

MARGUERITE CARSWELL & THOMAS FERRO

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Fate smiled on Margo and Tom as their paths crossed throughout high school and college in Pennsylvania and then into their first career moves to New York in 2004. By then, realizing the connection between them, they continued to spend as much time together as possible while immersing themselves in their new jobs. In August 2005, Tom and Margo planned a trip to Italy with Tom's family.

Tom thought that Italy seemed like the perfect place to ask for Margo's hand in marriage. After asking for her father's blessing, Tom prepared his plan. In the small Italian fishing town where Tom's grandfather was born, there is an old wishing well into which Tom had thrown coins as a child. It was at this well that Tom asked Margo to marry him. Both of their wishes came true that night!

With families and friends spread throughout Pennsylvania and New York, Margo and Tom found it difficult to choose a location for their wedding near their homes. But having vacationed on the Outer Banks at Margo's family's "second home" in Pine Island, they couldn't imagine a better wedding destination.

Additional vacation rental homes were booked, and four days of celebrations were planned. North Carolina BBQ, poolside parties, brunches, golf outings, and more were put on the agenda for the week of the wedding, allowing plenty of time for guests and family to get to know each other prior to the wedding day.



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Jan, Margo's mother, called Nannette with The Proper Setting to ask about wedding planning services. Her daughter, she said, was an event planner for a large company in New York and experienced and capable of planning events. But they felt like they both might need a local resource and assistance during the detailed planning process of a destination wedding. Together, they prioritized their vendor selections, styled the wedding, and set deadlines for the big day.

Finally, October 21 dawned with a beautiful blue sky and comfortable autumn breezes. The ceremony was romantic, and sophisticated with a classic edge. A Rolls Royce brought Margo and her mother to the chapel, and while the ceremony was taking place, BLOOMS magically transformed the classic car for the bride and groom's post-ceremony departure.

The reception at The Sanderling Inn was under a tent adjacent to the Currituck Sound with spectacular water and sunset views. Guests were called to their seats by the ringing of the family chimes that came from Margo's great-great grandfather's home in New Hampshire.

Guests dined on a delicious crab cake and filet of beef dinner. The wedding cake was decorated with antique wax hands that have been adorning cakes in Margo's family since 1923. Very fragile and beautiful, they signified the beginning of a new family.

After dancing and toasts that rounded out the evening at The Sanderling, the guests and newlyweds retired to their home in Pine Island for an after-party that went well into the night.

And so it is with their story. Where the reception ends is really just the beginning of the story for Margo and Tom. 



VENDORS

Ceremony Site: Corolla Chapel

Ceremony Music: Roy Murray and Co.

Reception and Catering: The Sanderling Inn

Wedding Coordinator: The Proper Setting

Floral Design: Blooms

Transportation: Island Limousine

Photography: Island Photography

Cake: The Sanderling Inn

Hair and Makeup: A Cut Above Salon

Golf: The Currituck Club

Host Home: Chateau Elan offered by Resort Quest