

A bride and groom are standing in a golden field with rolling hills in the background. The groom is on the left, wearing a dark suit and a light pink tie. The bride is on the right, wearing a white strapless wedding dress with a long train and a white veil. They are holding hands and looking towards the camera. The background consists of rolling hills under a clear sky.

Just Married

Three couples, three outdoor settings, and three beautifully intimate weddings.

By Laura Samuel Meyn



They each felt drawn to a particular outdoor location in (or near) the 805. They each had fewer than 85 guests. And they each tapped into their personal know-how, the talents of their families and friends, and the expertise of vendors near and far to create beautiful and unique celebrations. Turn the page to see how three different couples' personal styles played out in weddings that shared the same basic premise but brought forth one-of-a-kind results.

Cathleen and Eric's special day took place at Figueroa Mountain Farmhouse near Los Olivos.



CATHLEEN & ERIC

FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN FARMHOUSE

Photographs by Jose Villa

Cathleen, from Texas, and Eric, from California, wanted to be married outside, and somewhere that felt like home to both of them. When they drove onto the property of Figueroa Mountain Farmhouse near Los Olivos—even though it was raining—they knew they had found the perfect spot. Wedding planner Rebecca Stone of Duet Weddings immediately connected with the couple, carrying out their vision of a family celebration that was intimate (80 guests) and personal (they wrote their own vows and did not share them until the ceremony), balancing understated elegance with casual comfort.

“One detail I loved was the way that we incorporated cherries into the decor. It was the very height of cherry season, and they were so gorgeous and abundant and delicious,” says Stone. “Another detail: I loved using hay bales as seating. Fitting for the farmhouse setting, and such a fun alternative to chairs, especially when covered in mismatched fabrics and quilts.”

Cathleen and Eric adapted the typical wedding lineup to reflect their own lives more closely: Instead of bridesmaids and groomsmen, they each had their sisters by their sides. Cathleen skipped the hairdresser in favor of help from her friends. And a special sweet ending made it even more personal: pecan pies, flown in from Texas.



CATHLEEN & ERIC'S WEDDING RESOURCES

WEDDING PLANNER AND EVENT DESIGN

Rebecca Stone, Duet Weddings
(duet-weddings.com)

WEDDING LOCATION

Figueroa Mountain Farmhouse
(figueroamountainfarmhouse.com)

PHOTOGRAPHER

Jose Villa (josevillaphoto.com)

BAND

Salt Martians Bluegrass Band
(saltmartians.com)

DJ

Tony Liebetrau, Red Shoe
Productions (redshoela.com)

FLORAL DESIGN

Juniper Designs (juniperfloraldesigns.com)

TABLETOP CALLIGRAPHY

Bianca Mascorro, Little Miss Press
(littlemisspress.com)

WEDDING CAKE

Decadence (decadenceweddingcakes.com)

PECAN PIES

Goode Co. (goodecompany.com)

CATERER

Santa Barbara Barbeque Gourmet
Catering (sbbgcg.com)

RENTALS

Classic Party Rentals
(classicpartyrentals.com)

LIGHTING

Bella Vista (bellavistadesigns.com)

WEDDING DRESS DESIGNER

Modern Trousseau
(moderntrousseau.com)

BRIDE'S SHOES

Christian Louboutin
(christianlouboutin.com)

GROOMSWEAR DESIGNER

Brooks Brothers (brooksbrothers.com)

HAIRSTYLIST

bride's friends

ENGAGEMENT RING AND WEDDING BANDS

Single Stone (singlestone.com)

TRANSPORTATION

Roadrunner Shuttle &
Limousine (rrshuttle.com)







KIRSTY & DON

HUMMINGBIRD NEST, SANTA SUSANA

Photographs by Elizabeth Messina

Following their Valentine's Day engagement, Kirsty and Don wanted to plan a wedding weekend in a relaxed setting to make the experience stress-free for their families and friends, many traveling from across the country and abroad. Hummingbird Nest in Santa Susana, with enough guesthouses to accommodate most of their 60 guests, proved to be the perfect spot to take over for the weekend.

Influenced by Kirsty's English roots and childhood in Holland, fanciful touches were present in a number of details, many of them contributed by family. Butterfly cookies (made by her aunt and two uncles) paid homage to Kirsty's lifelong connection with butterflies, which also showed up on the end of handmade swizzle sticks that her father created to serve with Pimm's Cup, an English cocktail. Kirsty and her mother also made Victorian paper cones to hold rose petals. "Our parents were a pillar of support," says Kirsty. "Without them we could not have created such a magical wedding."

The setting, with its sprawling lawns and mountain backdrop, lent its own magic to the rehearsal dinner, ceremony, reception—and beyond. "We watched the sunrise from the massive boulders the morning after our wedding," says Kirsty. "We stayed up all night like kids, hoping it wouldn't end."

KIRSTY & DON'S WEDDING RESOURCES

INVITATION ARTWORK

commissioned original drawing
by Ukrainian artist Denis
Chernov (chernov-art.com)

INVITATION PRINTING

Mimio (mimiopapers.com)

EVENT LOCATION

Hummingbird Nest
(hummingbirdnestranch.com)

WEDDING COORDINATOR

Jaimie Hastings, Churchill House
VIP Events (churchill-intl.com)

OFFICIANT

Kate Mrgudic, Next Steps Life
Coaching (katemrgudic.com)

PHOTOGRAPHER

Elizabeth Messina
(elizabethmessina.com)

STRING TRIO

Strings by Reiko (stringsbyreiko.com)

DJ

Nahchey Storer, Hey Mister DJ
(heymisterdj.com)

FLORAL DESIGN

Hoot & Heart Co. (hootandheart.com)

WEDDING CAKE

NancyKay's Confections
(nkconfections.com)

CAKE TOPPER

Fancy Flours (fancyflours.com)

CATERER

Someone's in the Kitchen (sitk.com)

RENTALS

A Rental Connection
(arentalconnection.com)

WEDDING DRESS DESIGNER

Melissa Sweet (priscillaofboston.com)

BRIDE'S SHOES

Pour La Victoire (zappos.com)

BRIDE'S EARRINGS

MMM Jewelry & Design
(mmmjewelry.com)

BRIDESMAID DRESS DESIGNER

BCBGMax Azria (bcbg.com)

HAIRSTYLIST

Natalie Joseph (luxelab.com)

MAKEUP ARTIST

Veronica Lane (veronicalane.com)

ENGAGEMENT RING

23rd St. Jewelers (23rdstreetjewelers.com)



LYNNETTE & JAMES

CHATEAU LE DOME AT SADDLEROCK RANCH

Photographs by Joy Harmon Prouty

Lynnette and James knew beforehand that their wedding would be outdoors and casual (“the feel of a vintage backyard picnic”), intimate (“we only had 75 guests”), and fun (“like a big family party”). Their plans were further inspired by the movie *Up*, with its telling of an enduring love story that celebrates the little things in life. Ultimately Lynnette and James were married at Saddlerock Ranch in Malibu, where they walked together down a grassy aisle flanked by quilts laid out for guest seating, and picnic baskets as aisle markers.

Lynnette and her mother, who together run Cupcakery in Thousand Oaks, created a dessert table full of freshly baked treats—a wedding cake and cupcakes, of course, but also cookies, tarts, petits fours, and French *macarons*. “People thought I was crazy for making my own desserts, but I think they would have been disappointed if the desserts weren’t from Cupcakery,” says Lynnette.

Guests especially loved the photo booth, where they posed for shots during the reception, in a nod to the couple’s engagement in a vintage photo booth in San Francisco. But Lynnette’s favorite moment—their vows—was even more personal. “I finally came up with the perfect thing to say,” she says. “His [words] were just as thoughtful—and he tied my ring to balloons.”



LYNNETTE & JAMES’ WEDDING RESOURCES

INVITATIONS

designed by the couple and screen-printed by a friend

INVITATION SUPPLIES

Paper Source (paper-source.com)

WEDDING LOCATION

Chateau Le Dome at Saddlerock Ranch (malibufamilywines.com)

PHOTOGRAPHER

Joy Harmon Prouty, Wildflowers Photography (wildflowersphotos.com)

FLORAL DESIGN

Kate Holt, Flower Wild (flowerwild.com)

WEDDING CAKE AND DESSERTS

Cupcakery (cupcakeryonline.com)

CATERER

Emily and Nick Brune, Eco Caters (ecocaters.com)

RENTALS

Town & Country Event Rentals & Services (townandcountryeventrentals.com)

WEDDING DRESS DESIGNER

Melissa Sweet (priscillaofboston.com)

BRIDE’S SHOES

Charles David (charlesdavid.com)

GROOMSWEAR DESIGNER

J.Crew (jcrew.com)

BRIDESMAID DRESS DESIGNER

Anthropologie (anthropologie.com)

HAIR STYLIST

Jarrett Baker-Wilkinson
Euodia Salon (805-428-4876)

ENGAGEMENT RING

vintage 1920s

WEDDING BANDS

Gold N Heart (goldnheartjewelry.com)

CAKE TOPPER

Etsy/Lollipop Workshop (etsy.com/shop/lollipopworkshop)

PHOTO BOOTH

Capital Photo Booth Co. (capitalphotoboosth.com)

