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Note from the Editor

Door County is forever a magical place for me. At a young age I realized that time spent here turns into treasured memories.

Since birth I've spent summers stargazing, exploring the woods, watching for deer, listening for owls and relishing the feeling of being surrounded by natural beauty. It's also where I met my partner, became engaged and — on a sunny, July day surrounded by loved ones and Lake Michigan — was married. Now, through the first annual issue of *Door Wedding*, I'm overjoyed to share what I've learned, along with the stories and insights of nine other couples who chose Door County as their wedding destination.

The peninsula is a unique place to plan a wedding; being a somewhat remote area with a seasonal, small-town personality, there are certain planning elements that require extra attention, and until now, there hasn't been a compilation of wedding-planning information to help. We hope to fill that gap and inspire couples to plan their event here on this special stretch of land.

While putting together *Door Wedding*, I knew I'd love getting to know the industry more intimately, and I knew it would take many (many) hours to narrow down the array of gorgeous images. That all ended up being true. What I didn't expect was to find myself completely captivated by the pure joy on the faces of these now-married couples.

When you're in the thick of planning a wedding (or a wedding magazine), it's all too easy to get caught up in the numbers and budgets, lost on the Pinterest boards or distracted by possible DIY projects and the latest trends. It is refreshing to be reminded that all the detailed decision-making, teamwork and complex scheduling is worth it.

As I gathered insights from the featured couples, I began to hear a similar comment again and again: the people and communities here on the peninsula were what made their event a memorable success. Fantastic scenery and idyllic venues aside, the people and communities make Door County one of a kind, and they are why it is a treasured place for so many to spend time with loved ones.

For me, the reason I believe Door County is a dream wedding destination is this: there's already magic in the air. No matter whether it rains or shines, or the details come together or fall short, the location and the presence of loved ones do the heavy lifting of creating an ambiance unlike any other.

I hope you'll be just as swept away as I was by our featured couples, and that *Door Wedding* serves as an invaluable companion on your wedding-planning journey.

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EVERYONE HAS A STORY

When did you first fall in love with Door County? Or is it too soon to ask?

If you have not yet, you will. Some people take longer than others to come to terms with their affections.

It is an incredible place: the scenery, the art, the people and the stories.

The who, what and where of Door County are daily conversations in our office. We've been putting ink to paper since 1996 and every day our office is filled with stories. The staff of the *Peninsula Pulse*, *The Paper Boy*, *Peninsula Filmworks*, and *Door County Living* trade ideas and pitch article topics. Which business opened? Who got elected? What kind of bird dropped a fish in front of a runner during the half marathon? We try to capture it all: our students, our visitors, our leaders and people behind the scenes. We do our best to record our time.

We publish a weekly newspaper, send out a daily email, create videos, record podcasts, publish a magazine. Why not tell the stories of those who choose Door County as the place to celebrate their love?

Door County's natural beauty sets an incredible stage for a wedding, and the people of our county know how to have fun. The combination helps create some unforgettable stories, so we put a few of them together for you. They are inside these pages.

I fell in love with Door County, on the shore of Lake Michigan, just south of Baileys Harbor, early one morning in July. We watched the sun come up. I have been in love with it ever since.

If you haven't fallen in love with Door County yet, let us know when you do. We love stories.

Thanks for reading.

David Eliot

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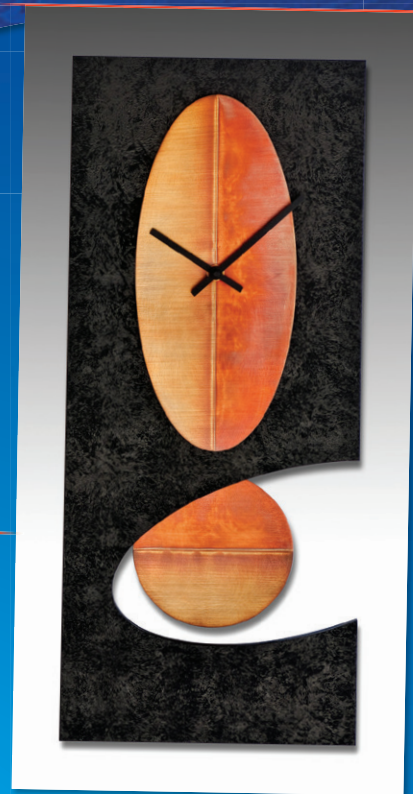
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What exactly makes Door County different?

Back to Basics

Technology is not a high priority in these seasonal villages and towns. Boon or bane, ultimately it's one of reasons why Door County is a special place to visit. The evenings are so dark and quiet — thanks to no major highways or big-city light pollution — and the Wi-Fi may or may not be Netflix friendly (if available at all). With so much to do and see and experience, we think you'll hardly notice.

Locally Run

The peninsula is known for being devoid of chain stores or tourist-trap gimmicks, and don't be surprised to find the business owner behind the counter. The small businesses that call the county home are the heart and soul of the communities and are as authentic as they come. Supporting these local establishments guarantees an uncommon and unforgettable experience.

More Time Together

During the busy summer and fall seasons, most lodging requires a two-night reservation, which most couples see as a way to find more time to catch up with friends and family, while also allowing guests to get out and do their own exploring around the peninsula. You can avoid the dreaded and all-too-common post-celebration statement of "I blinked, and it was over!"

Drivable Destination

Torn between the tropical beaches of a destination wedding and having an accessible way for all your guests to get there? Door County is an easy compromise, especially if planning from the Midwest. The endless shoreline and unique landscape formed by the Niagara Escarpment make the county the perfect place to escape for both you and your guests — minus the passports and layovers.



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Insider Tips

Planning a wedding in Door County is an incredible experience. That said, there are quirks and challenges, no matter your wedding locale, and the peninsula is no exception.

To make planning a bit easier, we've compiled a list of things to consider when getting married in Door County.



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Give extra thought to transportation ...

Cabs and ride-hailing services are hard to find in Door County, so if you've got a crew that likes to party, you'll want to secure a bus or trolley to move everyone around safely. The same goes for transporting wedding guests from your ceremony to your reception venue unless you're relying on guests to drive themselves. Check out the transportation section in the guide for trolley, limo and bus options.

... and accommodations.

The peninsula has plenty of lodging establishments, but few are big enough to accommodate large groups of people. During the summer and fall months, many places have a two- or three-night minimum, especially on the weekends. Consider building in activities or offering recommendations to make your wedding weekend a mini-vacation, suggesting several lodging options and encouraging guests to book rooms as early as possible.

Keep the peninsula's seasonality in mind.

When contacting Door County wedding vendors, there's no such thing as too early. During the winter and early spring, many local businesses take a breather from the busy season by limiting their hours or closing completely. During the busy season, these same business owners are working like crazy from early May through the end of October. Understanding these dynamics and padding your planning with some breathing room will mean less stress for you and the business you want to work with.

Be aware of other happenings.

Our peninsula has a festival or other major happening nearly every summer and fall weekend. When considering a wedding date, check the *Peninsula Pulse's* event calendar (doorcountypulse.com) for large-scale activities in the area because they could easily affect everything from traffic to event deliveries to hotel capacity. Depending on the events, you might need to build additional time into the day's itinerary to allow guests extra travel time.



The McCartneys Photography



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Look at venue requirements.

Some venues — especially churches and public places — have specific requirements for use. For instance, if you want to get married on the Northern Sky Theater’s stage in Peninsula State Park, you’ll need permission from the DNR, and you’ll have to pay a small fee. If you want to get married in a church where you’re not a member, you may need to meet with clergy or attend marital counseling.

Come prepared.

It’s a piece of advice that could apply to any wedding anywhere, but it’s especially pertinent in Door County. The nearest tux or formal-wear shop is in Algoma, and the next nearest is in Green Bay. A seamstress may be tough to find and may not be available on weekends. Having a back-up plan for clothing, hair and makeup with a person in your wedding party or a relative who can help will foster peace of mind and cause fewer headaches later.

Don’t depend on technology.

Asking guests to use GPS or Google Maps seems like a no-brainer, but depending on your cell-phone carrier and your location, you may have some issues with slow or completely absent cell-phone reception on the peninsula. To be safe, make sure you’ve provided maps and detailed directions to all of your wedding locations.

Hire locally.

Door County wedding planners and vendors have spent years forging strong relationships with each other and around the peninsula, and they’ll be able to help you navigate all of these tricky situations and more — especially if you’re planning from afar. (They probably won’t be able to help with the cell-phone reception, though.)



PATSY + CHARLIE

A Classic & Crisp Springtime Celebration at Horseshoe Bay Beach Club





Although Patsy and Charlie attended the same grade, middle and high schools in Chicago, it wasn't until many years (and many cities) later that they sparked a new connection at a friend's birthday party. After Charlie planned an early-morning engagement in their Brooklyn, New York, apartment, the pair immediately traveled to Door County to begin planning.

Patsy's family has owned a cabin in Whitefish Dunes for 70 years, and Charlie knew it was important to her to host celebrations on the peninsula. Another family treasure, the "Mushroom House" — which was originally built by Patsy's grandfather and recently restored by Patsy's mother — played host to the rehearsal dinner. Classic, red Door County Trolleys transported guests to and from weekend events, solving the issue of limited parking.

The couple included some of the important rituals of a Jewish wedding, including using a beautiful chuppah canopy and dancing the hora. Before heading to the wedding ceremony, Patsy and Charlie planned an intimate first look, followed by signing a ketubah surrounded by close family and friends. The reception was held in a soaring, white tent decorated to evoke the feeling of a springtime garden.

Spring Showers

A powerful thunderstorm made for an eventful, umbrella-filled morning, but just in time for the ceremony, the clouds cleared and the sun shone.

Fresh & Clean

Patsy paid special attention to linens, using crisp, white-and-blue designs to accent the gorgeous displays of fresh-cut spring blooms. Vintage vases that were collected or borrowed from family displayed the bright, playful bouquets.

Cherry Emblems

A vintage cherry emblem appeared throughout the wedding suite, signage and decor. Even the guests' favor totes and flower-girl dresses included a hint of Door County's famous cherries.

Big Band, Big Fun

Charlie wanted to make sure there was a lively band for the reception, and Platinum — an 11-piece show and variety band — overdelivered. It was a night full of groovy tunes and endless dancing.

Planning Advice

Plan for after-party transportation because taxi and app-based services are not yet common in the county. And don't stress about the details of your big day — the Door County community is truly special, which makes any event a success!





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KAITLIN + JOSEPH

A Sweet & Spiritual Gathering in Gills Rock



After dating across state lines and then attending school together in Virginia, Kaitlin — a Wisconsin native — and Joseph — who was raised in Tennessee — had to decide on a location for their wedding. They knew they wanted an event centered on God and family, with a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Joseph's grandfather was once a pastor in northern Door County, where his aunt, uncle and cousins now reside, and after some discussion, Bethel Baptist Church in Ellison Bay seemed like the perfect place to bring their two families together. Kaitlin planned their wedding from afar and credits local vendors for creating the experience. "We couldn't believe how perfect the day was," she said. "We were speechless. The local vendors all knew each other, making us feel closer to the community." The reception was held at a family property in Gills Rock, complete with an open-air tent, sunset over the lake and fairytale sparkler exit.



Back-to-Back Prayer

The couple didn't want to see each other before walking down the aisle, but they did want to share a pre-ceremony prayer. They accomplished this by standing back to back and holding hands for a special moment.

Local Delicacies

For the rehearsal dinner, the group gathered for a classic fish boil at nearby Rowley's Bay Resort. In lieu of cake, they enjoyed the famous half-pound pecan caramel rolls from Grandma's Swedish Bakery at the resort. (The rolls were once voted number one in the state.)

Sunset Slow Dance

Because their reception was on the western shoreline, the day concluded with a captivating sunset. The couple and their guests slow-danced as the sky lit up, making for a picture-perfect moment they will always remember.

Forever a Destination

"Door County is a great place to get married because it can forever be 'your' place. We will always have a special place to vacation and celebrate anniversaries," said Kaitlin. "Our guests also loved the getaway and having time before and after the wedding. It was a win-win for everyone!"

Pin-Free Planning

Not soon after starting to plan, Kaitlin decided to skip using Pinterest, the popular inspiration website. "Your wedding day is about you, your husband and everyone attending," she said. "Staying off Pinterest was the best decision I made. The whole process was a lot more simple and enjoyable."

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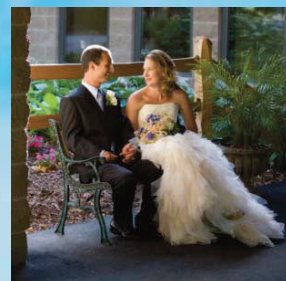
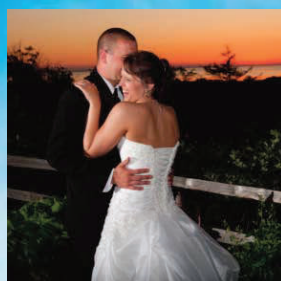
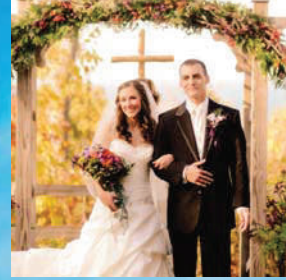


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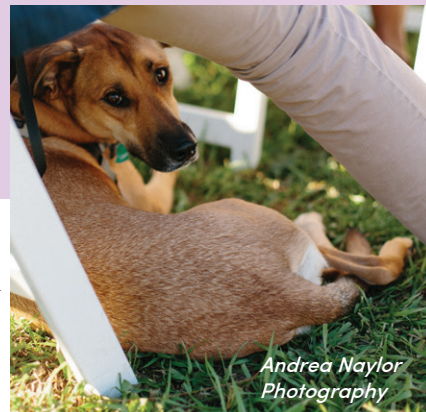


Michael Segal

Q: Outside of saying your “I do’s,” which moment was especially memorable for you?

“Feeling all the love and the blessings bestowed upon us from our loved ones, and our dog giving [us] her ‘nod of approval’ bark after we were declared husband and wife.”

- Sasha, page 72



Andrea Naylor Photography

“We knew we didn’t want to leave for photos once the fun began, so we planned to take photographs before everything else started. It gave us time alone as a couple as well as with our wedding party. We had a blast driving around Door County in a trolley blaring Britney Spears!”

- Sunil, page 66



Artemis Photography

“When I took off my Spanx, changed into my reception dress and finally sat down for some Swedish pancakes!”

- Liz, page 80



Gavyn Taylor Photography

“We really enjoyed mingling with our guests during the cocktail-and-hors-d’oeuvres hour. We felt so lucky to have so many people travel to be a part of our day, and we loved visiting and catching up with everyone during this time.”

- Melissa, page 38



Erin Jean Photography

“The speeches and dancing the hora! Just being able to celebrate with our favorite people in our favorite place.”

- Patsy, page 20



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“Waking up to a gorgeous sunrise despite anticipated rain! My cousin led family and friends in some calming yoga on the dock. That and the boat ride from the ceremony to the reception with our wedding party.”

- Karin, page 42

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OLIVIA + SAM

A Magical Black-Tie Affair at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club

When professional basketball player and former Badger Sam Dekker met ESPN reporter Olivia Harlan, it was love at first sight.

"Our friend Anna introduced us," Olivia reminisced. "She told us we had so much in common: we both had nice families and loved the Packers." Olivia laughed out loud.

"I told her she had just described everyone in Wisconsin."

The couple's first date was watching a Packers game at a dive bar in Houston, where Dekker was then playing for the Rockets. He bought the bratwursts. She supplied the bucket of Miller Lites. They were engaged eight months later and

wed last July at the Horseshoe Bay Golf Club in Egg Harbor.

The couple chose Door County because of their deep Wisconsin roots. Sam is a native of Sheboygan. Olivia's family has had a home in Door County her whole life, so it's where she'd spent each summer.



"It is so gorgeous [in Door County], and the people are so welcoming and nice. You cannot find a more beautiful location," Olivia said.

Their wedding, situated on a bluff overlooking the bay of Green Bay, was a scene of classic elegance in shades of black, white and cream.

The ceremony and reception were both held in a sky-high white tent accented with greenery, thousands of white roses, a checkered floor and dramatic crystal chandeliers. Throughout the magical evening, the tent was transformed from a bright ceremony space to a fun-filled reception hall with high-top tables, antique furniture and adjusted lighting to help usher

in the dance party. Professional cigar rollers and a sparkler exit for the newlyweds kept the day from getting too serious.

"We wanted [our wedding] to be elegant and formal, but not stiff," Olivia said. "We are young and have a lot of young friends, so we still wanted it to be carefree and fun!"





Family Firsts

One of the real highlights of the couple's day was sharing a first look with their immediate families and then with each other. "I highly recommend doing that," Olivia said. "It's such an emotional and exciting time to share with your parents and siblings."

Black-Tie Attire

Olivia wore a custom Sarah Nouri gown and an elaborate Maria Elena headpiece. On her feet were lace, peep-toe booties by Bella Bella. Sam wore a custom ivory Balani tux with a velvet bow tie.

Thoughtful Touches

The couple surprised each other with thoughtful gifts. The night before the wedding, Sam gave Olivia diamond earrings that she wore on their wedding day. Her gift to him was a watch engraved with their wedding date and the words, "More today than yesterday, more tomorrow than today."

Family History

Dr. Rev. Glen Miles, Olivia's childhood pastor, was the couple's officiant. Though Sam and Olivia didn't get married in a church, they spent some special moments in prayer with Rev. Miles after their first look and before their ceremony.

Fireworks

From the beginning of their wedding planning, the couple knew they both wanted "a great band, an open bar and fireworks!" At the end of the evening, as the sun was setting, the group witnessed a spectacular fireworks display over the waters of Lake Michigan.





OLIVIA + SAM

VENDORS

PLANNER: *Door County Event Planners*

PHOTOGRAPHER: *Paper Antler*

VIDEOGRAPHER: *One Fine Day*

CEREMONY AND RECEPTION VENUE:
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ADDITIONAL DECOR: *Vintage Rentals Relics,
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BAND: *Platinum*

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Melissa and Josh, both registered nurses, met while working at a hospital where they also shared a similar circle of friends. Their nights of socializing in a group eventually turned into date nights for just the two of them. "We found a best friend and the greatest love in each other, and we've been inseparable since,"

Melissa said. Josh has childhood ties to Door County, and the pair shares fond memories of exploring the peninsula together, which made it an easy choice for their wedding location. Planning with a specific vision in mind, the couple chose the Donald and Carol Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor to host their somewhat



unconventional event. Forgoing a traditional ceremony and formal, sit-down dinner, they created a casual atmosphere complete with stunning views, lawn games and danceable music. The couple was glad to have the extra time to mingle with the many guests who traveled to be in attendance. "We wanted to share our love for Door County with our guests and create a memorable wedding experience," Melissa said. "It's such a uniquely beautiful place full of fun adventures and eclectic food and dining."

Filling Up on Finger Foods

The couple wanted to keep the conversation and fun flowing post-ceremony, opting for a more informal take on dinner by serving heavy hors d'oeuvres from Renard's Catering and late-night pizza slices from Wild Tomato Wood-fired Pizza & Grille.

Bayside Blues

The navy and light-blue color theme of the wedding seemed to predict the clear, blue-sky day and calm waters of Egg Harbor. The couple's first look at the marina took advantage of the idyllic, springtime weather and captured the romance of the moment.

Baked with Love

Josh's godparents baked cherry, berry and rhubarb pies in place of a traditional cake to add some sweet, springtime flavors and a personal touch. According to Melissa, "They are seriously the best pies ever!"

Planning Advice

Don't be afraid to shop around to meet your expectations and budget. At the end of the day, it is about you as a couple, and your selections and details should reflect that.

VENDORS

PHOTOGRAPHER: *Gavyn Taylor Photography*

RECEPTION VENUE: *Donald and Carol Kress Pavilion*

CATERING: *Renard's Catering,
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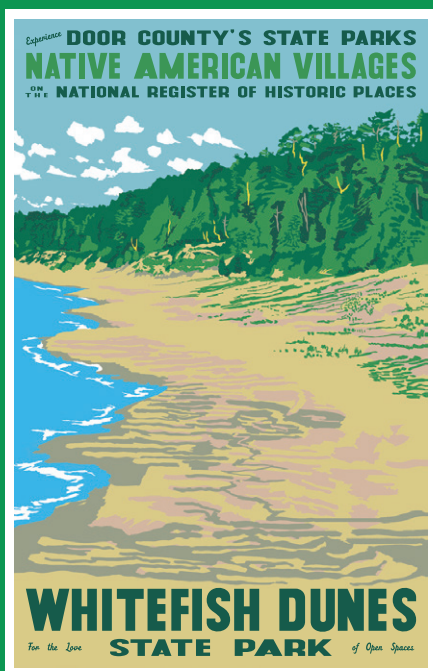
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The couple knew they wanted to incorporate water into the wedding, so they decided to use a family-owned waterfront property for the ceremony, with the reception held at the Sister Bay beach. Simon, a musician, had a surprise in store: mid-vows, he serenaded Karin with his rendition of “Growing Old with You” from the movie *The Wedding Singer*.

Post-ceremony, the newlyweds and their wedding party took a boat cruise to the reception, where the grassy lawn and tent were decorated with many items borrowed from family members: vintage candlesticks, tables, a rowboat filled with bottles of champagne, and – for the seating chart – rocks from Simon’s mother’s Gills Rock home on which guests’ names were written.

Four-Legged Friendly

Clyde, the couple’s Bernese mountain dog, is credited with an assist during Simon’s proposal, so they set up a planned visit during the celebration for a moment of puppy love.

Team Cream

Door County Creamery — a local goat farm and cheesemaking company — provided the rehearsal-dinner catering and an adorable baby goat for cocktail-hour cuteness.

Swedish Touches

“My mother is from Sweden, so it was important for us to include her heritage,” said Karin. “I wore a flower crown, incorporated Swedish desserts from Al Johnson’s, and our favor was Swedish lingonberries.”

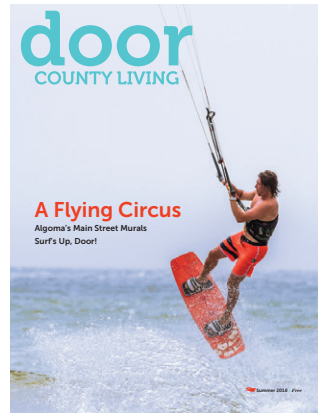
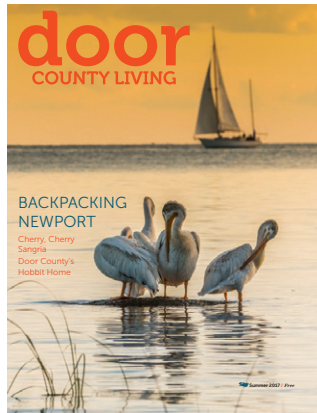
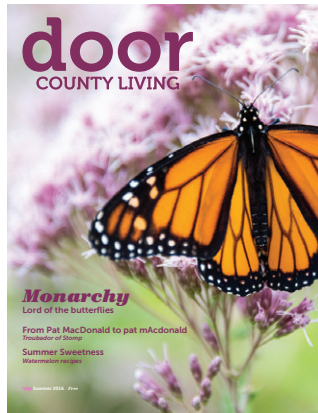
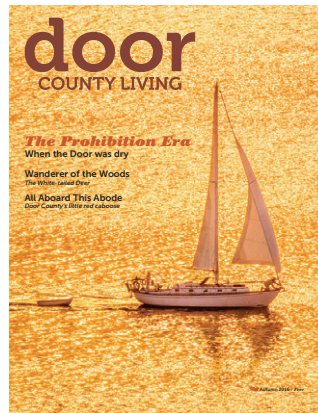
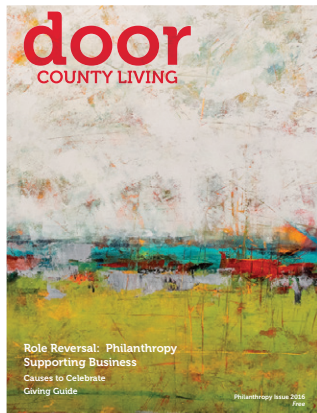
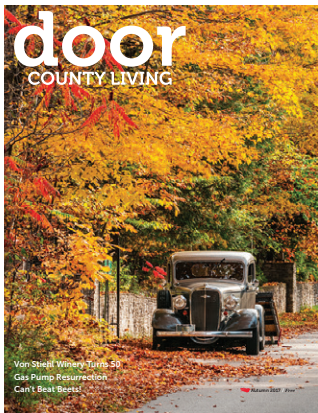
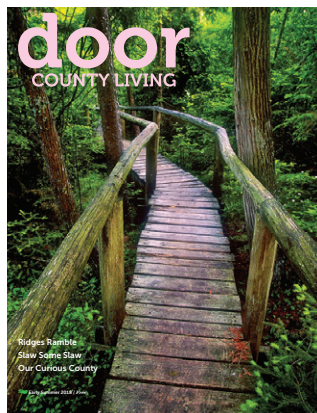
Whiskey Barrels

As a nod to Simon’s birthplace, Kentucky, the family purchased aging barrels from Four Roses Distillery to use for the bar setup and decor.

Planning Advice

Venues book up fast! I recommend getting the big things booked ASAP. That way, you can relax and have fun with the small details and decor. Also, be aware of the two-night minimum at most lodging locations, and plan to give guests a good idea of what else there is to do in the area while they are visiting.





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KARIN + SIMON

VENDORS

PLANNER: *Door County Event Planners*

PHOTOGRAPHER: *Erin Jean Photography*

RECEPTION VENUE: *Sister Bay Beach*

CATERING: *Thyme Cuisine & Catering*

FLORIST: *Flora Special Occasion Flowers*

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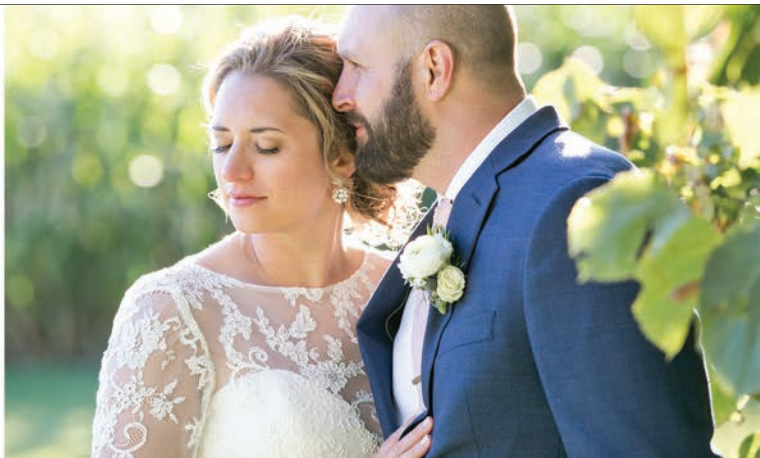
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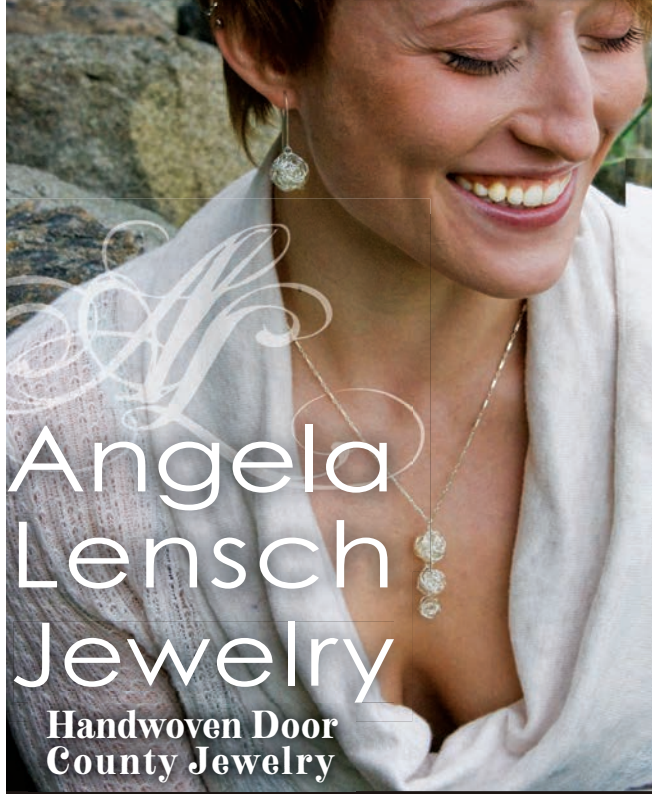
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This 35-square-mile island is the largest and offers an unmatched sense of tranquility. You'll find fields of lavender, historic chapels, plenty of green space and one of the most beautiful beaches in the county. Although transportation over the waters of Death's Door — the once-treacherous stretch of Lake Michigan between the island and Gills Rock — adds a logistical hurdle, many couples have chosen Washington Island as their wedding destination.

To access the island, cars and foot passengers may take a daily ferry from (and back to) Gills Rock, a small village at the very northern tip of the peninsula. Although the Washington Island community is indeed year-round, its amenities are inherently and understandably limited. The community has one grocer, a few lodging options and several beloved dining mainstays offering coffee, good food, fish boils and shots of bitters.



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Three Pieces of Advice from Island Bride Jennelle (Swan) Mleziva

When Jennelle and her husband, John, held their wedding ceremony in a beautiful field on the island in 2013, it was a full-on community effort: Family, friends and islanders all pitched in. With her mother cooking all the food, her father building custom decor, her uncle providing special vintage transportation and islanders helping with hair styling, flowers, pies and corralling guests, the community came together to help her vision become a reality. Having a deep family connection to the island, she knows what a special place it is and has some great advice for those who are considering it as a wedding venue.

Get to Know the Community

The island is a small, tight-knit community that is eager to lend a helping hand, meaning that you're likely to find most of your planning information simply by talking to residents. "My biggest piece of advice is to spend time getting to know the people," Jennelle said. "It sounds kind of strange, but that's how you get to know the little insights and secrets of the island."

Get a cup of coffee at the Red Cup or fish boil at K.K. Fiske, and introduce yourself to the locals." There's often an on-island option for event services that you'll learn about during these conversations, which reduces the need to transport things from the "mainland."

Consider the Transportation Logistics

Getting there involves a ferry ride — an added expense for guests — and it means ensuring the ferry schedule aligns with getting everyone on and off the island at the right times. In addition, cell-phone reception and GPS are often unreliable, requiring a good plan for signal-less emergency situations. Planning thoroughly for the ferry and the island's communication challenges — and articulating these plans to attendees — is a necessary layer of logistics.

Know the Lodging Limitations

Similar to the rest of Door County, finding lodging for larger groups is a challenge that requires planning well in advance, especially during the busy summer season.



Jennelle recommends considering the island's campground for a low-cost option (rustic cabins are available) and finding resort-style options that have shared common areas. "Cedar Lodge and Gibson's give you more of that family-reunion feel, with the different little cabins and shared areas," she said. A comprehensive listing of all island rentals, resorts, cottages and hotels is at WashingtonIsland.com/Accommodations.



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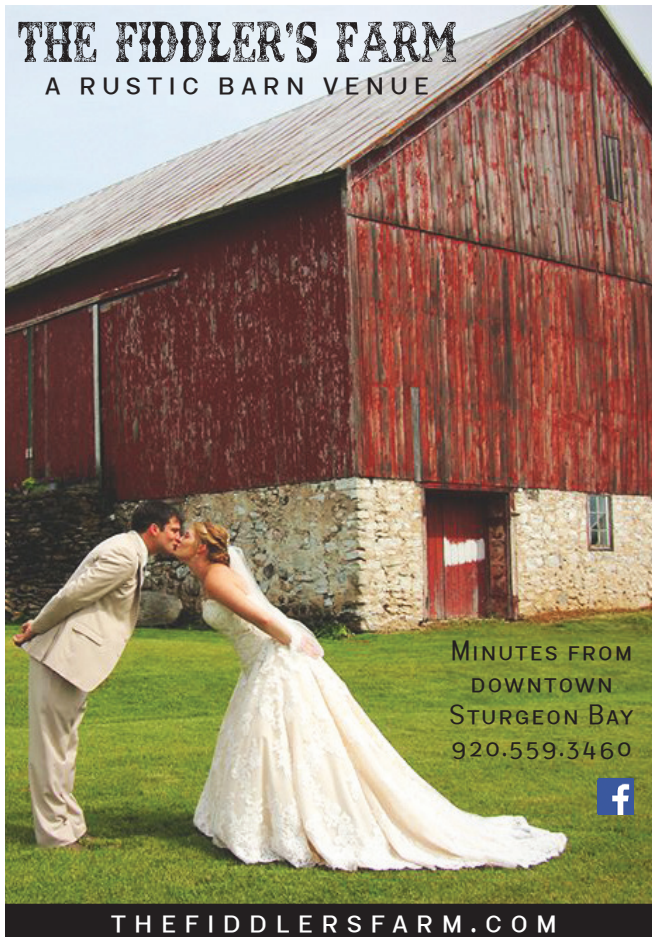


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Timeless Lakeside Love at Gordon Lodge





Megan had just relocated to Chicago from Minneapolis when her visiting friends encouraged her to meet new people in the area — starting with the handsome man at the bar where they were. She eventually introduced herself to Louis, who was earning his paramedic degree. A month had passed when they crossed paths in Wicker Park and realized they were practically neighbors. “I guess you can say it was a bit of fate that brought us together,” Megan said.

After a Christmas engagement, they wanted to get married within the year. Luckily, a cancellation at Gordon Lodge allowed the couple to book a date nine months away, in late September. Their rustic and romantic vision came to life on an unseasonably warm, fall day, which was capped off with a campfire and after-party at the resort’s bar, Top Deck. “Door County is a great getaway for a weekend and a special place for us,” Megan said. “We loved that our guests could be on site together and enjoy the beauty of Lake Michigan without going too far.”





Cottage Engagement

Megan's family cabin is on the inland Clark Lake in Door County, which is where the couple was spending their Christmas when Louis popped the question. "He wrapped the ring in a box within a box with weights to avoid being obvious," Megan said. "Needless to say, I was quite surprised — yet a bit suspicious — when opening!"

Planning Simplified

By working with Door County Event Planners and Gordon Lodge, event planning went smoothly. "We are very decisive and knew what we were looking for, so that made our process pretty easy!" Megan said. All events took place at the resort, which also made it easy for guests to navigate.

Nautical & Woodsy

The couple embraced the natural surroundings of the peninsula and used rustic, yet modern elements to create a romantic and autumnal vibe. Lots of greenery, dark florals and candles rounded out the mood.

Cozy Touches

Although the fall weather was fantastic and warmer than usual, guests were offered blankets to take to their seats during the outdoor ceremony in case of cooler conditions.

Planning Advice

Don't overcomplicate things, and go with your gut. Plan ahead if you're doing anything DIY!





MEGAN + LOUIS

VENDORS

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Door County Event Planners

PHOTOGRAPHER:

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CATERING: *Gordon Lodge*

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GAAR + SUNIL

A Refined, International Rendezvous at About Thyme Farm



Gaar and Sunil's love story spans the globe. After a serendipitous meeting at a concert in their home city of Abu Dhabi, Sunil surprised Gaar with an elaborate sunset sailing proposal in the Sydney Harbour. The couple settled on Door County for their special day because of Gaar's childhood connection to this special part of the world — his grandparents own a cottage on Riley's Bay — and its idyllic scenery.

About Thyme Farm in Baileys Harbor provided everything the couple needed for their "refined, rustic and queer as hell" wedding celebration. Their ceremony, officiated by a dear friend, overlooked a sunny cornfield where the couple exchanged vows in front of a beautiful arch made by Gaar's father. Cocktail hour sprawled across the lawn and featured an array of Wisconsin, Australian and Middle Eastern beer, wine, cocktails and appetizers, incorporating the tastes of their travels. The theme of international cuisine continued inside the farm's historic barn, where an elegant dinner was served atop wooden tables sprinkled with dried lavender. Cherry pies from Koepsel's Farm Market — plus lamingtons, pavlovas and assorted pastries from the couple's favorite Syrian bakery in Abu Dhabi — ended the formal affair before the dance floor burst to life with a meticulously curated playlist crafted by the couple.

A Global Destination Wedding

With roots in Australia and the Middle East, Sunil and Gaar knew this would be the first time stateside for many of their guests. They took their responsibility as hosts seriously by planning several days' worth of opt-in group activities in Door County before and after the wedding, including a sunset fish boil at the Old Post Office and a day trip to the Cana Island lighthouse.

Playing Tour Guide

"We loved showing off Door County to the people we love, but it did feel like a responsibility," Gaar said. "We knew we'd be asked all the questions — Where's the best brunch? How do I get from A to B? — so instead of fielding all the questions, we planned an extremely detailed, robust wedding website for guests to reference."

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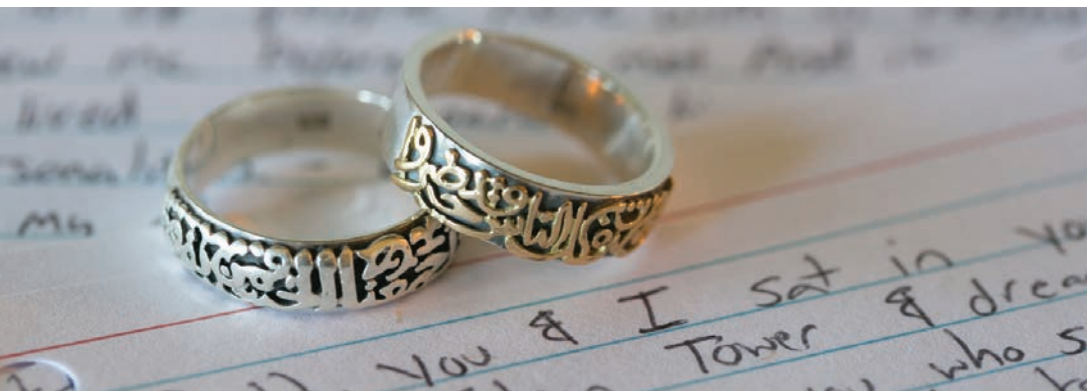
Planning a wedding from the UAE has some perks, such as access to world-class tailors. Gaar worked with an amazing fashion designer from Côte d'Ivoire to design an outfit that evoked another era (think Prince meets 19th-century British cavalry officer), while Sunil aimed for a turn-of-the-century gentleman using fabric from India.

Breaking with Tradition

"As an LGBTQ couple, we perhaps had a bit more luxury in not having pressure to do things a certain way," Sunil said. The couple questioned traditions that are needlessly gendered by pairing their wedding party in same-sex couples and asking Gaar's niece to be the ring girl and Sunil's nephew to be the flower boy.

Planning Advice

Ask for advice and opinions! We were obviously not the first gay couple to get married, let alone the first couple. Hearing from others what worked and what didn't work for them was a good exercise, even if they had a different perspective or aesthetic.





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PHOTOGRAPHER: *Michael Segal Photography*

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CATERING: *Thyme Cuisine & Catering*

FLORIST: *Flora Special Occasion Flowers*

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According to an unofficial *Door County Living* poll, the primary goal for couples planning a wedding is to create a memorable event for their guests. One bride-to-be went so far as to say, “Honestly, I couldn’t care less about whether I have a good time. Seeing my parents, siblings, other family and all of our friends having a great time is the most important thing to me.”

Selfless comments aside, it’s one thing to want your guests to have the best time, but it’s another thing to make sure it happens. Here are a few small ways to ensure your guests have an unforgettable time at your Door County wedding.

Turn your wedding into a vacation.

As we’ve talked about elsewhere in this guide, Door County’s reputation as a tourism destination means that many lodging properties have two- and three-night minimums during the summer and fall months. The easiest way to get around this is to set your guests’ expectations appropriately right away by encouraging them to make a long weekend (or more!) out of the wedding experience. There’s more than enough happening on the peninsula to keep just about anyone busy, and they’ll get some time to enjoy a place that’s special to you.

Plan a few things, but give guests plenty of free time.

If you have friends and family heading to Door County for several days, you might be tempted — or even feel obligated — to have plans made for them the second they hit the county line. One groom said, “We planned two events in addition to our actual wedding: a casual get-together at a bar the evening before the wedding, and a buffet brunch the day after. This gave people time to explore Door County, and it made for a very chill experience for everyone.”

Give suggestions for activities on your website, or include them in your wedding invitations.

Having a short list of things you love to do in Door County on your wedding website or as an insert with your wedding invitations can go a long way, especially with guests who have never visited the peninsula. If you have a story about why you love a particular restaurant or hiking trail, include it. It helps people make the connection about why you love this place so much.

It's also a good idea to add links to your site (the Door County Visitor Bureau website comes to mind) so that guests can get more information before they arrive. Also encourage guests to pick up a copy of the *Peninsula Pulse* when they arrive in the county because it will have the most up-to-date listings for events, festival calendars and live music.

Make it easy for them.

It sounds obvious, but the best way to ensure guests have a great time is to remove challenges for them. If your wedding venue is on uneven footing — on a beach or in a forest — let guests know that high heels probably aren't the best idea. If your ceremony will be held outside and the weather could be chilly, suggest wearing extra layers. If you have a lot of out-of-town guests, have directions to venues ready for them, and designate a person they can call if they have any questions. Arrange transportation so there's nothing for them to worry about. If it makes sense, prepare guest bags that include water and snacks so they don't have to worry about finding a gas station or grocery store. Most of the time, it's not about the food, or the music, or the favors they take home — it's about a seamless, stress-free experience.



Gavyn Taylor Photography

Add some simple interactive details to the event.

Put some thought into simple activities during the event can add more fun for guests, such as a 'grammable photo station or photo booth, a table with entertainment options for the younger kids, a variety of lawn games or simply offering various areas to gather so those who don't want to dance all night can still have a space to socialize or relax. Thoughtful touches such as s'mores kits and take-home can koozies are small, but memorable touches that are unexpected treats.

Send them home with something local.

If you're giving out wedding favors, think about things that have ties to Door County. Because we're known for our cherry crop, you can never go wrong with something cherry-related: small jars of cherry jam, chocolate-covered cherries or cherry bounce. Couples we know have sent guests home with miniature containers of Door County maple syrup from Jorns' Sugar Bush, handmade Door County Love Artisan Granola, chocolate truffles from DC Chocolate Design and peanut brittle from Uncle Tom's in Ellison Bay.



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SASHA + PHILLIP

A Sunny & Soulful Ceremony at Woodwalk Gallery



From the moment Sasha and Phillip got engaged at the Sears Tower in their home city of Chicago, they knew they wanted their wedding to be a seriously soulful and fun celebration. The couple decided to exchange vows in Door County because of its relaxed vibes. Beginning with an intimate, grassroots ceremony, guests went from crying happy tears to reveling in a playful cocktail hour featuring the live music of Mike Ammons & The Water Street Hot Shots. It wasn't long before Sasha and her bridal party were joyously dancing barefoot in the grass. A dinner of delicious paella served family style led into heartfelt speeches peppered with lots of laughter. The day ended in the barn at Woodwalk Gallery, where Sasha and Phillip kicked off the reception with a Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash duet before handing over the reins to their friend, a DJ, who kept everyone dancing late into the night. "We loved getting married in Door County!" Sasha said. "For a quaint little peninsula, there is so much soul. It's such a sweet and intimate place, with so many talented and kind people."

Peanut Butter Jelly Time

The groom absolutely loves PB&J, so the couple's cake mimicked these flavors: FlourGirl Patisserie baked a red-velvet cake with raspberry jam and peanut-butter buttercream.

A Floral Affair

From a floral bridal crown to the pergola and custom "sheafs" of blooms guests enjoyed as they entered the ceremony space, Sasha worked closely with Blossoms Flower House to make her floral visions a reality.

One Part of a Whole

Sasha and Phillip approached their wedding as "a celebration of two souls, two families, many communities." The couple worked meticulously with a close friend to create a custom ceremony that involved guests, finding inspiration through reading poetry, researching Native American ceremonies and studying mindfulness practices.

Planning Advice

Take advantage of the beautiful land and water, and don't let planning become a stressor. If you find yourself stressing over something, drop it for a while and find something fun to do instead!





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CAKE: *FlourGirl Patisserie*

FLORIST: *Blossoms Flower House*

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Bachelor & Bachelorette

DOOR COUNTY STYLE

How's this for a bold statement: *Door County is the best place to have a bachelor and/or bachelorette party.*

The reason is simple: There's a ton of fun stuff to do. Whether your group is looking for nightlife, a low-key celebration or something in between, we've rounded up our best ideas to make a Door County getaway with your best buds a blast.

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Take to the Lake

No journey to Door County is complete without some time on the water. Rent a pontoon boat or jet-skis out of Ephraim or Sister Bay, load up some food and drinks, and bounce around the harbors of Northern Door. If you're looking for something a bit more calm, there are plenty of places to rent paddle boats, paddleboards, canoes and kayaks. Or, you can leave the driving and locomotion to someone else entirely by booking your crew on the *Nora Door*, the giant party vessel that docks at the Sister Bay marina. Prefer to admire the water from dry land? Take your pick from the nearly 30 beaches that dot the peninsula's shoreline.

Hit the Links

If your gang loves to golf, you're in the right place. Door County is home to no fewer than nine golf courses, so a challenge awaits every level of player. From the accessible nine at Stonehedge to the immaculate fairways of Horseshoe Bay, you're never more than a short drive from a tee box. If you're afraid your squad just might do some damage on the big course, you can compete on a smaller scale at the mini-golf courses in Sister Bay and Ephraim. The competition can be just as intense and fun for a lot less money.

Piggyback on an Event or Festival

Festival weekends promise loads of fun and many combinations of great food, live music, games, special drinks and opportunities to socialize and exercise your right to party. Some bachelor and bachelorette favorites include Fyr Bal in Ephraim, Uncork Summer in Ellison Bay, Door County Beer Fest in Baileys Harbor, Door County Wine Fest in Sturgeon Bay, Pumpkin Patch in Egg Harbor and Fall Fest in Sister Bay. If your group is up for combining fun with fitness, the Door County Half Marathon and Fall 50 run make running a social sport.

Keep It Low Key

Take the crew to any of the boutique yoga studios on the peninsula: Ironwood in Sister Bay, Junction Center Yoga in Egg Harbor or Door County Yoga in Sturgeon Bay, to name a few. If a classic spa day is part of the plan, try the Lavender Spa in Fish Creek, Spa at Sacred Grounds in Ephraim, Spa Verde in Egg Harbor or Saguaro Day Spa in Sturgeon Bay.

Or, do what thousands do in Door County every summer: take advantage of the peninsula's five state parks or 19 county parks. You'll find group camping sites at Peninsula or Potawatomi State Parks, or take it to the back country at Newport State Park near Ellison Bay, where all sites are accessible by foot only. Go even more off the grid by hopping a couple of ferries to Rock Island State Park, the most remote camping in the area. Wherever you roam, you'll find miles of hiking and biking trails with fantastic views.



Brewery Tour

If your crew loves a hoppy IPA or a locally crafted pilsner, take a tour of one of the peninsula's growing number of craft breweries. Egg Harbor is home to the Shipwrecked and One Barrel Brewing Company taprooms. While you're in the neighborhood, try a craft cocktail at Hatch Distilling Company down the street.

Farther south, you'll find Starboard Brewing's nano-brewery on 3rd Avenue in Sturgeon Bay and the new Bridge Up Brewing Company at Sonny's on the city's west side. End your sampling tour with a two-for-one stop in Baileys Harbor, where Hacienda Brewing Company is located in the Door County Brewing Co. Taproom and Music Hall — home to great live music all year long on weekends.

Immerse Yourself in the Arts

Take an instructed class at the Peninsula School of Art in Fish Creek or DIY your own creative project at Reclaimed Workshop, Clink Craft Studio, Hands On Art or Stone Silo Studio. Take in a performance by any of our awesome theater troupes, or hear live music at one of our many performing-arts venues. Check the schedules for the free, outdoor community concerts that take place almost every night of the week during the summer months. Interested in visual art and meeting local artists? Pick up a Door County Arts Map to create your own arts crawl.

Night Life

The sophistication of the Door County food scene has been turned up several notches during the last decade, with innovative chefs and master mixologists crafting a new wave of cuisine. Warm up with creative cocktails, a classic Wisconsin old fashioned or an award-winning wine list. Then take your pick of steakhouses, retro supper clubs, gastropubs and fine dining. If your group favors pub grub, that's always on offer, too.

And though you won't find a club scene here, you will find plenty of places to party when the sun goes down. Let loose at local taverns and bars, or crawl through the beer gardens of Sister Bay, where live music rolls through the street almost every night of the summer.

Do Something Unconventional

Take in a double feature at the Skyway Drive-In, one of the last drive-in movie theaters in the state. Take a ferry ride to Washington Island to explore all that it has to offer. (See our island-wedding article on page 56.) Pet all the animals at The Farm in Sturgeon Bay or Plum Loco Animal Farm in Egg Harbor. Ride horseback through the forest at Kurtz Corral, or learn about farming and hold baby goats during one of Door County Creamery's farm tours. (Can your friends say they held baby goats at their parties? Probably not.) Revel in a farm-to-table dinner with locally sourced ingredients courtesy of Door County Underground, or flex your culinary muscles at the Savory Spoon Cooking School in Ellison Bay.

Enjoy the Off-Season

Planning your party for winter? Spend the day cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or sledding on Hill 17 in Fish Creek's Peninsula State Park before heading to the Bayside for a Bayside Coffee (sparks will fly) and a big bowl of chili. Another option is the Fish Creek Winter Festival, typically held the first weekend in February. It's a must-do off-season experience that offers quirky games, live music, food and beverages under a big tent and fireworks over the ice. The following weekend, play in or watch the Door County Pond Hockey Tournament, a high-energy event that brings more than 50 hockey teams to the inland Kangaroo Lake.



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A Fresh Take on Traditions

As the world and the wedding industry evolve, so do the tastes and preferences of modern couples. It can be a delicate balancing act to navigate which traditions you choose to carry on in your wedding celebration and which you forgo or tweak. Here are some alternatives for modern couples to consider.

To Veil or Not to Veil



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Bejeweled hair accessories, floral crowns, capes and removable trains are other ways to add that extra flair.

Pre-Ceremony Separation



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If you want to avoid the scrambling, use the items as prizes for the winning couple of the “how many years married” dance. Or, simply broaden the fun by making the catching coed (anyone may line up to catch either object), or invite singles and those who are already attached to make the catch.

Clinking Glasses



To involve guests and reduce frequently clinking glassware, ask guests to complete a task before requesting the kiss. For example, they must sing a love song, model a kiss for the couple to mimic or share a piece of marriage advice.

Adding a Wedding Band



Whether as a personal preference or cost-saving measure, reusing the engagement ring during the ceremony's ring exchange is increasingly common.

A Formal Dinner



Rather than tying people to their seats for the duration of a dinner, some modern couples are opting to serve a rotation of meal-equivalent hors d'oeuvres. This allows the mingling and conversations to continue and can save on cost and time.

LIZ + KRIS

Ethereal Bohemian
Nuptials at Björklunden



By the time Liz and Kris met at the altar, they had been together for 12 years. During that time, the pair had made the trip from Phoenix to Kris' family cabin near Baileys Harbor multiple times a year. On one such visit, Kris popped the question at the same place where they would eventually get married: Björklunden's Boynton Chapel, designed after a 12th-century Norwegian church. Planning out of state was a challenge, but Door County has distinctive elements that also made certain things easy. "It's so naturally beautiful, you hardly need to accent your event space," Liz said. They focused on creating a natural, earthy feel by using wooden tables, log seats and lots of greenery. Navigating logistics for travel proved to be the largest challenge, but family and local vendors assisted with other important details. "Door County is a small space brimming with so many talented people, you'd be hard pressed to find that kind of magic in a major metropolitan area," Liz said.

Lush Forest Vibes

Being desert dwellers, Liz and Kris have always been drawn to the lush, mossy forests of Door County, which become even more vibrant in the fall, making it the perfect time of year to tie the knot in the place they loved most.

Mood Boards

"Kris and I have a lot in common, so pulling together a collective vision was easy," Liz said. They pulled inspiration from their lives — favorite films, music, 1970's fashion and Tolkien books — and created mood boards on Pinterest to guide their vision.

Small and Sentimental

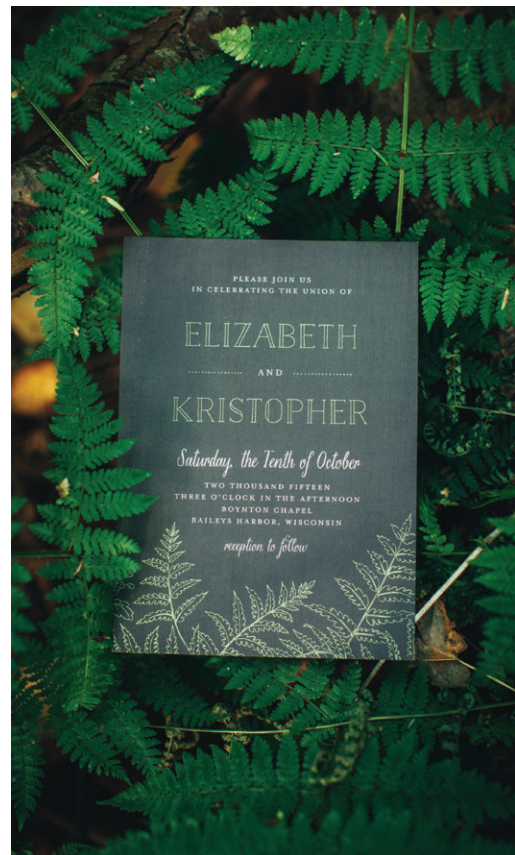
The couple kept their wedding small to ensure that they could spend their time with the most important people (and Pomeranian) in their lives. "My bridesmaids were my sister and her wife; Kris' uncle officiated; and that was basically the whole wedding party! At the end of the day, we wanted the day to be about us, [and] not be a big blowout party."

Double the Dresses

Liz wore a custom-fitted gown for the ceremony and changed into a loose-fitting Free People dress for the second half of the celebration for better ease of movement and more comfort during the celebration feast!

Planning Advice

Don't let anyone push their agenda on you. Plan your wedding to celebrate your love, not create the party of the year. It goes by so fast, even when it's a tiny one like mine! Which is also why your photographer is so important: Hire one you love so you can relive it over and over.





LIZ + KRIS

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