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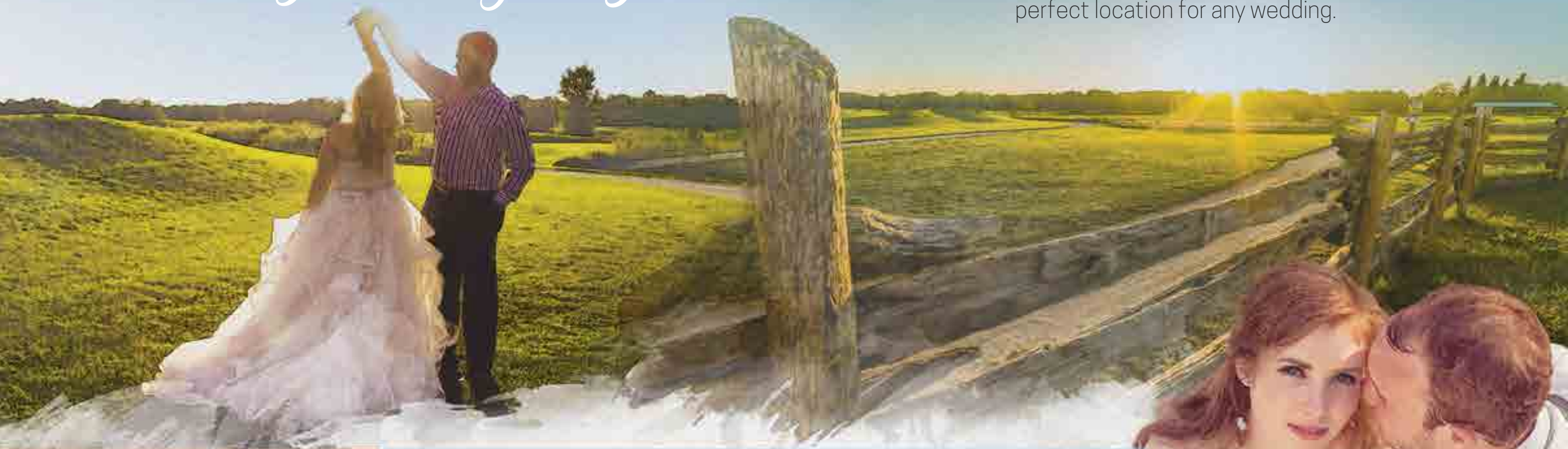
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# Choosing a PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHER

When you are choosing a photographer/videographer, think past your big day. Years and years into the future, when you look back on your wedding day, *what do you want to remember* and *how do you want to remember it?*

When deciding on a budget for your photographer, ask yourself how important the photos are to you. Are you looking for a few good shots to display around your home and share with family? Or, are you looking for a photographer that has a second shooter to capture your most unplanned, un-staged moments?

Ask yourself how many photos do I get, how many are edited, are the edited photos the style I am looking for?

Meet with multiple photographers/videographers. Will they help you rein in your wedding party to keep you on time? Are they easy to get along with and do your personalities work well together, especially under stress?

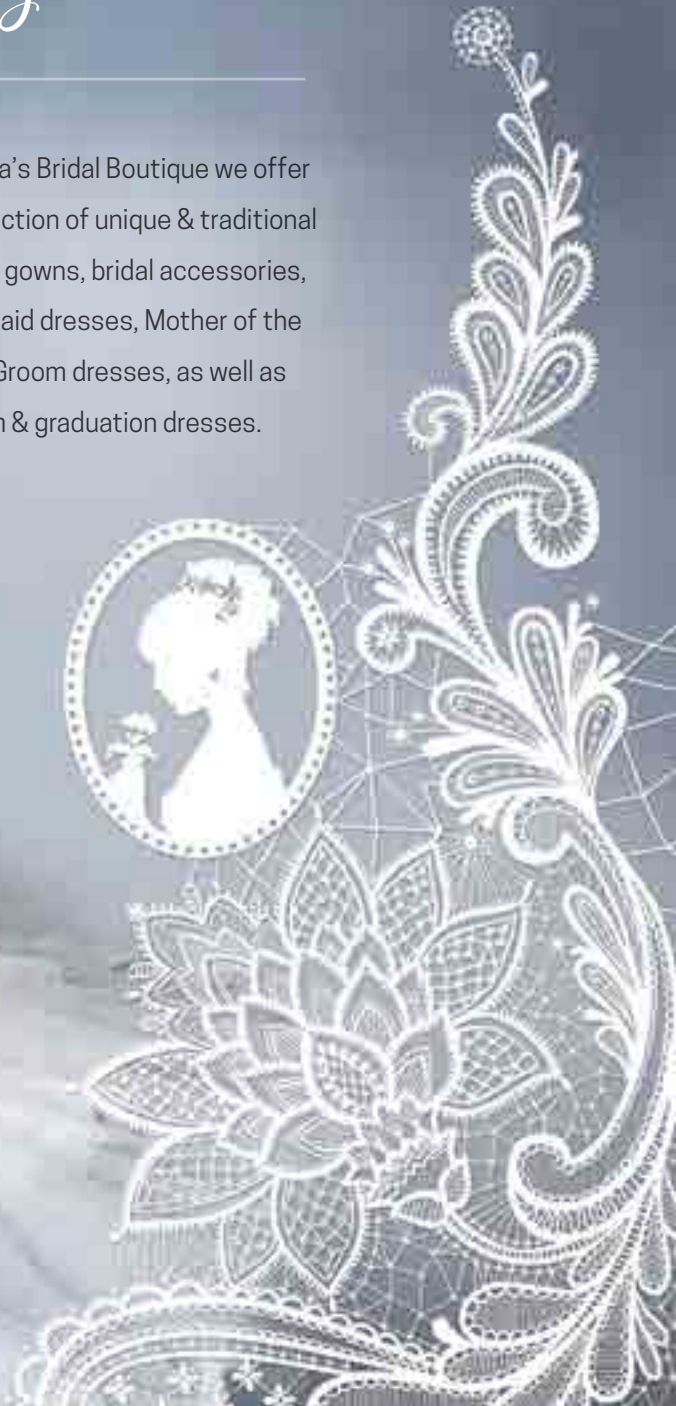
Be sure to think of all of these things while choosing a photographer to capture one of the most important days of your life.





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# China & Charm



*When I was planning my own wedding,* I had visions of garden parties and vintage tea sets, cocktails and cake stands, a romantic bohemian and relaxed event. We wanted to get married outdoors, somewhere special to us, but we also wanted a dance floor, and a respite from the bugs that Grey Bruce can offer up on August evenings.

A midday afternoon tea style garden party, post ceremony and pre dinner and dancing reception, was the perfect solution, not to mention a great way to keep the masses entertained during our photos, and of course – something absolutely us. Keppel Croft Gardens in Big Bay provided the flexibility we wanted, with owners Dawn and Bill Loney just the most laid back delightful couple, providing us a ceremony space, and allowing for the garden party setup as well, it was truly the perfect fit. A wedding veteran long before planning for my own big day, I would estimate conservatively that myself and my now husband had been to dozens and dozens (and dozens)

of beautiful special days before our own. From destination weddings in the Dominican, to low-key stately affairs in the Irish countryside, to restaurants in Spain, and halls outside Toronto, I had seen it all! Faced with endless decisions, never-ending lists and actual life to deal with I wanted to take the best elements of guest experience, and of course, I wanted to focus on the things that would provide a beautiful look and feel, without breaking the bank.

Enter the search for vintage china. I have always loved afternoon tea, I was just crazy about tea parties as a child and have maintained a love for Alice in Wonderland-inspired looks,

so I figured vintage china would provide the perfect solution to décor and serve as a no waste approach to serving drinks and snacks in the garden too. As clear as my vision was it seemed impossible to fulfil with local vendors, and so I set about the task of buying china, so much china. I reasoned that if I couldn't rent it at a reasonable cost locally, I might as well scour local thrift shops and markets to buy pieces I loved, and then share that love through events afterwards (and so China & Charm was born).

Incorporating my passion for recycling and repurposing, in a truly me way, made my wedding even more special. The only wedding regret we have

is that we didn't spend more time with our guests in Keppel Croft, sipping from pretty patterns and listening to a barbershop quartet. We of course were otherwise indisposed with bridal party and family photography (though we did manage a quick trip to the Big Bay General Store for a much needed ice cream!).

Planning a wedding can be overwhelming, while recruiting help can ease the burden it can be out of reach for many budget conscious brides. Finding the right vendors, locals who've been there themselves and can navigate all the niggly bits, can really make all the difference. So if you're thinking local, and thinking vintage, reach out – I'd be delighted to help!



## Top 3 Ways to Showcase Your Vintage Style

**TABLE CENTERPIECES** – vintage teacups and saucers served as the perfect vases for my centerpiece arrangements; with flowers sourced from Serendipity Florals - these were one of my favourite touches!

**COCKTAIL HOUR** – we hosted our cocktail hour in Keppel Croft Gardens following our ceremony, and used vintage china teacups and saucers for lemonade, iced tea and a few spiked options as well; the photos of guests and their china teacups are swoon-worthy!

**ACCENT DÉCOR** – hunting through endless thrift shops, trudging through online auctions and trading with brides all over Toronto, resulted in more than just teacups and saucers; from gorgeous Royal Albert tiered cake stands, to birdcages stuffed with flowers and the



vintage luggage used as our card box, subtle vintage accents were incorporated across both venues. At Cobble Beach, I really believe it's what made the difference – from stuffy and not us, to relaxed and bohemian, it was truly just a few teacups away!



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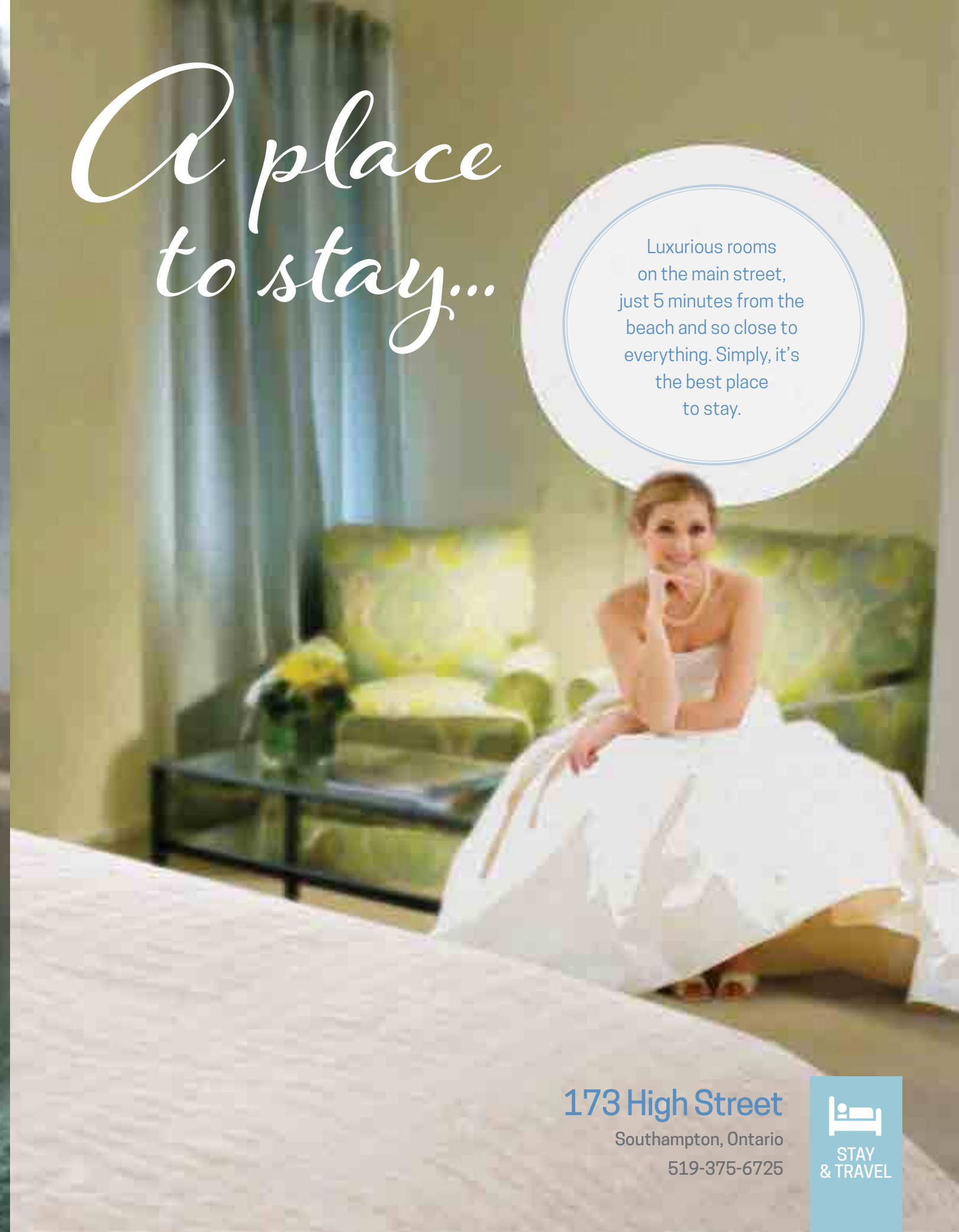
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When Kathryn, a civil engineer with a deep appreciation for the beauty and architecture of an old bridge, and Anthony, Owner and modern day bridge builder, were sent on a blind date to a local coffee shop, they never imagined their love of bridges would be the common ground that sent them in the direction of marriage.

Balls Bridge, also known as “the Bridge that Love Built”, is arguably the most romantic bridge in Ontario. Located in Huron County and built out of true love by a smitten engineer in the mid 1880’s, Ball’s Bridge still sits in the middle of a scenic forest atop the Maitland River in the present day.

## **Bridge Tour Dates to A True Local Love Story**

As conversation between Kathryn and Anthony turned to family, they identified their connection to construction and bridge building. Planning of a second date “bridge tour” began. Each time the couple met, they would spend hours driving around to different bridges in each one’s home town giving them time to talk, get to know one another and fall in love in some of the most beautiful settings in nature.

Kathryn and Anthony viewed and spent time on many bridges together throughout their courtship but the beautiful and memorable Ball’s bridge was deemed a favourite. Not only was this Heritage property positioned in the most picturesque setting but the geometrical design and intimate love story behind the building of the bridge made for a charming addition to the couple’s very own story.

## **Happily Ever After for Kathryn and Anthony**

Their common passion for the construction and architecture of bridges grew to into a deep love between the couple who married in December of 2017. After their wedding ceremony the couple celebrated with a stunning winter wonderland photo shoot on their beloved Ball’s Bridge in Huron County. Yet another perfect ending on The Bridge That Love Built.



Photographer: Michael Steingard


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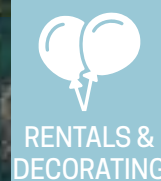


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# WEDDING *Your* Checklist WHEN YOU GET ENGAGED

## 12 MONTHS

- set wedding date
- set budget
- draft guest list
- set up wedding website
- research and book venue
- book guest accommodations
- plan and host engagement party
- book photographer
- engagement photos
- order save the dates

## 10 MONTHS

- send out save the dates
- choose wedding theme
- plan decor for the wedding and reception
- book caterer
- book officiant
- choose bridal party

## 8 MONTHS

- order wedding gown and alterations
- order bridal and bridal party jewelry
- cake tasting
- meet with florist
- choose hair stylist and makeup artist
- choose and meet with your wedding DJ
- prep your play lists
- book your honeymoon
- start gift registry

## 6 MONTHS

- order bridal party dresses/attire
- shop for wedding bands
- order invitations, RSVP cards, envelopes and stamps
- reserve tables, chairs, tents and any other required rentals

## 4 MONTHS

- order thank you cards for shower gifts
- plan rehearsal dinner
- finalize menu
- choose and order wedding favours
- arrange for sound equipment if not supplied by the DJ
- choose attire for groom & groomsmen
- book honeymoon suite for the wedding night
- order flowers - bouquets, boutonnieres, centre pieces etc

## 2 MONTHS

- write vows
- purchase wedding bands
- mail out wedding invitations
- order reception stationery (table cards, favour tags, wedding menus, favour packaging etc)

## 1 MONTHS

- secure marriage license
- bridal shower
- bachelor/bachelorette party

## 2 WEEKS

- final fittings
- contact guests who have not RSVP'd
- Finalize head count and send to caterer
- Finalize seating chart

## 1 WEEKS

- finalize wedding day schedule and give copies to wedding party, photographer, caterer, DJ etc.
- vendor confirmations
- prepare place cards

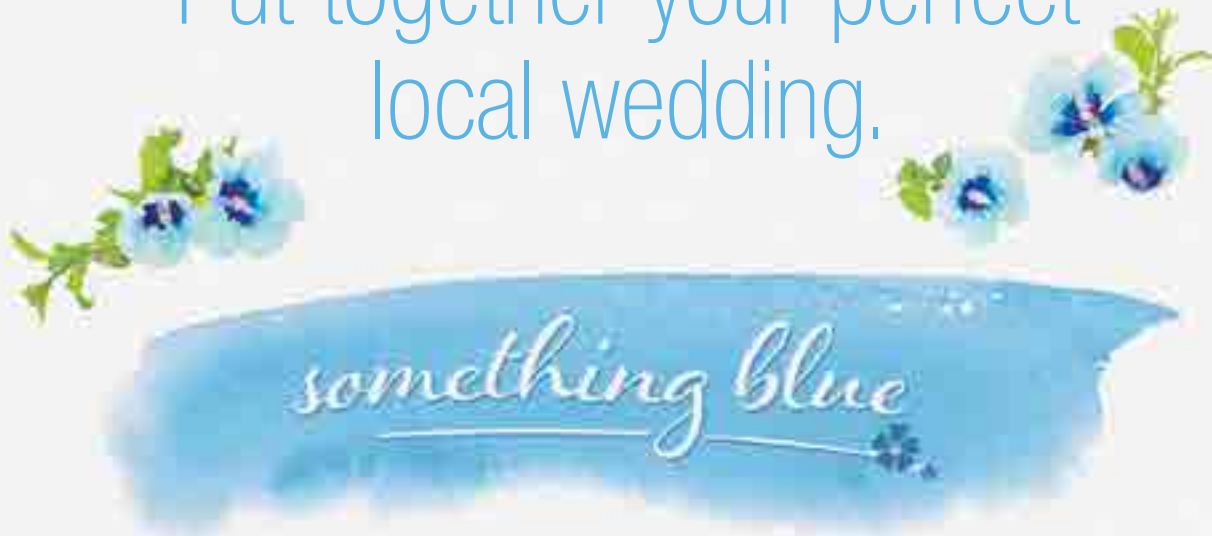
## DAY BEFORE

- mani/pedi's
- rehearsal ceremony
- rehearsal dinner
- bridal party gift exchange





# Put together your perfect local wedding.



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