer to your bubbly ambition so they can capture the moment. Some couples like to get shots of their "first sip" or a sneaky champagne spray. It may seem obvious, but the best photos happen when couples smile and squeeze close together.

# Q&A: Live Wedding Painting

It's possible portraiture was a dying art, before *By Brittany Branson* came around and decided to capture couples en plein air, in all their nuptial glory.

**How did you get your start with live wedding painting?** My husband is a pilot, and soon after we got married I realized my job in arts legislation and administration wasn't going to fit our new joint lifestyle. Since his schedule would constantly change, there was no guarantee he'd ever receive weekends off. I realized I needed to create a career for myself that offered a certain amount of flexibility. We had a wonderful live artist at our own wedding back in 2015. That painting is precious to us, and I knew I had some talent I could offer to couples to ensure they, too, received precious heirlooms. With the knowledge I had learned through a few years in arts advocacy and administration, I jumped into becoming a live wedding painter full-time.

**How would you describe your style as an artist?** I would say my art contains elements of Expressionism, Impressionism, and Realism. Actually, the biggest compliment I've received is that my work reminds people of Disney concept art. As a not-so-crazy Disney adult, I'll take it!

**What's your process like on the day of the wedding?** Actually, I would say the critical parts of my process occur long before the wedding. Though every artist is different, I thrive on cultivating a relationship with my clients. Our dialogue often reveals key things they want to include, such as the portrait of a deceased loved one or, my personal favorite, pets!



Emily Alyssa Photography



On the big day, I usually arrive two hours before the start of the ceremony to set up and begin the background. Then, it's go-time! I paint through the entirety of the reception to wow guests with a non-musical entertainment. Depending on the complexity of the painting, I often take the piece home for touch-ups.

### What is your most requested scene?

In the past, first dances were definitely the most popular. Nowadays, the majority of my couples are requesting “walking up the aisle” moments. I think this is because photographers [have started] encouraging couples to pause at the end of the aisle after they're pronounced married to share a kiss. This moment—with guests in view celebrating—translates really well in a painting.

**Do you ever embellish your paintings, or do you stick to the literal scene before you?** I'm not necessarily attending the wedding to capture reality; I thrive on creating the painting and moment that my couples want to remember. More than likely, they've invested in fabulous photography or videography teams to handle “reality.” The painting is where we

When Brittany showed up to paint Alexis and Zach's Chesapeake Bay Beach Club wedding, the florals by Blue Vanda Designs blew her away; she know she'd have to feature them prominently. “And once Zach dipped his bride during their first kiss, I knew I had my pose!” she says. The couple's only request for their live artist was to include their pups, who couldn't attend the wedding. Brittany painted Boomer and Bauer into the foreground, like they were ready to welcome their parents as soon as they finished recessing.

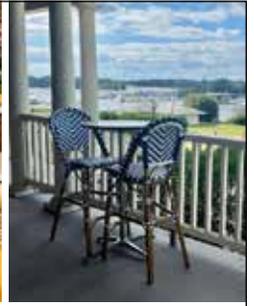
Christa Rae Photography

can have a bit of fun; for example, combining settings, like their ceremony and reception space, into one composition, or placing a scene in a different setting, like a first dance with the ceremony backdrop.

It's a part of my business mission to donate a portion of the proceeds from every live wedding painting experience to the local animal rescue from which my husband and I adopted our two dogs. And so, adding in pet portraits is always complimentary, even if they can't physically attend my couple's big day!

**When do you suggest couples get in touch with you?** The vast majority of my clients book me six to nine months out, but I always encourage couples to secure their live artist as soon as possible. There are so few of us, and our styles are so unique to what we can produce onsite and under pressure. Every couple deserves to invest in the artist whose style they love and personality they vibe with and not just the only vendor available or someone who is “within budget.” Your artwork will be one of (if not the only) tangible heirloom item created on your wedding day that survives forever after.

**What size canvas do you paint on?** I offer three canvas options: 24x30”, 24x36”, and 30x40”. These are all “above the fireplace” sizes. They're also great for onsite entertainment, meaning they're large enough for guests to watch the painting come to life over my shoulders.



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MR. DOMINIC DISABATINO



# Mrs. Alyssa Chang



Tinder gets the credit for making their introduction, but between mutual friends and overlapping graduate programs at Johns Hopkins, it seems like Alyssa and Kenjin were fated to get together eventually.

Alyssa's parents' backyard was the outdoor venue of the couple's dreams, allowing their international guests to feel right at home.

*"I struggled to find a wedding band I liked because [the style of] my engagement ring [meant] that no matter what, there was going to be a gap. So I searched until I found something that I loved even more because of the gap. For the rest of my look, I wore my everyday jewelry, which Kenjin has gifted over the years."*



**Bracelet:** Mejuri 'Solo Diamond Bracelet,' \$250

**Necklace:** Mejuri 'Diamond Necklace,' \$298

**Wedding ring:** Melanie Casey petite diamond distance band, \$590

**Shoes:** Loeffler Randall 'Mikel' white bow mid-heel sandal, \$295

**Reception dress:** Selfie Leslie 'Chantilly' tied-shoulder mini dress, \$100

*"I'm used to being shorter than Kenjin and I didn't want that to be different for our wedding, so I was on the hunt for the perfect low heel. You never realize how many shades of white there are until you're trying to match something to your wedding dress!"*

# & Mr. Kenjin Chang



*“Kenjin knew he wanted something light and summery that still felt elevated, so what could be more perfect than a tan, linen suit?” —AC*



**Suit:** Suitsupply ‘Sand Havana Suit’ in linen cotton, \$698

**Tie:** Amazon

**Shirt:** Charles Tyrwhitt, \$109

**Shoes:** Charles Tyrwhitt leather tassel loafers, \$199



**Gown:** Made With Love Bridal ‘Harlow’ dress, \$3,050

**Gown Shop:** Lovely Bride DC

**Veil:** Made With Love Bridal, \$300

**Earrings:** Lynns Crafty Wonders, \$36

*“Being a huge fan of wedding TikTok, I love keeping up with all the trends. Throughout our wedding planning, I realized that, ultimately, no wedding is ever going to feel completely timeless. I just wanted to feel beautiful and happy on the day, so picking a trendy, textured veil and a modern take on pearl earrings made sense for me!”*

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**Content Creator:** In the Moment Wedding & Event Content Creation

**Hair:** Brushed Beauty LLC

**Makeup:** April Stone



# Mrs. Madison DiGioia



*"I found my dress almost immediately. I went in with very little expectations and tried on really different styles, so when I put on my dress, I just knew. It flattered my figure and the unique lace, low back, and beautiful train matched the eccentric vision of our wedding perfectly."*

**Ceremony Gown:**  
Lillian West, \$1,399

**Gown Shop:** Camille's of Wilmington

**Earrings:** Chan Luu crystal and gold 'Trinidad' earrings, \$145

**Shoes:** Jeffrey Campbell pink satin heels, \$195

**Veil:** Belaire Bridal, \$300

**Reception Dress:** For Love & Lemons 'Harlow' mini dress, \$379

**Reception Shoes:** Vans Sk8-hi tapered stackform shoe, \$80



◆  
Madison and Phil met at their local bar; she was home from college for winter break, while Phil was on leave from the military. "My first impression was that he was cute and silly," Madison recalls. "He must have thought I was cute, too, because he texted me the next day asking to get pizza."

Their wedding at the Kent Island Resort was inspired by Mamma Mia! "I wanted the whimsical touch of a garden party with paper umbrellas, bright flowers, and colors blended with a Mediterranean vibe," Madison says.

# & Mr. Phil DiGioia

*“For the reception, I changed into a mini dress with flowy arms. My favorite part of the outfit was my white platform Vans, which were bedazzled with rhinestones and studs by one of my friends.”*

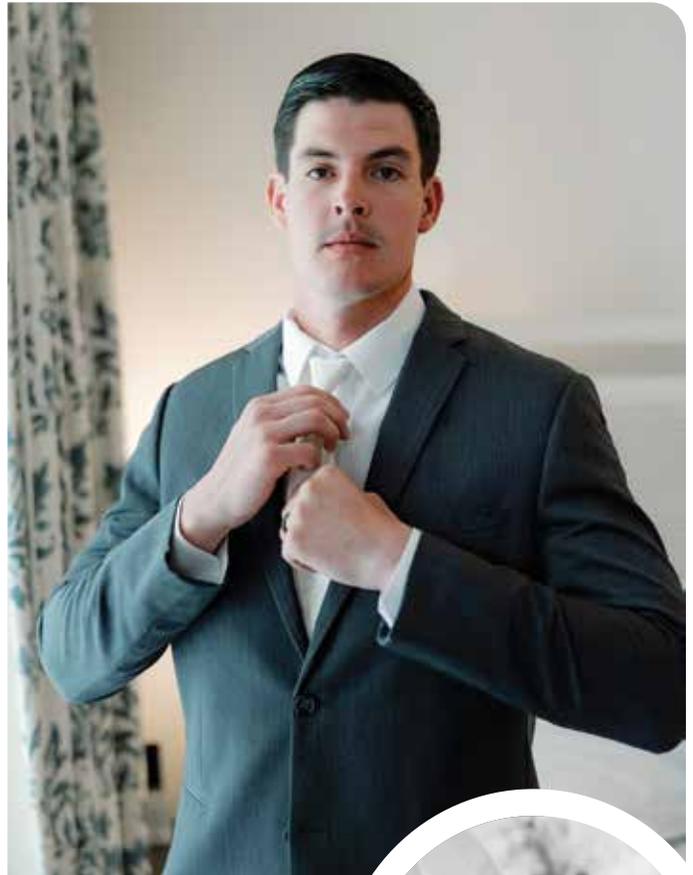
**Suit:** Michael Kors (designer) + Camille’s of Wilmington (shop)

**Tie:** Jim’s Formal Wear

**Photos:** Madi Pere

**Beauty:** Brushed Beauty

**Flowers:** WildflowerByM



*“Phil wanted a steel gray suit that looked like ‘James Bond.’” —MD*

# Mrs. Paige DiSabatino



**ON FINDING A DRESS:**

*"After numerous stores, weekends, and time spent, I was ready to give up until I heard about a trunk show at one of the bridal boutiques. We immediately made an appointment and I left with my dress that day— talk about 'right place, right time.' The dress was fun and so comfortable. I actually incorporated the shoulder piece into our wedding cake to tie it all together."*

**Gown:** Romona Keveza, \$4,900

**Gown Shop:** Elizabeth Johns Couture (Ardmore, Pennsylvania)

**Veil:** Kiera Elise Collection 'Stella' veil, \$1,200

**Earrings:** Family heirloom

**Bride's Shoes:** Christian Louboutin 'Me Dolly' 55mm white leather kitten heels, \$795

**Groom's Suit:** Morroni Custom, \$1,200

**Groom's Shoes:** JoS. A. Bank Joseph Abboud 'Soiree' patent leather dress shoes, \$125



Paige and Dominic grew up in the same neighborhood. They convinced their brothers to hang out, so they could see more of each other.

Paige's late grandfather used to visit Easton every year for the town's Waterfowl Festival, so she was sentimental about getting married nearby at the Tidewater Inn.

# & Mr. Dominic DiSabatino



*“Dominic has always been in love with Batman. As soon as he had the chance to have a custom suit, he went to town and had the tailor add comic strips of Batman onto the jacket lining. Dominic [intended to] surprise me, but he was so excited that he showed me [his suit] months prior to the big day!” - PD*

**Photos:** Manda Weaver Photography

**Hair:** Miranda Paige Beauty

**Makeup:** The Updo Darling

**Flowers:** Seaberry Farm

**Rentals:** Pretty Little Wedding Co.

**Desserts:** Mill Stream Farm Bakery

**Entertainment:** 3 West Productions

**Live Painter:** Brittany Branson



*“Our flower girl wore the dress I wore as a flower girl to my aunt’s wedding. I’m so thankful that my mom kept it after all those years. It was perfect, with mini pearls to match my pearled-out veil.”*





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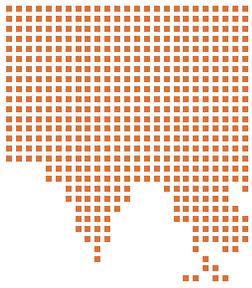
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**HONEYMOON**

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You can find a million resources on planning a wedding, but tips and tricks for planning a honeymoon seem few and far between. After tastings and fittings and registry-making, is everyone just too exhausted to care? Take heart, we'll help you design an emotionally-satisfying trip in eight easy steps.

# 1

## TALK TO YOUR PARTNER

Before you book that ticket to Bali, let's hit pause. Have you and your spouse talked about your honeymoon goals together? It's important to get on the same page about potential destinations, budget, and ways you'd like to spend your time. Spoiler alert: this may require compromise — which is a great skill to start honing before you're married!



# 2

## FOCUS ON WHAT, NOT WHERE

The first question most people ask is “where do we want to go?” But Katy Rebrovich, a luxury travel consultant with CIRE Travel, says it's better to ask what you want to do. “I regularly have clients that are following someone else's dream. They [think they] want to go to the Maldives to stay in an overwater bungalow, but they're active people who like to be out and about, exploring restaurants and local culture. We have to have that conversation that spending two weeks on one island might not be the right trip.” (Guilty as charged? For an overwater bungalow destination rich on activity, Rebrovich's favorite recommendation is Cambodia.)



## HIRE AN EXPERT

Just like you wouldn't ask your Aunt Elva to snap some photos of your big day just because she has a nice camera, it's savvy to entrust your \$10,000+ trip to an expert. “I think the biggest mistake couples make is spending their energy trying to decipher the internet, sifting through review sites and other people's opinions,” Rebrovich says. The reality is that the honeymoon is the most expensive thing you buy that you don't taste test or test drive or try on first.” A travel agent can help filter options based on their experience and even more importantly, serve as the all-hours phone call when plans go awry. “That's what you're paying for,” Rebrovich says, “the security of having someone to help you if it's not right.”

## CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME TO GO

Do you need a minute or a year to recoup from the wedding mania? Fabulous. Take your time. “More and more couples are doing minimoons right after their wedding and then saving the bucket list trip for later,” says Sarah Kline, president of Time for Travel. If delaying your honeymoon will result in a superior honeymoon, it might be worth considering. And there's the weather factor: not to be captain obvious, but you'll want to ensure wherever you're going is a nice place to be, when you plan to be there.



# 5

## START PLANNING EARLY

The early bird gets the worm, and the early travel planner gets the booking. There are finite seats and rooms and spots in restaurants, so if you procrastinate with your planning, you might not get everything you want or it may come at a premium. According to Rebrovich, the sweet spot is 10 months. Much before that, it's harder to get accurate pricing.



## BUY TRAVEL INSURANCE

It's not a scam. Yes, you need to buy travel insurance because if you don't have it, you will hate you and your lost baggage and the safari that indirectly twisted your ankle. Insure your trip, just like you insured those rings — ideally before you purchase your flight. Some credit cards, like Chase Sapphire Preferred and Amex Platinum, offer complimentary travel insurance benefits; check the fine print to understand your coverage before you buy a separate policy.

# 6

# 7

## PRIORITIZE PHOTOS

Considering most honeymoons last 5 to 14 days and a wedding lasts 1, it seems absurd that we expend a fortune to document one and not the other. Every good trip needs photos (and a coffee table book to make your friends and neighbors wistful.) If you're feeling fancy, level up and hire an onsite pro. To simplify your search process, Flytographer connects couples with local photographers in 350+ cities across the globe.



# 8

## BUILD AN ITINERARY

If you go rogue and decide to do all the trip planning yourself, build an itinerary you can print out and refer to on the ground. This can be as elaborate as an hour-by-hour breakdown of what you aim to do, from restaurant reservations to scheduled attractions, or as simple as a list of ideas organized by location. Just don't forget to include vital info like hotel bookings and car rentals. Once you've created your itinerary, review it with your spouse. Is there anything you haven't included that you would be disappointed to miss? Speak now or forever hold your peace; marriages prosper when there are limited honeymoon regrets.



## EIGHT CITIES IN EIGHT WEEKS

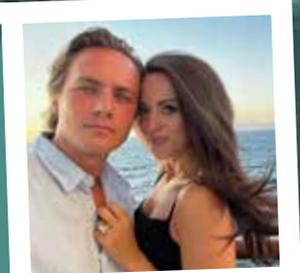
**Maryland couple Jenna Ring and Torrey Leonard managed to take a two-month honeymoon through Europe and the Middle East by combining PTO with remote work. Sound incredible? This is how they pulled it off.**

**ITINERARY:** Flying from Washington, D.C., to Rome, visiting Israel, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Positano, Ravello, and finally London. “We left in the afternoon the day after our wedding and it was a true whirlwind in the very best way,” Ring says. “One of the highlights we both agree, was the first night in Rome; we stayed in the St. Regis and laughed, cried, ate good food and even better dessert, and just let it all sink in.”

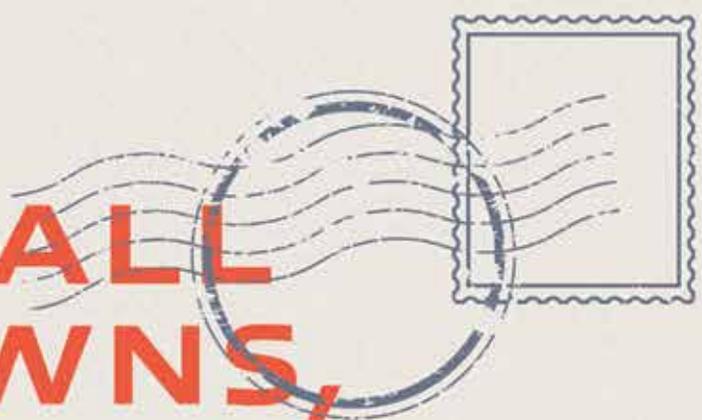
**PACKING:** I've never been a light packer, but for this trip, I managed with one carry-on and I was so glad. I never had to deal with lost luggage as mine was always with me and I never had to be one of the girls in Capri that carried their 65 lb suitcase up 20 flights of stairs!

**PACING:** We stayed one week minimum in each place. This gave us time to unpack and unwind instead of living out of a suitcase for weeks on end.

**PREPARED:** Bring some of your favorite snacks from home. They're so nice to have when you're craving a little bit of your “norm.”







# SMALL TOWNS, BIG COAST

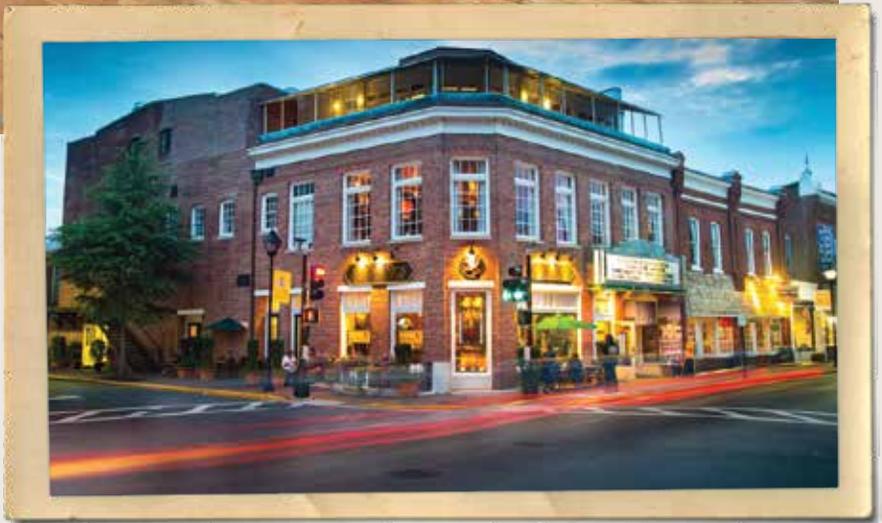
Considering a coastal wedding, but overwhelmed by the options? These scenic Maryland towns have a sense of place that will anchor your whole celebration. Just ninety minutes east of BWI, Maryland's Eastern Shore is brimming with beauty, history, and waterfront culture—all on a cozy, small-town scale. The only question is "Which town?" to have and host you. Better add "road trip" to that planning checklist.

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## EASTON

The “cultural capital” of the Eastern Shore, Easton buzzes with upscale boutiques, a vibrant arts scene, and an epicurean takeover courtesy of the ubiquitous Paul Prager. Settled by Quakers in 1682, this destination’s sleepest years seem behind it, though the horse-drawn carriage tours remain.



### MILES FROM BWI

62

### SIZE

11.5 MI<sup>2</sup>

### SEE & DO

Catch a show at the Avalon Theatre, sip rare scotch at the Stewart, view works by Rembrandt and Mary Cassatt at the Academy Art Museum

### EAT

Crab cake wellington at Bas Rouge, the “Peach” pastry at P. Bordier Crêperie and Patisserie

### MARRY

The Tidewater Inn

## SAINT MICHAELS

Founded in 1661, this tony shipbuilding spot is known for antique shopping, cycling, and seasonal festivals. Though its tiny, it packs a punch, with elegant restaurants, charming churches, and a bevy of Colonial, Federal, and Victorian homes to admire.



**MILES FROM BWI**

**72**

**SIZE**

**1.3 MI<sup>2</sup>**

**SEE & DO**

Learn about oystering at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, sample spirits at the LYON RUM Distillery, tour pre-war automobiles at the Classic Motor Museum

**EAT**

Scallops a la plancha at Ruse & caramel cold brew ice cream at Justine's

**MARRY**

Inn at Perry Cabin



## CAMBRIDGE

Wildlife and water sports are part and parcel of this 17th-century port town, which is situated on the Choptank River, 12 miles north of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Our best Instagram tip — don't miss the many murals (16 and counting) that depict everything from civil rights activists to birds in flight.



### MILES FROM BWI

78

### SIZE

13 MI<sup>2</sup>

### SEE & DO

Enjoy a pint at RaR Brewing, honor the work of a hero at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center, take a guided kayak tour with Blackwater Adventures

### EAT

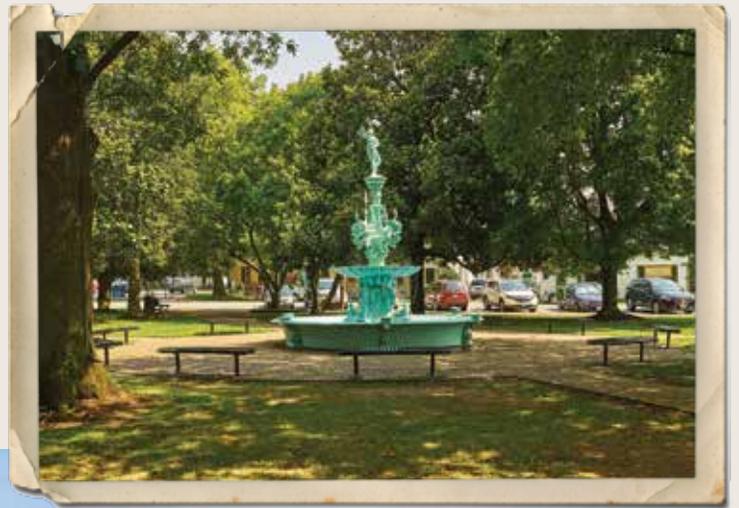
Breakfast at Black Water Bakery

### MARRY

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay

## CHESTERTOWN

With an annual Boston Tea Party-inspired protest and a bronze statue of the former town goose — Chestertown has and always will be an eclectic connoisseur of history. Once Colonial Maryland's second-largest city, Chestertown's present-tense is decidedly non-fussy; an appealing mix of mom-and-pop shops, idyllic cobblestone streets, and 18th-century buildings perched along the Chester River.

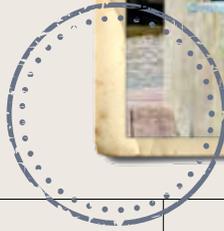
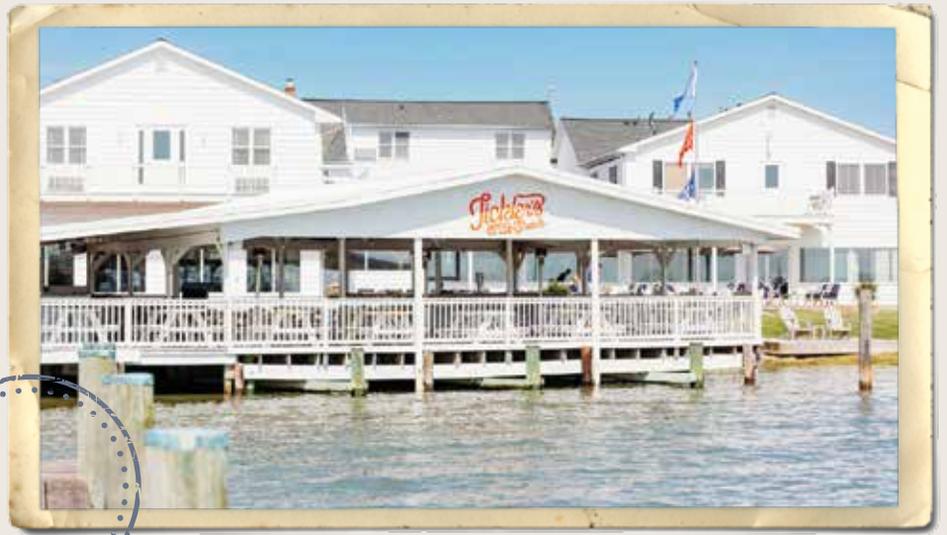


PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

<p><b>MILES FROM BWI</b></p> <p><b>70</b></p>	<p><b>SIZE</b></p> <p><b>2.9 MI<sup>2</sup></b></p>	<p><b>SEE &amp; DO</b></p> <p>Cruise aboard the Chester River Packet, visit the Saturday morning farmer's market, find your way to Zelda's Speakeasy if the light is green</p>	<p><b>EAT</b></p> <p>Everknots at Evergrain Bread Company</p>	<p><b>MARRY</b></p> <p>Brampton Bed and Breakfast Inn &amp; Brittlend Manor</p>
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MILES FROM BWI	SIZE	SEE & DO	EAT	MARRY
85	2.8 MI <sup>2</sup>	Explore the Bay by paddleboard, tour the Tilghman Watermen’s Museum, organize a fishing or duck-hunting excursion	Local oysters at Tickler’s Crab Shack, a spinach omelette at Two If By Sea, the daily special at Tilghman Island Country Store	Wylder Hotel Tilghman Island

## CONSIDERATIONS

While the Shore’s charms are undeniable, its erratic weather, bridge traffic, and limited transportation options can be vexing to unprepared out-of-towners.

Make sure your guests plan ahead, with these tips from local planners



### BOOK A ROOM IN-TOWN

(not across the bridge)

“Anyone coming to a wedding from across the Bay Bridge should plan to stay close, especially during summer wedding season. Otherwise, the traffic will be guaranteed horrendous.”

—Sarah Postles, lead designer for Ellie Belle Events



### ORGANIZE TRANSPORTATION AHEAD

Ride-sharing services, like Uber and Lyft, are virtually nonexistent on the Shore, Postles says, so guests should consider renting their own cars and couples should consider providing shuttle transport. Some of these spots, like Easton and St. Michaels, are walkable; others, like Cambridge and Chestertown, may require more support depending on the weekend’s itinerary.



### PREPARE FOR THE WEATHER

“One of the biggest challenges we face on the shore is weather. From strong winds to scattered storms, always have a plan B in mind.”

—Melissa Candolfi, owner of Belle of the Ball Weddings & Events



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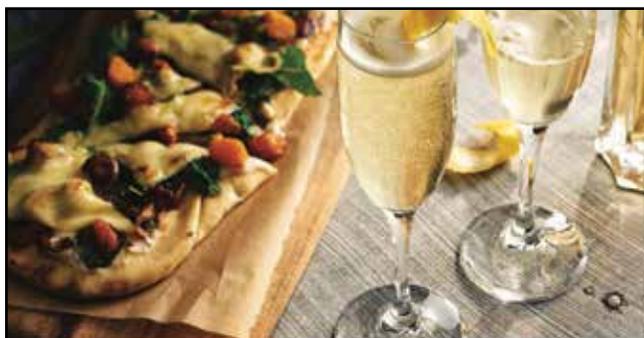
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A BLUE AND WHITE WEDDING INSPIRED BY NANTUCKET

# Emily Tevebaugh + Sam Greenberg

WEDDING DATE:  
APRIL 29, 2023

NUMBER OF  
GUESTS: 90

FAVE MENU  
ITEM: GLUTEN-  
FREE ALMOND  
RASPBERRY CAKE

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## X + Y = ME + YOU

When Emily needed help with her Calc III homework, she called upon Sam, a Junior Fellow in her freshman residential college. After a few study sessions, however, it became clear that there was more to their equation. The Bucknell sophomore made his move at a Chi Phi paint party. At first, Emily says she didn't think of Sam in a romantic way, but his kind and playful demeanor won her heart by the end of the semester.



*Sam and Emily wrote their own vows and asked one of their best friends to officiate their wedding. "Sam even recounted the moment that he knew he wanted to marry me," Emily says. "It was so special and emotional. People said it was a very spiritual ceremony despite it not being super religious."*



## THE HALFWAY POINT

At the time of their engagement, Emily and Sam were living in Arlington, so they looked for wedding venues within a two-hour radius of D.C. The couple's essentials included onsite accommodation for their families, who would be traveling from New Jersey, as well as an outdoor ceremony space and a body of water on the property. "We toured many venues from Charlottesville to Leesburg to Alexandria to D.C., but as soon as we toured Brittlend Manor, we knew it was our perfect venue," Emily says. As it happened, the manor was also halfway between New Jersey and D.C.



*Childhood summers spent in Nantucket were the inspiration behind many of Emily's decor decisions, from the sailcloth tent to her oyster shell escort cards.*



## HER SAVVY DRESS HACK

One thing Emily knew for sure: she did not want a strapless dress that would inhibit her dancing. But that plan was quickly sidelined when she set eyes on her Dany Tabet ballgown. “The long train was just dramatic enough and I had buttons added all the way down the back,” she says. Emily also had an excellent seamstress who put her anxiety to rest, with removable straps to ensure there would be no dance floor wardrobe malfunctions.



## THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** DANY TABET (DESIGNER) + LOVELY BRIDE (SHOP)  
**BRIDE'S ALTERATIONS:** BLUE AND GREEN STUDIO  
**BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP:** BEHIND THE VEIL BEAUTY  
**BRIDE'S SHOES:** BELLA BELLE  
**CATERER:** SPILLED MILK CATERING  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** BELA SONO MUSIC (DJ) + STRING THEORY/ ENTERTAINMENT EXCHANGE (CEREMONY)  
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## THE BIG DIPPER

Emily and Sam's recessional song was a string rendition of "Roses" by the Chainsmokers, an ode to their college years and parties at Sam's fraternity. "We loved watching our friends' faces as they realized what song it was," Emily says. Another favorite moment for the couple was performing the first dance they choreographed through private lessons with Arlington Ballroom. "I loved the cheers towards the beginning, when we were doing a simple turn or small dip; I remember chuckling to myself and thinking, 'they have no idea what's coming,'" Emily says.





RED CHILE ROMANCE ON THE EASTERN SHORE

# Conrey Callahan + Jason Bustamante

WEDDING  
DATE: OCTOBER  
22, 2022

NUMBER OF  
GUESTS: 150

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PROCESSIONAL:  
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THE MOUNTAIN  
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## SON-BODY TO LOVE

Jason was friends with Conrey's parents before he started dating their daughter. "They would always tell Jason (who they called "son Jay") that he should consider meeting me, but he must have thought there was something terribly wrong with me because they were selling really hard," Conrey jokes. When the couple finally met on a group trip to the Amalfi Coast in 2013, their chemistry was strong, but Conrey was seeing someone else and attributed any feelings to the magic of Italy. Two years later, however, when Conrey and Jason went to Isla Mujeres with mutual friends, it was impossible to explain away their attraction.



*Rather than using big floral arrangements for their ceremony backdrop, Conrey and Jason used native trees. They purchased the October glory maples from George's Green Thumb in Easton and planted them on the property after the wedding.*



## HAPPY HELPERS

Many hands made the wedding, from Conrey's uncle who served as the couple's officiant to Jason's mother, who brought chile ristras all the way from New Mexico to adorn the tent. Conrey's dad made the property event-ready, with bistro lights and lanterns. Other relatives assisted with extra plantings and provided mums, pumpkins, cornstalks, and crab baskets to beautify the reception. "These details were so personal," Conrey says.



*Splurging on a sail cloth tent was a must, Conrey says, because it set the tone for the entire wedding. "Many of Jason's relatives had never been to the Eastern Shore and we wanted them to have a memorable experience."*

## HOME STATE STYLE

The couple chose to wed at Conrey's family property in Neavitt, which has been a beloved family gathering place for years. The bride and groom's roots in Maryland's Eastern Shore and New Mexico were the theme of their celebration. "We drew from the colors of the water and sky, along with the adobe earthiness and red chile tones of New Mexico," Conrey explains.



## HER FAVORITE DRESS

Conrey found her dress at Lovely Bride's Chicago outpost, during her very first bridal appointment. "Honestly, it wasn't at all what I expected to like and was completely different from everything I had collected on my Pinterest boards," she says of her gown, "but I fell in love after trying it on." Conrey adored the buttons down the back and the long sleeves, which were a practical investment for her outdoor, October wedding.



## THE DIY MENU

Finding a caterer was one of Conrey's biggest wedding planning challenges. After receiving quotes from several caterers, Conrey decided to create her own food experience with a team of six vendors, including a self-serve wine truck, a seafood restaurant, and a paella chef. Coordinating all the separate pieces was tricky, Conrey says, but it paid off. "The paella and the raw bar were some of the stars of the show and the wine truck was a huge, huge hit," she says. Her mom also played a pivotal role, preparing many of the appetizers, which saved on costs.



## THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** LOVELY BRIDE **BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP:** INFINITY ARTISTRY **BAR SERVICE:** HAIR OF THE DOG **CAKE:** SUNFLOUR BAKERY (NOW CLOSED) **CATERING:** PAELLA DELICIOSA + PIAZZA ITALIAN MARKET + CHESAPEAKE LANDING **ENTERTAINMENT:** INFUSION BAND/ENTERTAINMENT EXCHANGE (BAND) **FLORIST:** CHESAPEAKE BLOOMS **GROOM'S SUIT:** SUIT SUPPLY **ICE CREAM:** SCOTTISH HIGHLAND CREAMERY **INVITATIONS:** LASER LETTERS + TRUE YOU BRAND **ALCHEMY PAPER GOODS:** MINTED **PHOTOGRAPHY:** MANDA WEAVER **PLANNING:** KATIE PARKS EVENTS **RENTALS:** EASTERN SHORE TENTS + EVENTS **RESTROOMS:** PIERSON COMFORT GROUP **TRANSPORTATION:** FIRST STUDENT CHARTER CENTER + DORCHESTER AUTO **WINE TRUCK:** PUNK & BOONE



CRUSHING ON DUTCH CERAMICS

# Cory Keffer + Austin Todd

WEDDING  
DATE: MAY 6,  
2023

NUMBER OF  
GUESTS: 145

HER  
PROCESSIONAL:  
"GROW AS WE  
GO" BY BEN  
PLATT

Governor Calvert House | Brooke Lynn Photography



## SNOW WHAT

When Cory moved to Denver, her best friend persuaded her to download Hinge as a way to meet people and check out the city. Austin impressed her with his ability to make Cory laugh over text messages. Their first date was supposed to be dinner and drinks, but an impending snowstorm sent their plans awry so, instead, Cory found herself meeting Austin for the first time along with several members of his family!

## A CAPITAL SPOT

Cory and Austin focused their venue search on Baltimore and Annapolis before settling on the Governor Calvert House. "We loved that it was a historic hotel and that all of our friends and family from out of town had the opportunity to stay together," Cory says. The hotel's proximity to the Maryland State House was another advantage, as it afforded the couple an extra backdrop for their portrait session.



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*Cory and Austin wrote a handwritten letter to every guest, to be read at their seats before dinner. "It was a labor of love but also such an amazing way for us to reflect on the special memories we share with each of our guests!"*

*Cory says.*

## SOMETHING BLAUW

A family trip to the Netherlands left Cory with a lifelong appreciation for Delft China, so when it came time to plan her wedding, she knew she wanted to incorporate the blue (blauw in Dutch) and white ceramics into the decor. For their reception, the couple rented blue and white plates from Posh Plates Vintage and used chinoiserie vases as centerpieces, which Cory and her mom had collected over the previous year.



## HER SISTER'S DRESS

Cory went dress shopping with another soon-to-be bride — her sister Jill, who got engaged just a few weeks before her. Both found their dresses at Love and Lace Bridal Boutique in Deale. “We just happened to be the only appointments that hour, so it felt very private and the sales associates were so attentive and encouraging,” Cory says. Coincidentally, each sister said yes to the other’s dress, which for Cory was an A-line gown by Justin Alexander. Her only hesitation was the long, flowy sleeves, which a seamstress later shortened.



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*Before dinner, Austin, Cory, and their photographer snuck up to the rooftop of the Calvert House to capture golden hour photos. “These quick, stolen moments were some of our favorites of the day!” Cory says.*





## BLOOM OR BUST

To save on costs, the couple decided to create their own floral arrangements. Beth Poggioli, a family friend who owns the boutique flower farm Celadon Hill, helped them source focal blooms, while the rest of the flowers and greenery came from Sam's Club. The morning of the wedding, Cory, her bridesmaids, and her aunts arranged the bouquets and reception centerpieces. Cory's godmother designed her bridal bouquet, which Cory accented with her grandmother's Delft bracelet. "Carrying it with me that day made it feel like she was with me," she says.



## THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** LOVE AND LACE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE **BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP:** WEDDINGS BY SAGE **DESSERTS:** SAM'S CLUB + ANNAPOLIS AMISH MARKET **DJ:** ENTERTAINMENT EXCELLENCE **FLORIST:** CELADON HILL FARM **PHOTOGRAPHY:** BROOKE LYNN PHOTOGRAPHY **PLANNING + COORDINATION:** DAY OF DUO **RENTALS:** POSH PLATES VINTAGE **VENUE:** GOVERNOR CALVERT HOUSE



REGAL VIBES IN A KENT ISLAND BARN

# Lizzie Nyman + Alec Vigil

Kent Island Resort | Sarah Murray Photography

**WEDDING DATE:** APRIL 29, 2023

**NUMBER OF GUESTS:** 190

**BEST BITES:** AU GRATIN POTATOES + STRAWBERRY WEDDING CAKE



## HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS

Lizzie and Alec met in middle school. “I thought Alec was such a goofball because he was always joking around,” Lizzie says. At 15, the pair went on their first date: a showing of *21 Jump Street* at the Annapolis Mall. “We still argue about when our anniversary is because, technically, it was past midnight when Alec asked me to be his girlfriend,” Lizzie says.

## JACK OF ALL VENUES

The pair selected Kent Island Resort because of its “mixture of vibes.” Lizzie swooned over the historic house, Alec, the barn and grounds. Both appreciated the fact that the barn was designed by the same architect as Charlottesville’s Pippin Hill Vineyard, which was one of their favorite wineries to visit during college.



*One of Lizzie’s vendor MVPs was her photographer. “Sarah Murray does such an amazing job capturing the raw and candid moments.”*





## A DRESS FOR A PRINCESS

Lizzie felt apathetic about her dress shopping experience, until she visited Garnish Boutique. “I wanted to feel like a princess because when else do you get to wear a giant gown?!” she says. The gown that she found by Martina Liana had a simple silhouette, so she complemented her look with fingerless vow gloves from Kerry Parker.

## TIMELESS AND NEON

Lizzie wanted their wedding to feel timeless, yet unique. All-white florals and groomsmen in traditional black suits conveyed the former, while sage bridesmaid dresses (Lizzie's favorite color), neon signage, and gold flatware gave the reception a modern air. The seating chart was printed on canvas sheets — a fun detail that Lizzie enjoyed for its originality.



## GIRL'S BEST VENDORS

The easiest vendor for Lizzie to find was her videographer, Nate Bittinger, who she has known for a few years. “He made our wedding so special and exceeded our expectations,” she says. Lizzie had more difficulty settling on a florist. “I was nervous about someone being able to match my vision,” she says. But Pretty Little Wedding Co. delivered big. “The arch at our alter was just to die for,” Lizzie says. She also appreciated her florist’s problem-solving abilities. At the last minute, the couple had to add two reception tables, and Pretty Little Wedding Co. seamlessly pulled florals from other spaces to make sure those two tables didn’t look bare.



## THE DETAILS

*Lizzie and Alec rented a 1961 Rolls Royce, which added luxurious style to the couple’s getaway and portrait sessions.*

**BRIDE’S GOWN:** GARNISH BOUTIQUE **BRIDE’S HAIR + MAKEUP:** STEPHANIE HEFFERIN/JOHN JAMES SALON (HAIR) + AIMEE NICOLE (MAKEUP) **BRIDE’S SHOES:** SAM EDELMAN + CONVERSE **BRIDE’S GLOVES:** KERRY PARKER **BRIDE’S EARRINGS:** OLIVE + PIPER **FLOWER GIRL DRESSES:** HOLLY & BLOOM **BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** ANTHROPOLOGIE **CAKE:** BLUE CRAB BAKERY **CAR:** CONCOURS VINTAGE LIMOUSINE **DAY OF COORDINATION:** CHEYENNE LUCKHARDT **ENTERTAINMENT:** MIXING MARYLAND DJS **FLORIST:** PRETTY LITTLE WEDDING CO. **GROOM ATTIRE:** GENERATION TUX **OFFICIANT:** JOE HEINRICHS **PHOTOGRAPHY:** SARAH MURRAY PHOTOGRAPHY **VENUE:** KENT ISLAND RESORT **VIDEOGRAPHY:** NATE BITTINGER



COLOR ME DISCO

# Leah Sheppard + Kevin Stetson

WEDDING  
DATE: JUNE  
10, 2023

Private Residence | Brittney Raine Photography

NUMBER OF  
GUESTS: 190

FAVE DECOR  
ITEM: THEIR  
CUSTOM  
SIGNAGE +  
DISCO BALLS



*Leah and Kevin commissioned local artist Driftwood Salvage and Repurpose to create their chuppah with materials sourced from the property.*

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ATTRACTION

Leah and Kevin go way back — all the way to their high school psychology class. But they didn't start dating then, nor in the four years when they both attended Penn State. They didn't start dating until eight years after they met, when they ran into each other at a Washington, D.C., bar and latent sparks were flying.



## A NORMAL SUMMER WEEKEND

Some of the couple's best memories have been at Rock Hall, a town the groom's family has loved for generations, so it was an easy decision to center their celebration there. "Our goal was to host a normal summer weekend with a couple more guests than usual," Leah jokes. The vibe was casual, breezy, and colorful, with a color scheme modeled after the Rock Hall sunset.



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*Leah's Aunt Susie officiated the ceremony using the same script that Leah's parents got married to. "Susie's humor left us feeling relaxed and [like we were] just enjoying another day with family and friends," Kevin says.*

## GRANDMA'S FRUIT TART

Leah wanted their wedding to feel personable, even in the smallest details. To foster a sense of togetherness among unacquainted guests, dinner was served family-style. Penn State creamery ice cream was on deck, as well as fruit tarts, prepared according to Kevin's grandmother's famous recipe. Leah also thought about guests' outdoor experience, with sunscreen, bug spray, fans, and heel protectors on hand to ensure guests stayed comfortable.



## HERE COMES THE SUN

Leah wore a geo-floral lace gown with an open back and square neckline, which she found at Lovely Bride's Philadelphia boutique. She accessorized her look with a sunshine pendant belonging to her grandmother.





## EXTRA TIME WITH MOM

Three key vendors played standout roles in bringing Leah and Kevin's vision to life: Rachel Kendall Events, Delmarva Craft, and Leah's own mother. Even though wedding planning was demanding ("like a second full-time job at times"), Leah "really valued the extra time she got to spend with her mom," she says. Rachel Cumberland was "spectacular" and had "incredible organization" and Delmarva Craft went above and beyond, providing transportation from more than 20 hotels and rental houses, as well as capturing drone footage of the event.

## THE LOGISTICAL MIRACLE

In hindsight, Leah and Kevin said they underestimated how much work it would take to "build" a backyard venue. "It took a ton of vision and expertise from our wedding planner," Leah says. "Rachel had an incredible eye for design and made sure that the added decor complimented the property for everything from the florals to the forks." One of the rentals that proved crucial was full flooring under the reception tent. "Although it was a splurge, it protected the lawn and made it much easier for people to move around and dance through the entire reception space," Leah says.



## THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** LOVERS SOCIETY (DESIGNER) + LOVELY BRIDE (SHOP) **BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP:** BEHIND THE VEIL BEAUTY **CATERING:** CREATIVE CUISINE **CHUPPAH:** DRIFTWOOD SALVAGE & REPURPOSE **DESSERT:** PEONY & MERINGUE **FLORIST:** WILDLY NATIVE FLOWER FARM **MUSIC:** GLASS TOPS (WATERSHED ENTERTAINMENT) **PAPER GOODS:** MADELINE LAROSA DESIGNS **PHOTOGRAPHY:** BRITTNEY RAINE PHOTOGRAPHY **PLANNING + DESIGN:** RACHEL KENDALL EVENTS **RENTALS:** HONEYWOOD RENTALS + EASTERN SHORE TENTS **TRANSPORTATION:** DELMARVA CRAFT



AN ARBORIST'S LILAC WEDDING

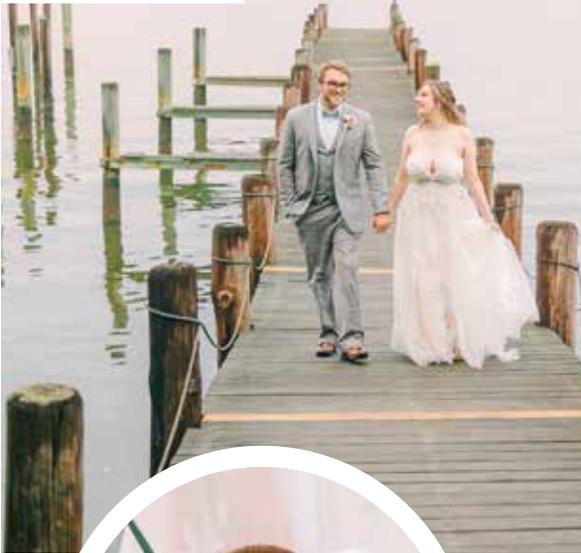
# Colleen Wethern + August Hagen

Historic London Town & Gardens | Chesapeake Charm Photography

**WEDDING  
DATE:** MAY  
13, 2023

**NUMBER OF  
GUESTS:** 105

**SIGNATURE  
DRINKS:**  
PINEAPPLE  
MARGARITAS  
+ BEE'S  
KNEES



## ROCK MY WORLD

Colleen met August at a rock-climbing gym while both were students at Indiana University. After several months of casual chatting and climbing, the pair started dating. For their first outing, they saw *Finding Dory*. “To my disappointment, August didn’t kiss me when he dropped me off at the end of the night,” Colleen recalls. “He said later that I rushed out of the car and didn’t give him enough time. I think we were both just too nervous!”



*Colleen purchased the first wedding dress that she tried on. “I loved the blush color and the large floral embroidery,” she says.*



## THOSE MANICURED GARDENS

August surprised Colleen by proposing on a trip to Idaho, where he had a seasonal position with the Montana Conservation Corps. Colleen started looking at venues immediately, but, with Austin's limited cell service, had to do some guesswork as to what August would like. Her tour of Historic London Town, however, dispelled any doubts. "The lush gardens and the beautiful outdoor space were exactly what I was envisioning for the big day and I knew August would love it, too," Colleen says.



*August and Colleen picked their first dance song, "When the Night Is Over" after they attended a Lord Huron concert last year. "We got to hear it live and we had such a blast dancing around to it, even though it was raining," Colleen says.*

## PURPLE HAZE

With such a verdant setting, Colleen and August wanted to keep their decor simple and highlight the beauty of the garden. They chose a rich palette of purples and greens and invested in statement florals to match the natural beauty of the venue.



## VENDORS OF GOOD REPUTE

Six months before her wedding, Colleen hired Social Graces Events to help her tackle the planning projects that she had been procrastinating. “I could not have done it without them!” Colleen says. “There were many little challenges but Social Graces helped me with all of them so it didn’t feel horrible!” One of the biggest ways Social Graces aided Colleen was by recommending vendors with good reputations in the local wedding industry. “I was grateful that I didn’t have to dig through Google reviews and find things on my own,” she adds.

## HER BEST ADVICE

“Going smaller or simpler is the way to do it! It’s okay to be a bit stingy with your guest count.”



## THE DETAILS

**BRIDE’S GOWN:** COLUMBIA BRIDAL BOUTIQUE **BRIDE’S HAIR + MAKEUP:** LOCKHOUSE X LINSAY (HAIR) + IZZY B (MAKEUP) **CAKE:** MAIN AND MARKET **CATERER:** MAIN AND MARKET **DOG CARE:** FUREVER AND FUR ALWAYS **ENTERTAINMENT:** MIXING MARYLAND **FLORIST:** KATE TRUHLAR **LINENS:** SELECT EVENT GROUP **LIGHTING:** EVENT DYNAMICS **PHOTOGRAPHY:** CHESAPEAKE CHARM PHOTOGRAPHY **PLANNING:** SOCIAL GRACES EVENTS **RENTALS:** SOMETHING VINTAGE **TRANSPORTATION:** AMERICAN LIMO **VENUE:** HISTORIC LONDON TOWN & GARDENS



THE Highbrow, Lowbrow Americana Wedding

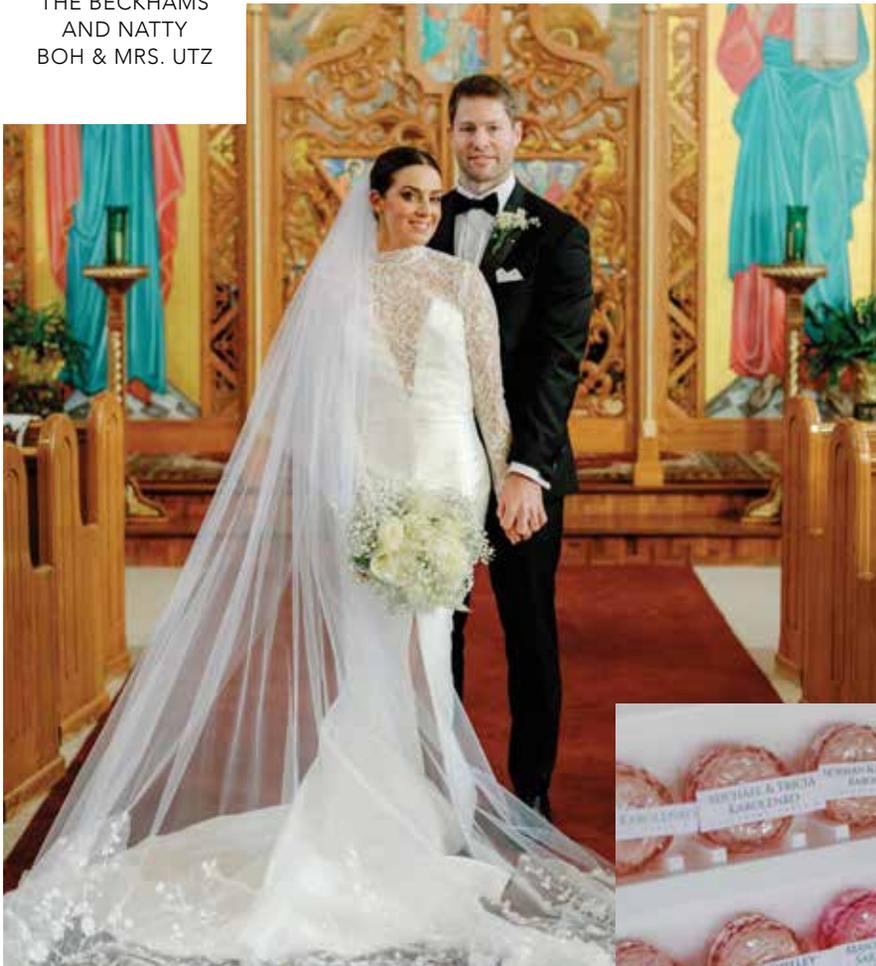
# Victoria Karolenko + Matthew Mielke

Miles River Yacht Club | Sarah Aaron Photography

**WEDDING  
DATE:** OCTOBER  
14, 2022

**NUMBER OF  
GUESTS:** 84

**THEIR TABLE  
"NUMBERS":**  
PHOTOS OF  
FAMOUS  
COUPLES, LIKE  
THE BECKHAMS  
AND NATTY  
BOH & MRS. UTZ



## WAITING FOR MRS. RIGHT

Victoria and Matthew met at a Bethesda dive bar, when both of their gyms hosted parallel happy hours. They hit it off, but due to work obligations, weren't able to go on their first date for six months. When the day came, Victoria, facing a major deadline, nearly canceled, but Matthew agreed to delay the date by several hours while she finished up her work and walked her dog. It was a smart gamble: "We shared appetizers, each randomly picking out each other's favorite foods, and went home [telling] friends and family about [how we had] met someone [with whom] we could talk and laugh for hours," Victoria says.



*As favors, the couple gave out Voluspa's rose macaron candles, which were displayed on a shelf to double as escort cards. "It seemed like the perfect fit since my mother is named Rose and I grew up with Victorian roses in my family's garden," Victoria says.*



## THE CHURCH HER GREAT-UNCLE BUILT

The couple wed at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, which Victoria's family helped to found after they immigrated to the United States. "It was really special to have our ceremony in such a historic and personal church, while also inspiring another generation to embrace our Ukrainian traditions," Victoria says. The bride wore an ornate wreath, called a *vinok*, and had her flower girls, who are all students of her figure skating academy, carry sunflowers. After the ceremony, Matt and Victoria surprised attendees with homemade pierogies, which were prepared by fellow churchgoer Jullie Humeniuk.



## HER GRACE

Seven days before the wedding, Victoria realized the custom gown she had ordered was not going to work, so she went to BHLDN and purchased the first dress she tried on, a strapless gown by Helen O'Connor. Inspired by Grace Kelly's bridal look, Victoria added a lace topper for the ceremony, so she could be "tasteful and covered up." Victoria also wore an assortment of family jewelry, including a wedding band designed by her father in the 1980s, an 'M' necklace that belonged to her late grandmother, and a set of sapphire earrings that matched ones worn by her mother.

## A MEANINGFUL RECEPTION

The next day, the couple hosted their guests at the Miles River Yacht Club. Matthew's late uncle, who passed in 2022, served as the commodore of the club and his family has hosted many gatherings there over the years. "It meant a lot to keep the tradition in the Mielke family and bring my family to the place where we had gotten engaged," Victoria says.





## BAREFOOT AND BLACK-TIE

In true form, Victoria, a luxury marketing manager, created a wedding branding PowerPoint to share with vendors. Since she was often traveling for work in New York, Matthew and Lydia Clark, the Miles River Yacht Club's planner, were responsible for implementing Victoria's "high-brow, low-brow Americana" vision. "I loved the idea of guests in black-tie playing cornhole barefoot, which felt very reminiscent of the Kennedys in Hyannis Port," she explains. For every high-brow detail, like Domaine Carneros champagne, the couple included a low-brow counter, like a bud light beer tower.



*Matthew's favorite detail was the couple's Carvel ice cream cake, which they purchased the day of their wedding from a local grocery store with 'Til Death Do Us Part' inscribed in black piping. "It was the perfect ode to Victoria's punk-rock roots," he says.*

## THE DETAILS

**BRIDE'S GOWN:** HELEN O'CONNOR (DRESS) + SOCIETY JAMES (LACE TOPPER) + DELLA LOTMAN (VEIL)  
**BRIDE'S HAIR + MAKEUP:** WEDDING DAY READY GLAM (CEREMONY) + BRIDE (RECEPTION) **BRIDE'S SHOES:** CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN + VANS **BRIDE'S WREATH:** CUSTOM MADE BY JULLIE HUMENIUK **CAKE:** CARVEL **CLERGY:** FR. ROBERT HITCHENS + FR. BRIAN KOLODIEJCUK, MC + FR. VASYL SIVINSKYI **COORDINATION:** LYDIA CLARK, MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB **MUSIC:** GREG WEMMER (RECEPTION PIANIST) + WALTER RUIZ (RECEPTION DJ) **FLORALS:** BRIDE'S FAMILY **GROOM'S TUX:** RALPH LAUREN **GROOM'S SHOES:** POLO RALPH LAUREN **INVITATIONS:** BLUSH PAPERIE **PHOTOGRAPHY:** SARAH AARON PHOTOGRAPHY **RINGS:** KAUFMANN JEWELERS (ENGAGEMENT) **VENUE:** ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (CEREMONY) + MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB (RECEPTION)

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Admiralofthebay.com  
Max Guest Count: 225

## Annapolis Bay Charters

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

## Annapolis Inn

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

## Annapolis 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 Hotel

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 Prime

300 Second Street  
410-268-7166; Charthouseprime.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; Annapolismeetings.com  
Max Guest Count: 480-700  
Outdoor location: No  
Water view: No

## Eastport Yacht Club

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

## Governor Calvert House

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

## Graduate Annapolis

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

## Hornor Maritime Center

613 Third Street  
410-990-4460;  
Hornormaritime.org  
Max Guest Count: 75  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: Yes

## 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

**Prism Annapolis**

47 Spa Road  
410-221-7271; prismannapolis.com  
Max Guest Count: 125  
Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**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



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

**USNA Alumni House/  
Ogle Hall**  
247 King George Street  
410-295-4000; Usna.com  
Max Guest Count: 300  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Watermark Charters/  
Wedding on the Bay**  
410-268-7601, ext. 100;  
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

## Anne Arundel County + Adjacent

**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 Barn at Pleasant Acres**  
5415 Mackall Road, Saint Leonard  
443-624-3333; Thebarnatpleasantacres.com

**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

**Hidden View Farm**  
702 Defense Highway, Crownsville  
855-528-9483; Hiddenviewfarm.org  
Max Guest Count: 300  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**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

**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; Mdyc.org  
Max Guest Count: 180  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Michael's Eighth Avenue**

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

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

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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Chestertown  
Vicinity****The Anchorage**

5667 Augustine Herman  
Highway, Earleville  
410-275-8700; Theanchorageevents.com  
Max Guest Count: Unlimited  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: No

**Bohemia Overlook**

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

**Brampton Inn**

25227 Chestertown Road, Chestertown  
410-778-1860; Bramptoninn.com  
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

**Deep Blue at Kitty Knight Inn**

14028 Augustine Herman Highway,  
Georgetown; 410-648-5200;  
kittyknight.com  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**Great Oak Manor**

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

**The 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

**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

**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

## Queen Anne's Centreville Kent Island

**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  
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;  
harrisrabhouse.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 Island Resort**  
500 Kent Manor Drive, Stevensville  
410-643-5757; Kentislandresort.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  
Max Guest Count: 70  
Outdoor location: Yes  
Water view: No

**The Wye River Estate**  
511 Pintail Point Farm Lane,  
Queenstown; 443-333-9931  
Max Guest Count: Call for details  
Water View: Yes  
Outdoor Location: Yes

## Talbot County St. Michaels Easton Vicinity

**Black Walnut Point Inn  
Bed and Breakfast**  
4417 Black Walnut Point Road, Tilghman  
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

**▲ Lady Patty Sail Charters**

Tilghman; 1-888-250-3030  
 Ladypatty.com  
 Max Guest Count: 16

**Magnolia Manor**

768 Port Street, Easton  
 410-443-1444; magnoliamanormd.com  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: Yes

**Miles River Yacht Club**

24750 Yacht Club Road, St. Michaels  
 410-745-9511; Milesriveryc.org  
 Max Guest Count: 150  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water Front: Yes

**The Oaks Waterfront Inn**

25876 Royal Oak Road, Royal Oak  
 410-745-5053; The-oaks.com  
 Max Guest Count: 300  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: Yes

**▲ Patriot Cruises**

St. Michaels; 410-745-3100  
 Patriotcruises.com  
 Max Guest Count: 149

**Robert Morris Inn**

314 North Morris Street, Oxford  
 410-226-5111; Robertmorrisinn.com  
 Max Guest Count: 80  
 Outdoor Location: Yes  
 Water View: Yes

**▲ Skipjack H.M. Kretz**

St. Michaels; 410-745-6080  
 Oystercatcher.com

**St. Michaels Harbour Inn**

101 N. Harbor Road, St. Michaels  
 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

**Wades Point Inn on the Bay**

10090 Wades Point Road, St. Michaels  
 410-745-2500; Wadespoint.com  
 Max Guest Count: 125  
 Outdoor Location: Yes (tented)  
 Water View: Yes

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Outdoor Location: No  
Water View: No

**Wylder Hotel Tilghman Island**

21551 Chesapeake House Drive,  
Tilghman; 877-818-1922;  
wylderhoteltilghmanisland.com  
Max Guest Count: 200  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

## Dorchester County Cambridge Vicinity

**Breckenridge Barn**

4032 Mill Road, Linkwood  
Breckenridgebarn.com  
Rustic glam in a white post and beam barn.  
Max Guest Count: 250

**▲ Choptank Riverboat Cruises**

Hurlock; 410-943-4689  
Suicide-bridge-restaurant.com  
Max Guest Count: 149

**Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay**

100 Heron Blvd.,  
Cambridge; 410-901-1234;  
Chesapeakebay.hyatt.com  
Max Guest Count: 1,000  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

**▲ Nathan of Dorchester**

Cambridge, 410-228-7141  
Skipjack-nathan.org  
Max Guest Count: 20

**▲ Selina II**

St. Michaels; 410-726-9400  
Sailselina.com  
Max Guest Count: 6

**Suicide Bridge**

6304 Suicide Bridge Road,  
Hurlock; 410-943-4689;  
Suicide-bridge-restaurant.com  
Max Guest Count: 300  
Outdoor Location: Yes  
Water View: Yes

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Chestertown, 443-282-0860  
brittlandestates.com

**Courtyard Marriott**  
Annapolis, 410-266-1555  
marriott.com

**Historic Inns of Annapolis**  
Annapolis, 410-263-2641  
historicinnsaofannapolis.com

**The Inn at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club**  
Stevensville, 410-604-5900  
baybeachclub.com

**Kent Island Resort**  
Stevensville, 410-643-5757  
kentislandresort.com

**Kitty Knight Inn**  
Georgetown, 410-648-5200  
kittyknight.com

**Tidewater Inn**  
Easton, 800-237-8775  
tidewaterinn.com

**Wylder Hotel Tilghman Island**  
Tilghman, 410-886-2121  
wylderhotels.com/  
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Annapolis, 443-714-8674

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info@cravecateringco.com

**Main & Market**  
Annapolis, 410-626-0388  
mainandmarket.com

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honeywoodrentals.com

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silvermirrorphotobooth.com

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baybeachclub.com

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Annapolis, 410-352-7477  
thelashlounge.com

**Swan Cove Spa & Salon**  
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swancovespa.com

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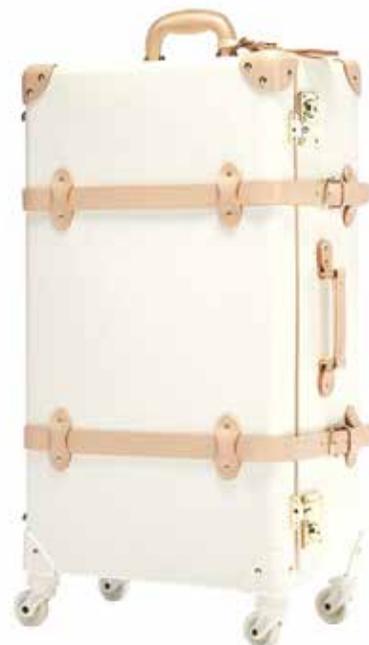
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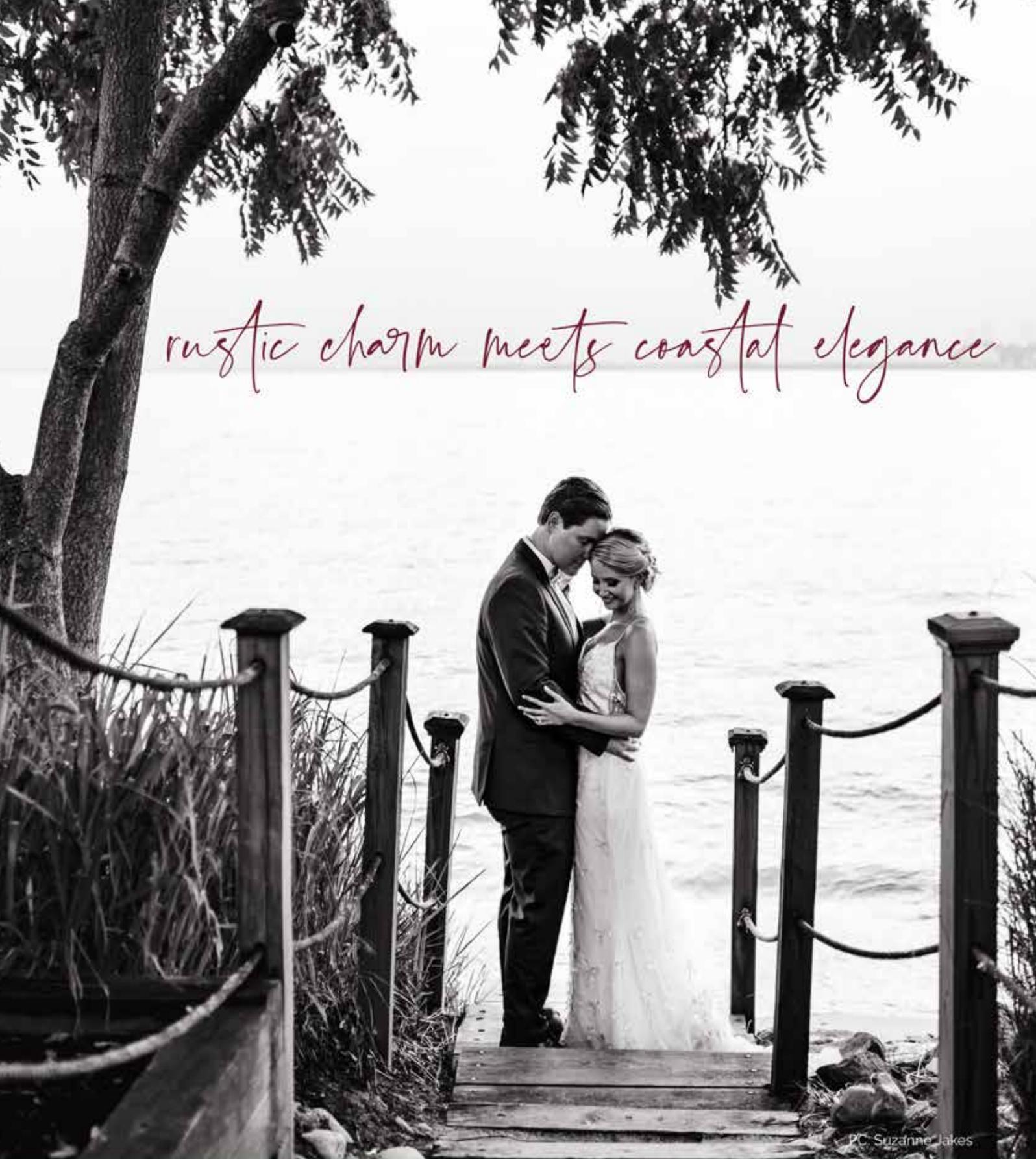
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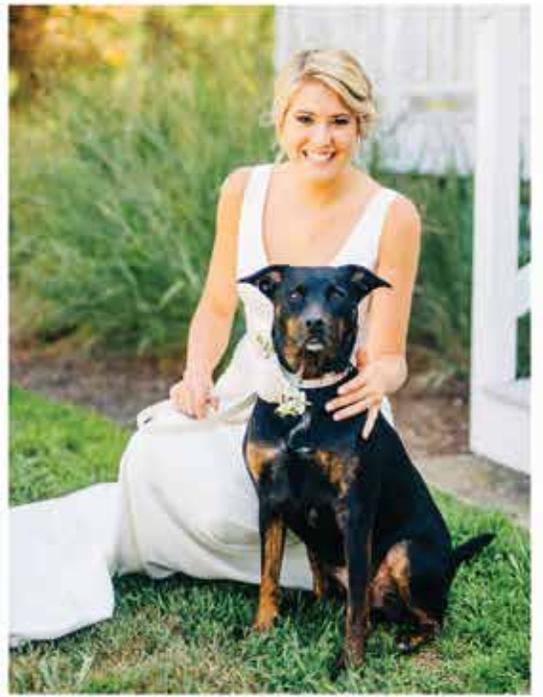
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