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INTRODUCTION | From the Editor

Welcome to the 2019 annual edition of *Destination Weddings — Columbia River Gorge*.

It's no wonder the Gorge is a premier wedding location, with its stunning backdrops of the Columbia River, the Gorge and the Cascade Mountains. Along with all the natural beauty comes an outdoor recreation mecca; a variety of unique and friendly small towns; a farm-to-table foodie scene; a wine region boasting more than three dozen wineries and tasting rooms and some 80 vineyards; a dozen craft breweries; and a serious contingent of cideries and distilleries. Couples who get married in the Gorge can take advantage of all of it — making their wedding a celebration of their vows as well as a memorable vacation for themselves and their guests.

Wedding venues in the Gorge range from pastoral farm settings and historic hotels to golf clubs and wineries — and just about everything in between. Furthermore, a long list of local wedding vendors have been practicing and perfecting their crafts — many of them for years — to ensure wedding couples that their long-planned events are carried out just the way they dreamed and planned.

In this issue, we feature real weddings at a variety of venues around the Gorge. We've included weddings in the heart of the Hood River Valley — at Mount Hood Bed & Breakfast and Mt. View Orchards — and at the farther flung locales of Timberline Lodge and The Balch Hotel in Dufur. We've also included a wedding from one of the many beautiful venues on the Washington side of the Gorge, the Tin Roof Barn in the White Salmon River Valley.

You'll find helpful Q&As with two Gorge wedding vendors: Lucy Gorman, of Lucy's Informal Flowers, who has been creating floral arrangements for weddings in the Gorge for more than 25 years; and photographer Michael Peterson, who has been photographing weddings for 14 years. These talented professionals are just two examples of the many vendors working their magic in the Gorge wedding sphere. We hope you enjoy this edition, and may you find inspiration for your own wedding in the Columbia River Gorge.

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LUCY'S INFORMAL FLOWERS

Lucy Gorman is owner and designer at Lucy's Informal Flowers in Hood River. She has been designing floral arrangements for weddings in the Gorge for 25 years. (informalflowers.com)

Q: Where do I start?

A: Couples should determine their budget for flowers, or at least have some sort of idea. Most floral budgets are about 8 to 10 percent of the overall wedding budget. I get asked all the time for prices, and I tell couples that it can depend on so much. For example, simple dai-

sies are a lot less than garden roses or peonies.

Q: What are the current floral styles and trends?

A: Wine barrel toppers.



They're used at the end of the aisle and where an altar might be. Using these do not block the

view of the mountain! We're also doing a lot of arbors, but fuller and covered with garlands and flowers — a big statement. We do a lot of macramé backdrops on arbors and flower hoops, which

are repurposed to hang behind the bride and groom at their dinner table. Also, garlands and more garlands . . . everywhere.

Q: What are the current color trends?

A: Cream, blush, gray with navy — and lots of greens. More muted tones of pinks and peach, hints of mustard and lavender. It's an overall soft palette. Weddings after Labor Day are almost always done in fall colors — gold, terra cotta, wine and plum.

Q: Can you create arrangements with locally grown flowers?

A: We're big into using locally grown flowers. We source from many flower and foliage growers throughout the Gorge and the Pacific Northwest. I try and use 100-percent American-grown flowers.

Q: What are some do's and don'ts?

A: Never assume that the photos you find on Pinterest are what you're going to get. When I get photos sent to me, I have to analyze them and determine what it is about them that inspired the couple. Do send them for the sole purpose of inspiration. Also, don't be afraid to ask questions.



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Callie Reed & Todd Shypertt

MARRIED ON JULY 28, 2018



Why they got married in the Gorge

Todd grew up in Hood River and when he brought Callie to the area for her first visit in 2013, she knew it was “a gem of a city,” she said. The beautiful scenery, “genuinely nice people” and serene vibe reminded her of her childhood in a small town in Indiana. The couple began making annual trips to the Gorge and it has always been a special place for them and their relationship.

“It was a no-brainer for us to get married in the Gorge,” said Callie.

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REAL WEDDINGS | Mt. Hood Bed & Breakfast

DETAILS

Wedding venue: Mt. Hood Bed & Breakfast

Where they live: The Bay Area, California

Occupations: Callie is a high school history teacher and Todd is in law enforcement.

How they met: While working at a rental car agency. “It was one of the worst jobs I’ve ever had, but obviously worth it,” Callie said.

How they got engaged: On a summer visit to the Gorge, Todd suggested an evening walk at the Columbia Gorge Hotel to see their “cool lights.” However, when they arrived, there were no lights on. They walked anyway and next to one of the few lampposts that were dimly lit, Todd got down on one knee and proposed. “I don’t remember much after that, but he still teases me about how I was so excited that I accidentally gave him my right hand when he went to slip the ring on,” Callie said.

Number of guests: 75

Favorite details: “My dress!” said Callie. Mt. Hood as the backdrop to the ceremony was breathtaking. A string trio played Pachelbel Canon as Callie walked down the aisle. The father-daughter dance was memorable, where Callie and her dad “rocked to my dad’s favorite singer, Bob Dylan, singing ‘Thunder on the Mountain,’” said Callie. Also, the reception speeches were “amazing and really blew us away, infused with humor and heart.”

Unexpected moment: “After the wedding, we reflected on the entire day, just the two of us over a pitcher of leftover Moscow Mules while we swung on the swing set, still with our full wedding attire on — just us,” Callie said. “It truly ended up being the perfect end to a perfect day.”

Advice for other couples: “Support each other, listen and talk about everything — including the good, the bad and the ugly,” Callie said. “Continue to ‘date’ your partner, and at the end of the day remember you only get one life together so design it how you see fit, laugh and have fun!”

The day, in a sentence: “A beautiful beginning to the next chapter of our love story, an unforgettable day celebrated with family and friends,” Callie said.

Honeymoon: Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

VENDORS

Wedding venue: Mount Hood Bed & Breakfast (mthoodbnb.com)

Wedding planner: Betheny Roberts

Catering: Ahi’s Ohana Catering (ahicatering.wixsite.com/mysite)

Flowers: Betheny Roberts

Cake: Pauline’s Country Fresh Pies (countryfreshpies.com)

Photography: Gorge-Us Photography — Jennifer Gulizia and Jim Semlor (gorge-usphoto.com)

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Fei Fei Lei & Jason Anderson

MARRIED ON JUNE 17, 2018



Why they got married in the Gorge

Since they will likely have to move out of the Pacific Northwest when Jason gets a faculty teaching job, the couple wanted their wedding to be at a location symbolic to Oregon.

The Hood River Valley, with Mount Hood as the backdrop, fit the bill.

“You see Mount Hood, you think Oregon,” Jason said.

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DETAILS

Wedding venue: Mt. View Orchards

Where they live: Portland, OR

Occupations: FeiFei is a quality engineer at JAE Oregon and Jason is a post-doctoral research associate at Portland State University

How they met: During college, at Oregon State University

How they got engaged: "She said yes," Jason said.

Number of guests: 60

Favorite details: The table settings, escort cards and reception playlist.

Unexpected moment: Rain showers as the ceremony was to begin.

Advice for other couples: Plan early, as the day arrives very fast. But once the day is there, don't stress. Enjoy all the moments as it only happens once.

VENDORS

Wedding venue: Mt. View Orchards (mtvieworchards.com)

Wedding planner: Hitched in the Hood (hitchedinthehood.com)

Officiant: A Beautiful Ceremony NW (abeautifulceremonynw.com)

Catering: Celilo (celilorestaurant.com)

Flowers: Lucy's Informal Flowers (informalflowers.com)

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Angie Nessel & Brett Bergstrom

MARRIED ON MARCH 19, 2018



Why they got married in the Gorge

The couple's second date was at a tiny ski hill in Wisconsin, where Angie tried skiing for the first time. It quickly became their favorite activity to do together and they both agreed that they wanted their wedding to have a ski theme. "We considered several resorts but ultimately felt that Timberline embraced all that we love about skiing," Angie said. "It is the quintessential ski lodge rich with history, craftsmanship, artistic beauty, breathtaking views and great skiing."

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REAL WEDDINGS | Timberline Lodge

DETAILS

Wedding venue: Timberline Lodge

Where they live: Omro, WI

Occupations: Angie is an organizational development specialist and Brett is a mechanical engineer.

How they met: While working together at the same company.

How they got engaged: While skiing at Alta, UT, Brett stopped Angie halfway down the Big Dipper run and proposed.

Number of guests: 18

Favorite details: The incredible photo opportunities inside and outside the lodge. A hot chocolate bar and s'mores by the fireplace after dinner. Giving guests Timberline Lodge ornaments as a wedding favor. "Getting married in the mountains allowed our guests to have an experience, not just attend another wedding," Angie said.

Unexpected moment: As dinner was being served, alpenglow turned the mountain red, orange and purple. "We got up from dinner and rushed outside to capture photos before it disappeared," Angie said. "Our guests completely understood!"

Advice for other couples: Take time to truly visualize what you want your wedding to be and stick to it. It's about you, not what everyone else wants.

The day, in a sentence (or two): "It was a stunning day in March, with Mount Hood glistening beneath a bluebird sky and Timberline Lodge adorned with the coziness of après-ski ambiance. Beside the warm, crackling fireplace, two souls became one and embarked on an adventure of unending love and fun!"

Honeymoon: "Our trip to Timberline doubled as wedding and honeymoon in one," Angie said. "We were able to ski the area resorts and enjoy the gorgeous scenery."

VENDORS

Wedding venue: Timberline Lodge (timberlinelodge.com)

Cake, Flowers: Timberline Lodge

Lodging: The Lodge at Government Camp, Best Western Mt. Hood Inn

Hair and make-up: Pure Elegance Artistry (pureeleganceartistry.com)

Photography: Michael Peterson Photography (michaelpetersonphotography.com)

Transportation: NW Navigator (nwnavigator.com)

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Nicki Stewart & Shane Phelps

MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2018



Why they got married in the Gorge

The couple loves the Gorge and hopes to move here someday. “We love the weather, the proximity to natural areas and outdoor activities, and the friendly people,” Shane said. “We wanted to show our friends and family from out of town another side of Oregon.”

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REAL WEDDINGS | Balch Hotel

DETAILS

Wedding venue: The Balch Hotel in Dufur

Where they live: Portland, OR

Occupations: Nicki is an accountant with Portland General Electric and Shane is an environmental consultant with Parametrix.

How they met: Online. "It's a very 2010's story," said Shane.

How they got engaged: They were in Hood River for a weekend wine-tasting trip. Shane popped the question at Panorama Point County Park, and Nicki said "yes."

Number of guests: 120

Favorite details: The seating chart in the shape of Oregon, with tables named for places around the state that the couple had visited together. Framed posters of their online dating profiles. "Instead of a DJ, we opted for just karaoke, with a KJ from Portland," Shane said. "We opened up with a wife-husband duet of 'Love Shack!'" Family-friendly fun, including lawn games and an outdoor movie with blankets, popcorn and a snow-cone machine.

Unexpected moment: "We had an open mic for toasts and a family member from Quebec teased us that we broke their guest bed on a visit," Shane said. "Also, we had two friends do an impromptu beatbox and rap routine that floored our guests."

Advice for other couples: Make sure the vendors you hire are reliable and trustworthy — it will make your special day much more worry-free. Cut other costs if you have to in order to hire a day-of wedding coordinator. "Do yourself a favor and use a collaboration app," Shane said. "We used Trello and it really helped us stay on top of where we were in the planning process and prioritize outstanding needs."

The day, in a sentence: "We will do you one better," Shane said. "In a word: amazing."

Honeymoon: Italy — from Venice, through Cinque Terre, into Tuscany and down to Rome.

VENDORS

Wedding venue: The Balch Hotel (balchhotel.com)

Catering: The Huck Truck (thehucktruck.com)

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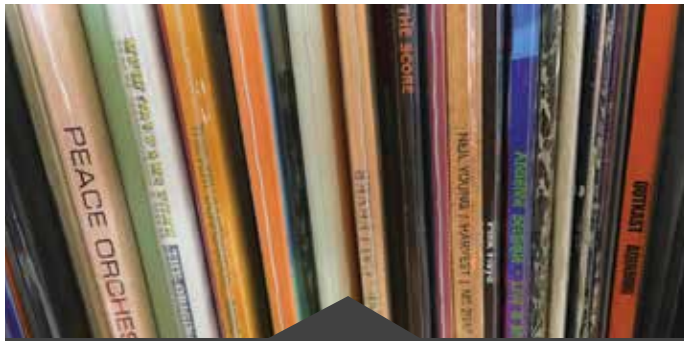
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Elizabeth Kinder & Anthony Bledsoe

MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2018



Why they got married in the Gorge

Anthony wanted a wedding outside of Portland, and Liz loves the Gorge. “We wanted a quiet, serene, and private location that could offer our guests a variety of entertainment and ambiance,” Liz said. They found the perfect combination at Tin Roof Barn.

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REAL WEDDINGS | Tin Roof Barn

DETAILS

Wedding venue: Tin Roof Barn

Where they live: Portland, OR

Occupations: Liz is a special education teacher and Anthony works in brewing process improvement.

How they met: Online through Tinder. “We met for dinner and he had such a warm smile and kind demeanor, I couldn’t have been more impressed,” Liz said. As for Anthony, he was impressed with her knowledge about the art hanging on the wall – traditional Japanese Gyotaku fish prints.

How they got engaged: On Valentine’s Day. “He proposed as I was just finished getting ready for our evening out,” Liz said. “He got down on one knee and I just threw myself back on the bed and kicked my legs up in excitement.”

Number of guests: 130

Favorite details: Framed family photographs from both sides of the family going back several generations. “It really added an intimate touch,” Liz said.

Unexpected moment: Anthony’s friend Jimmy performing the shoe game. “He had some interesting questions for us to answer and kept the family laughing,” said Liz.

Advice for other couples: It’s your day, make it what you want, don’t be afraid to make some of your own finishing touches, and don’t sweat the no-shows.

The day, in a sentence: “A whirlwind of a day filled with loved ones, laughter, and moonlit ambiance,” Liz said.

Honeymoon: Hawaii – the Big Island and Oahu.

VENDORS

Wedding venue: Tin Roof Barn (atinroofbarn.com)

Catering: Celilo (celilorestaurant.com)

Flowers: Flourish Farm Flowers (flourishfarmflowers.com)

Photographer: Gorge-Us Photography – Jennifer Gulizia and Jim Semlor (gorge-usphoto.com)

Cake: Pies sourced via Celilo (celilorestaurant.com)

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MICHAEL PETERSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Michael Peterson has been photographing weddings in the Gorge and beyond for more than 14 years. (michaelpetersonphotography.com)

Q: What should I look for in a wedding photographer?

A: It's important to select a photographer that is experienced with weddings and it is equally important to pick one whose company you enjoy. This very special day can be stressful at times. A good wedding photographer will help you through the day, offering

advice when needed and help keep everything on schedule.

Q: How do you describe your style of photography?

A: When it comes to style



we really try to give the couple what they want. Some couples have a lot of special people in attendance so we will shoot more portraiture. Some couples would prefer us to be flies on the wall so we will shoot more photojournalistic. One thing

we try never to be is trendy. We believe these photos are family heirlooms and should still look great in 50 years.

Q: What important advice do you give to couples?

A: Be sure to communicate with your photographer what you would like from the photos. It is your wedding and we want to make sure your photos are the best for you. Also, we always request a list of "formal portraits" well before the wedding date. These are the posed group shots and can eat up a lot of time. If we have a list, we can move through the photos

very quickly and make it a fun part of wedding day.

Q: How long after my wedding will it take to get the images?

A: Depending on the size of the wedding, it takes about 3 to 6 weeks to get the photos back to the couple. We look at every single photo and make it print-ready. There is no way to rush that.

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16 TO 9 MONTHS

- Think about the type of wedding you want. Formal or informal? Big or small?
- Decide what time of year you want your wedding to take place. Summer weddings are popular in the Columbia Gorge, but spring and fall are equally beautiful, and there are plenty of venues perfect for winter weddings.
- Create a budget.
- Hire a planner. This is even more important if you're not from the area.
- Scout venues, if possible, and meet with vendors and/or your local wedding planner.
- Determine your wedding party.
- Settle on a head count.
- Choose a date. Remember, many venues in the Columbia Gorge get booked well in advance.

9 TO 6 MONTHS

- Purchase a dress. Custom gowns can take months to make, and even if you're buying off the rack, you'll typically need three fittings. When buying, think about how you'll transport the dress to your destination.
- Shop for the bridesmaids' dresses. Allow at least six months for the gowns to be ordered and sized.
- Book a photographer. Wedding photographers in the Columbia Gorge are in high demand, especially during the summer months. The farther ahead of time you book your photographer, the better.
- Book a block of hotel rooms or rent accommodations for your wedding party and guests.
- Book your flight and accommodations.
- Hire a florist.
- Choose your menu and dessert.
- Book the entertainment.
- Launch a wedding website that includes

important links for guests (accommodations, activities in the area etc.).

- Make arrangements for pre-wedding events and activities.
- Create a gift registry.
- Send save-the-date cards.

6 TO 4 MONTHS

- Book the welcome party or rehearsal dinner venue.
- Arrange wedding day transportation for you and your guests.
- Plan and order favors.
- Arrange hairdressers and make-up artists.
- Choose songs.

3 TO 2 MONTHS

- Confirm details with all your vendors.
- Mail out invitations.
- Review the song list with your band or DJ.

ONE MONTH

- Get your marriage license.
- Mail the welcome party or rehearsal dinner invitations.
- Purchase gifts for your bridesmaids.
- Assemble welcome bags and prepare welcome letter.
- Write your vows.
- Confirm details of your ceremony.
- Create a seating chart.
- Enter RSVPs into the guest-list database.
- Confirm flight and accommodations bookings.

WEEK OF WEDDING

- Delegate small wedding-day tasks.
- Send a timeline to the bridal party.
- Book a spa treatment (manicure, pedicure, facial, spray tan) for the day before the wedding.
- Confirm final guest count.



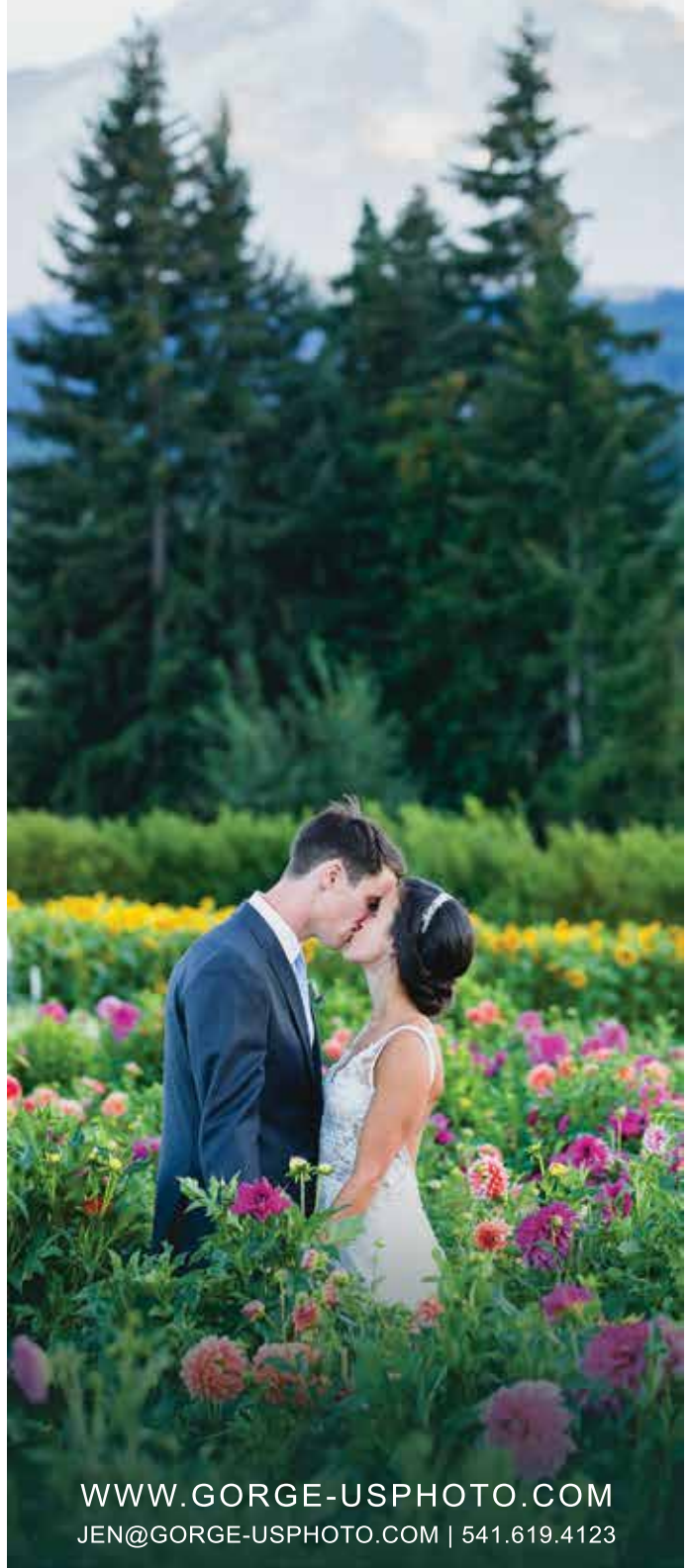
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