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I'm going to be totally honest here. Lori from *AvaFlora* made me fall in love with flowers. Before seeing her creations, I'm embarrassed to say, they weren't something I normally would ogle at.

Oh, but to be within a few feet of Lori's designs is like seeing a work of art come to life. The variety of flowers, the petals, the structure, the leaves and hues she melts together make me swoon. I could spend hours admiring them now. I'm beyond grateful for her talent which made me appreciate floral decor on a whole other level.

Coordinating this wedding with our crazy schedules almost didn't happen, but Lori managed to plan the entire wedding within one month. ONE MONTH!!! Told you she was talented.

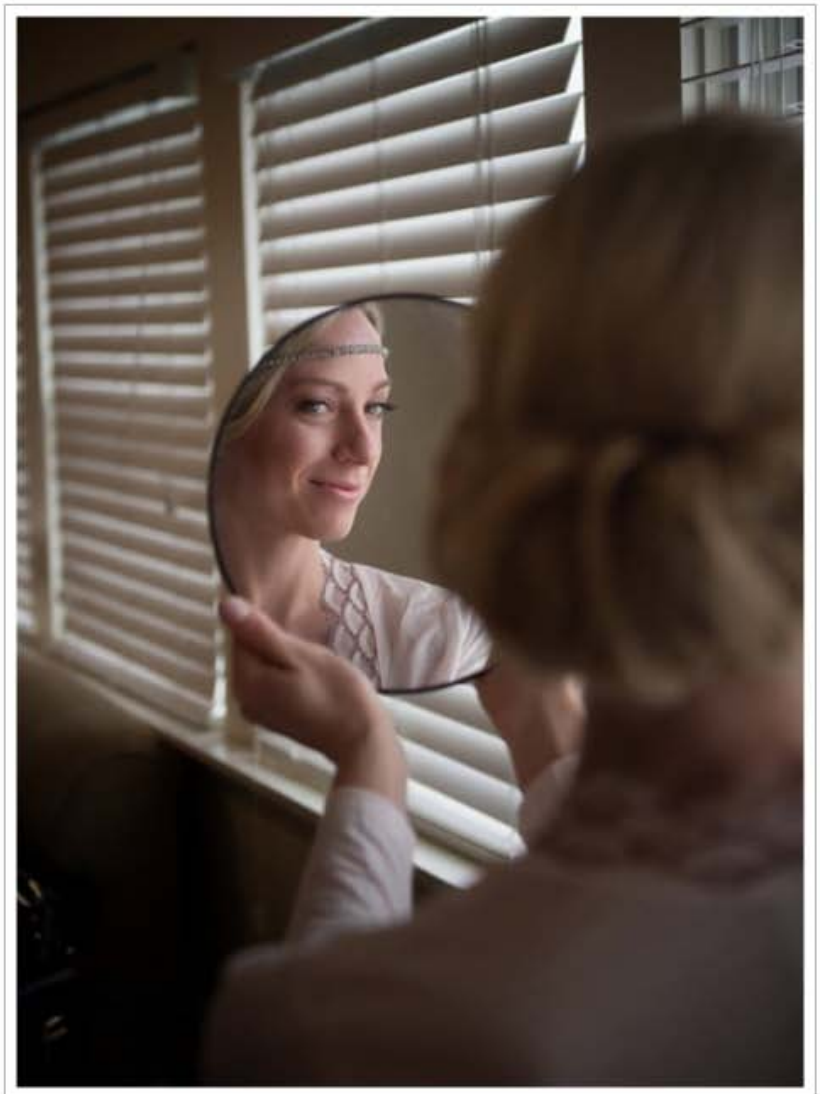
Surrounded by their closest family and friends, Michael and Lori (from *AvaFlora*) said forever on the North Fork of Long Island at one of the most charming boutique hotels, *Jedediah Hawkins*.

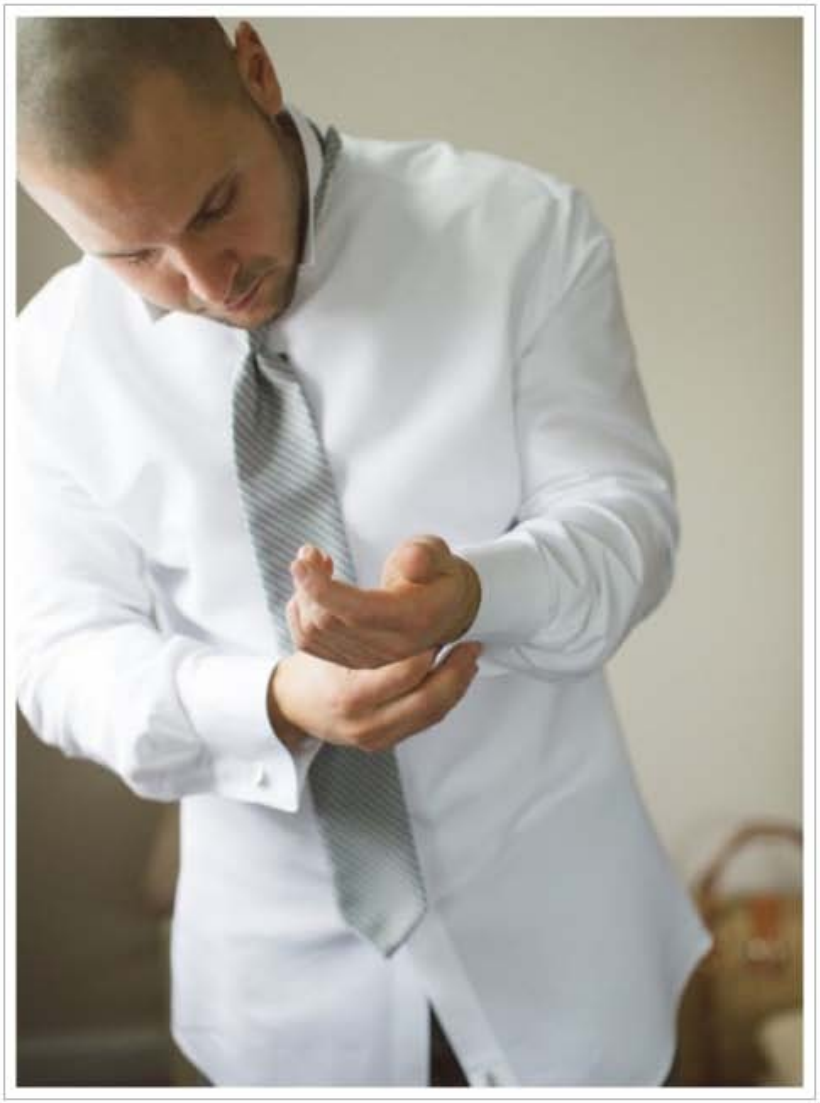
Below are a few photographs that I hope tell a little bit more about their day…

Jedediah Hawkins Inn sits on 22 luscious acres and it's impossible not to fall in love with her charm.

There is something about the North Fork that I just looove…

Getting ready…my favorite time of the day!





Classic pearls…

Adrienne from *Ipanema Press* creates the most visually stunning and tactile pieces of stationery ever. I ADORE her and her amazing talent.

It's all in the details...

The hues and collage of petal shapes makes my heart happy.

Effortless, I swear.
Crazy talented, along with crazy beautiful.

Once the dress goes on, I love to kick everyone out of the room and let the bride catch her breath.
It's a great time to get a few relaxed portraits before the hoopla begins.

I looove the refined look of this boutonniere Lori designed. Simple, compact and tight to the lapel. I find they work really well when the bride is shoulder height, so it doesn't compete too much with the bride during formals.

Lookin' pretty sharp Mike…

When working with a wedding planner it's crucial that they are flexible when working around tight timelines (as was the case with Lori and Mike's day).

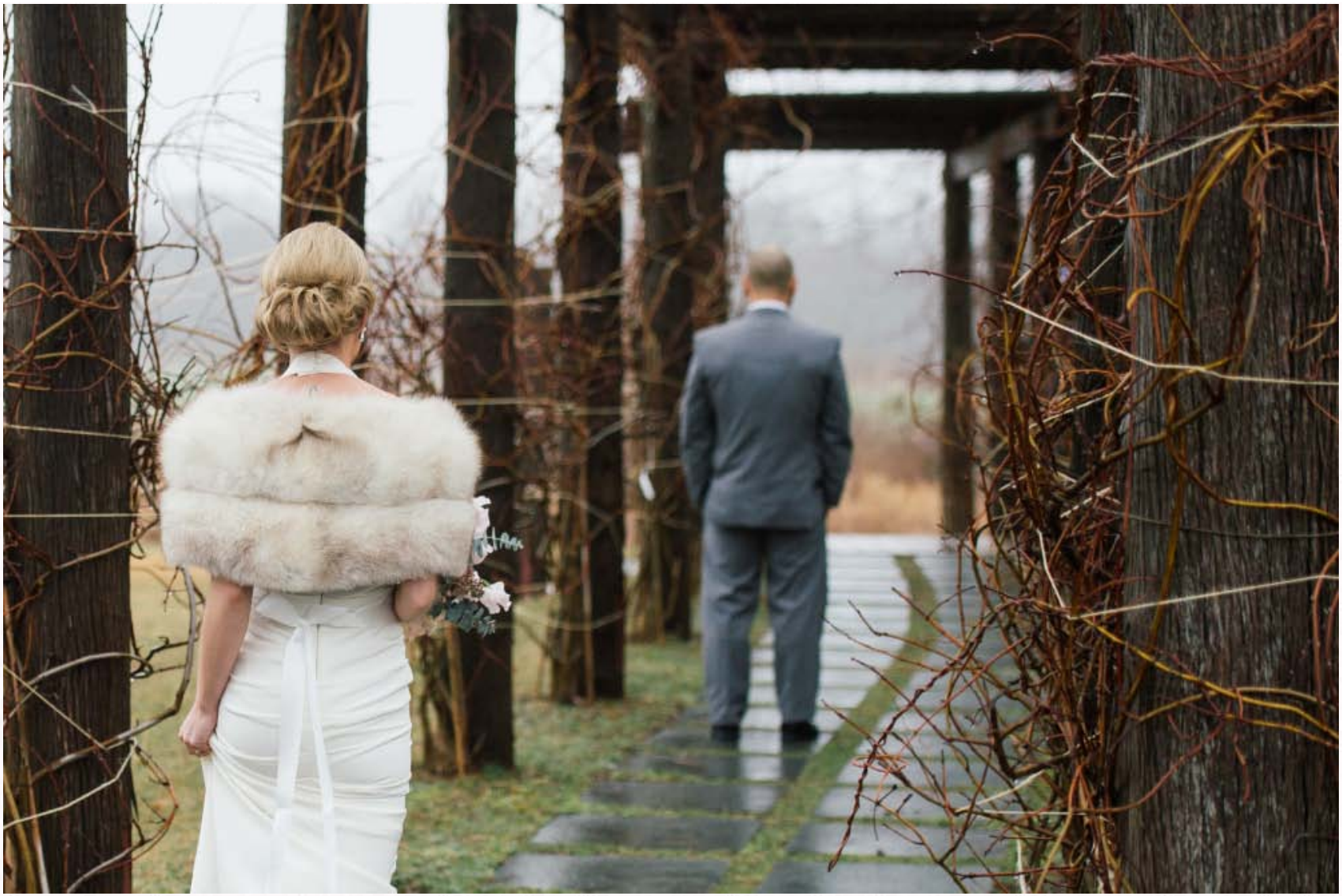
Regina from *Cloud Nove Events* helped the day run smoothly with her relaxed demeanor. She stayed flexible and assessed the time-line situation often without compromising the couples experience, which was SO appreciated.

Love the way they look at each other…

A guick snuggle…

The flowers, weather and architecture are great little fun additions to include in your album design.

First time seeing each other on their wedding day.
In the fog and misty rain.
Romantic.



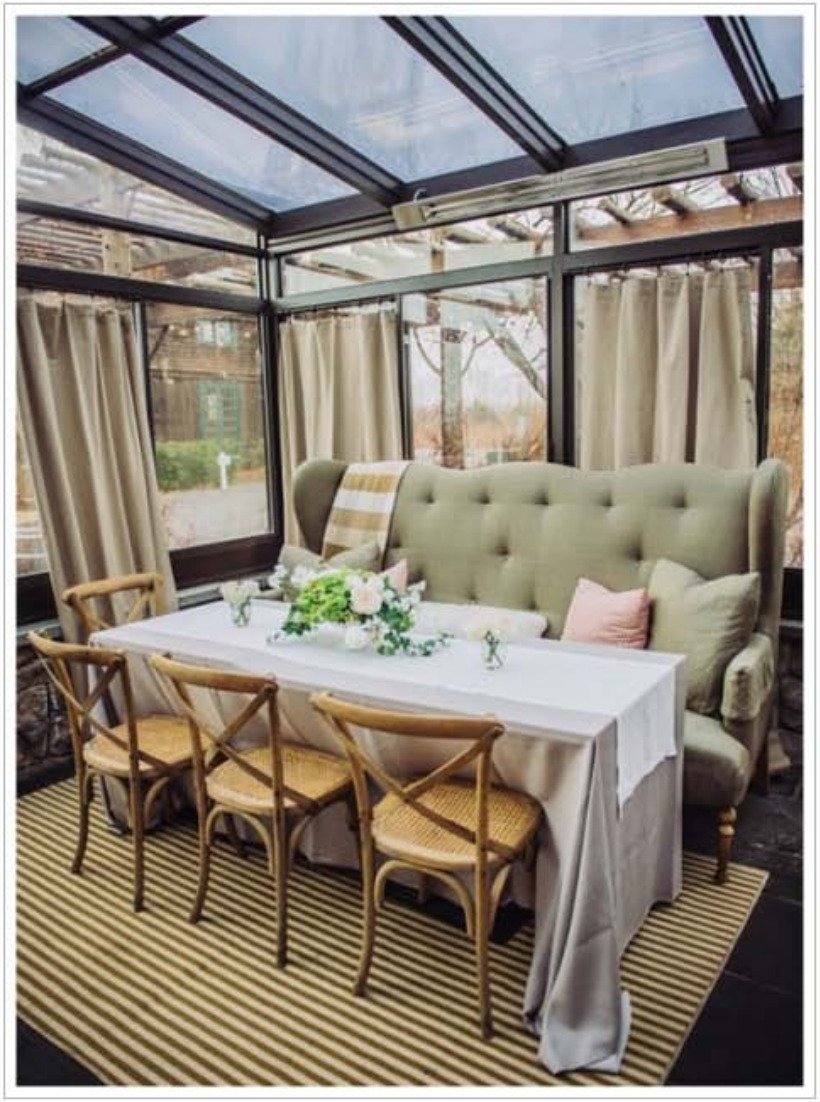
Moments in between…

I'm such a big fan of grey. All 50 shades of them ;)
How amazing are the crocheted shawls?! Such a great tactile texture against the chiffon.

Jedediah Hawkins Inn.

I could just go on and on about this special, hidden gem.
Once Lori and Mike introduced me to it, it was love at first sight.
I have been there many times since and every time I find something unexpected and charming to photograph.

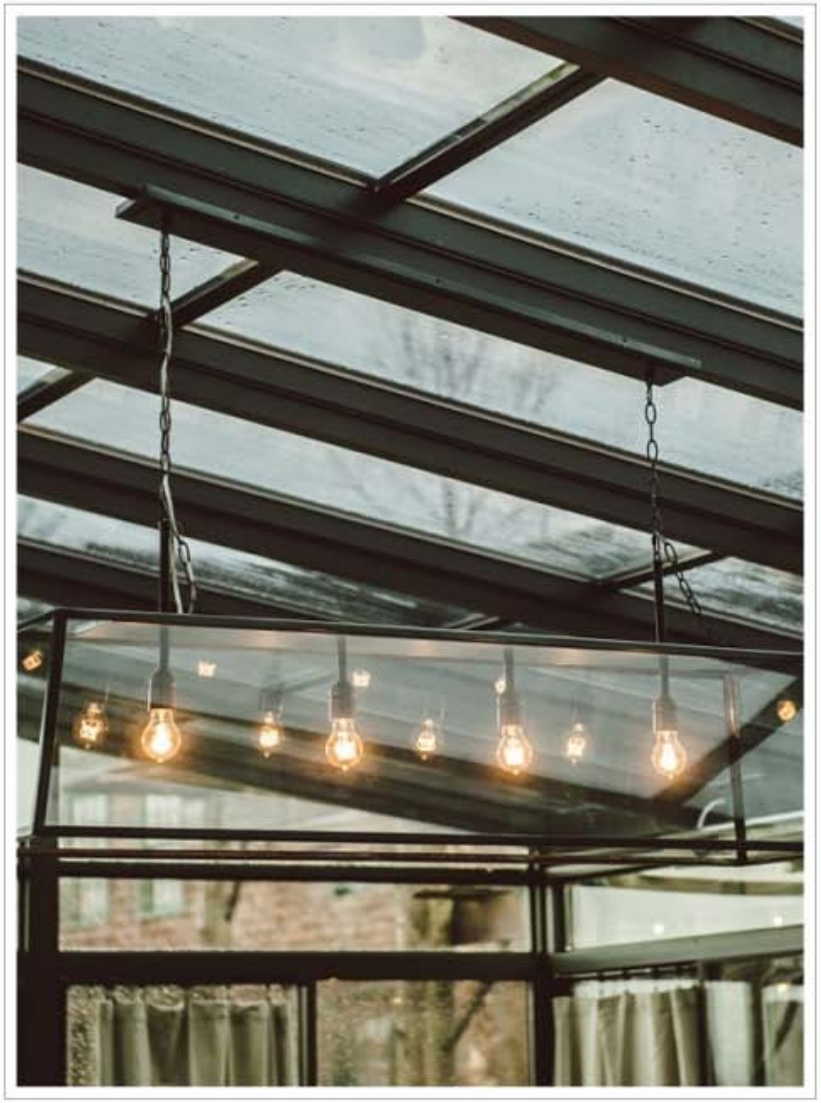
Here is a peek at the sunroom that hosted their intimate reception.
So delightful and cozy!

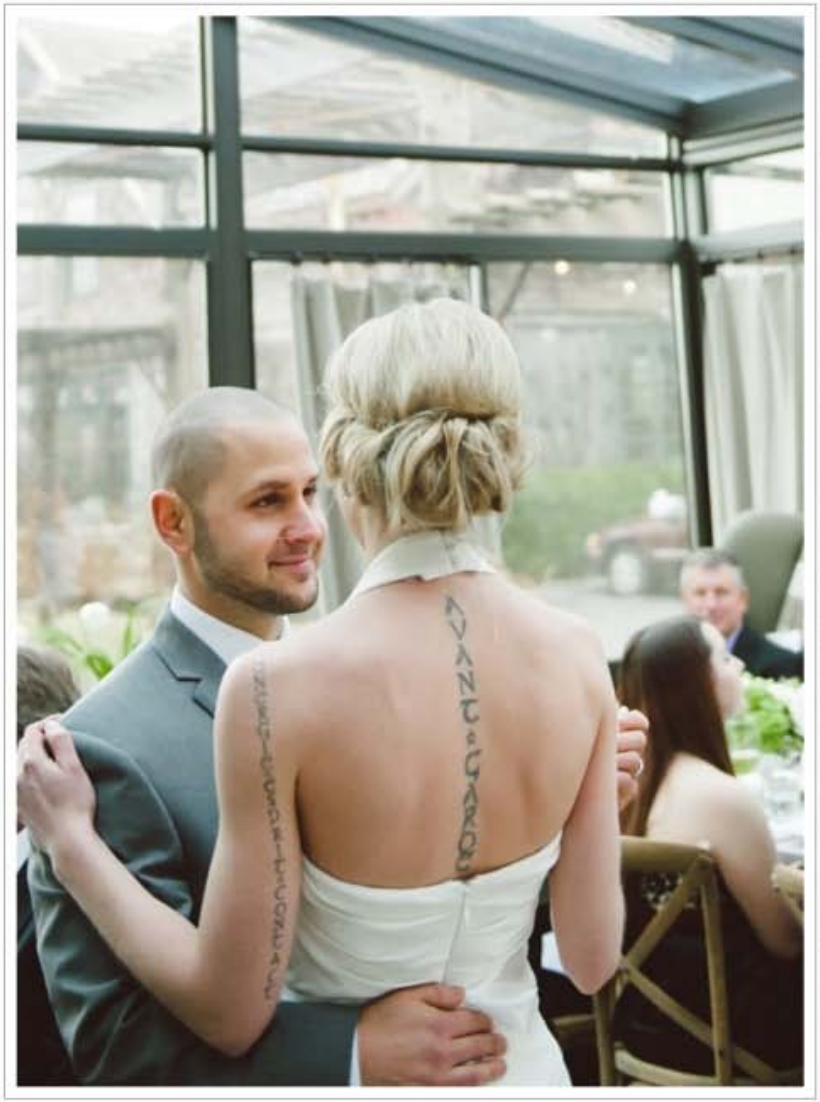


One of my favorite aspects of the day was the piece below that Lori created. It was a tribute to Mike's Mom who had passed.

I loved that she was there in memory within the smiles and the stories of the guests that were in the room reminiscing while seeing the photographs.

First dance and toasts…





Love the free-form shape tulips take on. Delicate, lazy and unexpected.

I would be remiss not to post the subtle details that pulled off the clean, refreshing and elegant look of the

tablescapes.

Sophisticated and whimsical. Such a paradox. That's what I ADORE about Lori's work.
Amazing that she was able to not only create the florals for her own wedding, but arrange them the morning of too!

The tulips greeted you at the door which draped and framed a hint of one of the centerpieces.

I’m smitten.

Sweet treats!!

happy…

The End.

A quick note of special thanks to *WellWed* for featuring Lori and Mike's wedding, which can be seen *HERE* along with many other wonderful vendors who made the day so awesome!

Thank you Mike and Lori for having me along for the ride!
xo

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Lori and Michael Jedediah Hawkins Inn

February 24, 2015 stacey

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My Treasure – Behind the Scenes

January 14, 2015 stacey

They huddled together for the family formal picture. It was probably the closest they have all been since they were kids. They stood side by side; the bride and her sisters…Mom and Dad. Their shoulders were pressed against one another and they were smiling for the camera, unaware of the gravity of that moment.This family…who lived […]

Jesse and Steve Vivacious & exhilarating

June 5, 2014 stacey

I'm sure she had Steve at 'hello'. How do I know? I swear I fell madly in love with her from our first e-mail. Most of our correspondence revolved around the words 'hooray, yay, and eeeek'; with an over abundant use of explanation points. By our second e-mail I asked her to be my BFF – […]

That certain couple Eric & Britt

Traci & Jimmy

November 1, 2013 stacey

Dreary, muddy and raining Nicole & Stephen

October 31, 2013 stacey

That certain couple. The ones you envy. The couple you might even roll your eyes at with a smile. The 'happily ever after' couple you might just be living vicariously through. Maybe you have seen them when you're out grabbing a coffee – they are flirting like […]

right height for crowd surfing off of. Maybe it was because the DJ was an incredibly good instigator and encouraged the guests to build people pyramids on the dance floor and drink beer and wine out of the large vases glasses. Maybe […]

Language of Love
Rosalia and Rosario

June 23, 2013 stacey

She sat on the 9 hour flight speaking to him in a broken Italian accent while he spoke to her in English. She was heading home after a vacation in Sicily, and he was leaving his folks and heading to the states to start a new life of opportunity. Little did he know that that […]

Heaven on Earth
Ali & Tommy

June 30, 2013 stacey

I remember as a teenager taking the two hour ride to Montauk for no particular reason other then to see a certain stretch of road. It was old Montauk Highway. The drive is lined with high hedges, summer homes, the infamous Gurney's Inn, and hidden peeks of the most spectacular ocean views. I would take […]

Sound of Music

July 5, 2013 stacey

Marc + Kerry I heard once that music is what feelings sound like. It kinda struck a chord with me. ;) *** I knelt down waiting to capture their first dance as husband and wife, when I heard that old familiar music start. With the first note, I was grateful for my camera that […]

Fearless

June 17, 2013 stacey

There is a place that I love to stalk. It's a place you go to if you love wedding photography. The site is called Fearless Photographers. Photographers all around the world submit their favorite images in hopes of a photograph getting stamped with their seal of a approval. It's called a Fearless award. Only 3-5 […]

Grateful
Traci & Jimmy

March 25, 2013 stacey

'Grateful'. That's what she said. Jimmy nodded in agreement. As we walked through the park during their engagement session, Traci and Jimmy told me how their venue was devastated by Sandy. It was December and they were still living with relatives

The Heart of the Matter
Frank and Amanda

June 6, 2013 stacey

I have a cool 'job'. But what came unexpectedly along with this job, was the fact that I get to meet really cool people. To be completely honest…I have never been one of those people who would say, 'I love meeting new people.' I didn't. I liked my inner circle of very close friends, hanging […]

Hooked on a Feeling
Yi and Kevin

April 12, 2013 stacey

Tomorrow I will greet the morning with a stretch. My feet will have wings as I get ready and envision their day. I always wonder if the soon-to-be bride and groom are still asleep or laying away in anticipation. I wonder how they are feeling. I usually always think back to my own day. The overwhelming […]

Robert and Margaret

June 21, 2013 stacey

It was mid-week and there wasn't a soul in the place. The charming winery sat nestled in between beautiful trees and on a hill of lush grass. Picnic tables were scattered around and there were winding dirt paths leading towards the vineyard with white puffy clouds against an azure blue sky. It was postcard perfect. […]

Love at First 'Site'
Eva & Richard

May 15, 2013 stacey

The "Kingdoms at War" site. Yes. It all began there. On an iphone app. Over 3,000 miles away from one another they fell in love. Over the internet. Playing an iphone game. Talk about random. ;) Now, some might laugh at the impossibility of it all, and some might call it serendipity – I […]

and out of boxes. December!! I remember going out of my mind on day ten […]

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