



MISSION POINT RESORT

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Alana Meyers & William Coles

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MACKINAC ISLAND**

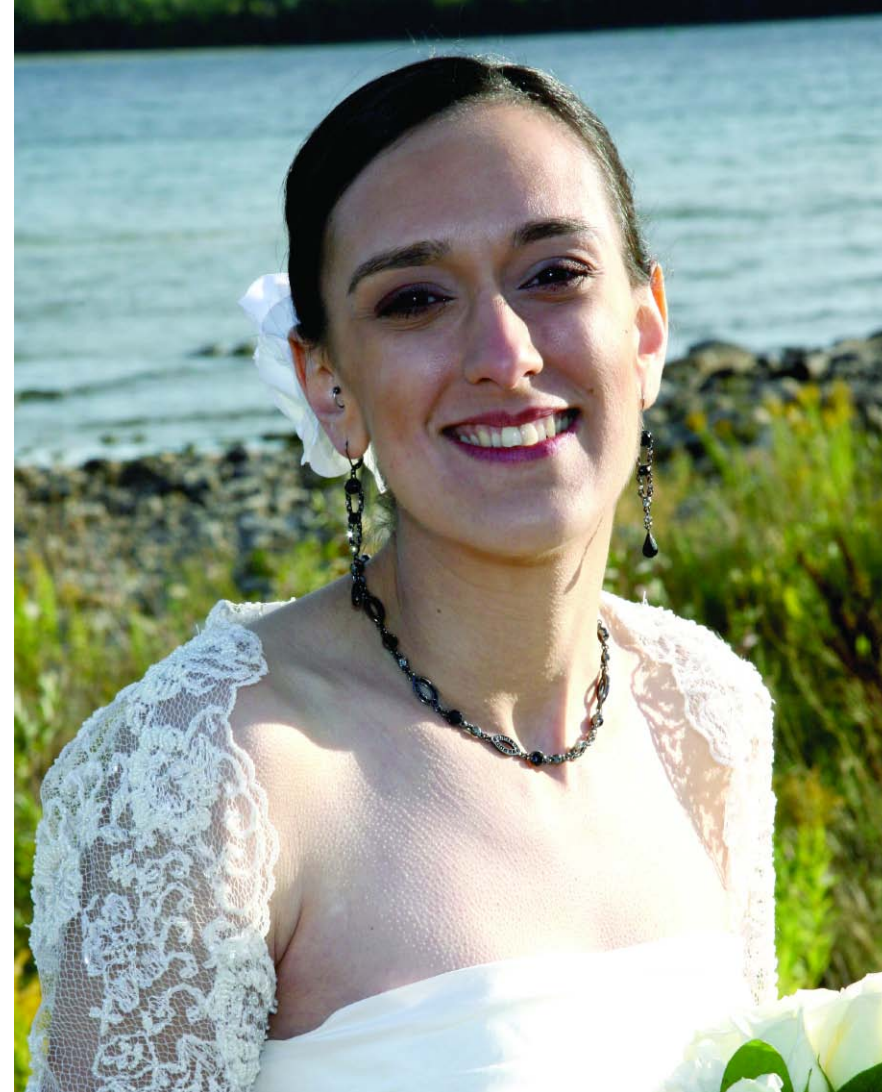
The moment this New Jersey couple decided they wanted to get married near the water, Alana, who grew up visiting Mackinac Island in the summers as a Girl Scout service guide, suggested a destination wedding on Mackinac. “It was my idea of a dream wedding,” she says.

And just as soon as her husband-to-be stepped off the ferry onto this idyllic fresh-water island for the first time, the dream was a done deal. After exploring the island, they chose the historic, luxurious Mission Point Resort as their venue and a gazebo right on the water’s edge as their ceremony spot.

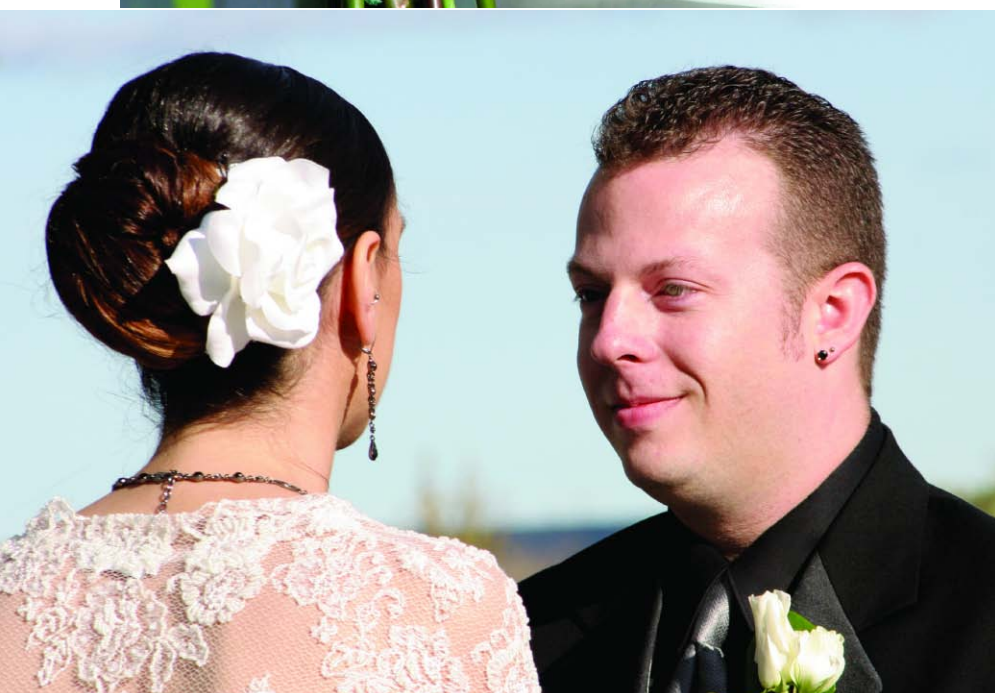
Close to 90 friends and family members traveled to the island for the celebration, with almost everyone staying right at Mission Point.

On the eve of the wedding, the couple and their guests took an Arnold Transit Co. ferry on a private cruise around the island, with a dinner catered by Patrick Sinclair’s Irish Pub.

The ceremony started at 5 o’clock Saturday evening, and—ideal timing—just as a cool breeze came in off the lake, guests moseyed up to the Summit Room to start the cocktail hour. Before heading up to join them, Alana and William took a moment to bask in their day in Mission Point’s trademark Adirondack chairs, overlooking Lake Huron. *W*



Alana’s dress is from the Barcelona design house Pronovias (“I loved the antique-y Spanish lace,” she says; she found it at a boutique in Chicago. Weber’s Floral and Gift on the island created her bouquets, but the flower in her hair is silk: “I didn’t want it to wilt by the end of the night!” Alana, her bridesmaids, mother and mother-in-law all had their wedding-day hair done at Seventh Heaven Spa and Salon at Mission Point Resort.





The celebration took place in Mission Point Resort's Summit Room. Guests dined on crab cakes with Chardonnay butter sauce and a grilled New York strip steak. Guests of all ages had a blast on the wedding weekend; during the down time they took carriage rides, rented bikes or took advantage of the lawn bowling, croquet and tennis, all right on the resort grounds.



The cake was created by Kim Sperl of Bella e Dolce in Cheboygan. "That cake was delicious!" says Alana. The couple ordered two flavors: Irish cream cake with chocolate buttercream and pumpkin cake with cream cheese filling.

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Wedding Notebook

MISSION POINT



There are few things more romantic than getting married on Mackinac Island, a magical place with horse-drawn carriages, glistening water views at every turn and sunsets that linger forever. And there's a reason why Mission Point hosted over 165 wedding receptions last summer. Our Gazebo is the most enchanting wedding location on the island. The water's edge Gazebo offers the perfect backdrop for photographs. But beyond a beautiful location, our experienced staff of wedding coordinators will assist you with your entire celebration including menus, cake, music, floral arrangements, photography, guest transportation, accommodations and more. Whether you plan your perfect day from scratch or opt for one of our fabulous wedding packages, your special day will be all you've dreamed it would be at Mission Point.

Guest Services

Our wedding coordinators and hotel personnel will make sure you have the wedding of your dreams, no matter the size or the season. From the Lilac Festival to historical reenactments at Fort Mackinac to cross-country skiing, skating and sleigh rides in winter, every season is filled with an experience to remember. Our spa professionals will ensure you and your bridal party are relaxed and rested for the wedding day. In addition to casual and fine dining, you'll find relaxing lounges, lively entertainment and inviting fireplaces to cozy up to.



catering

Whether you want a simple summer meal eaten outside with friends and family or our Ruby Wedding Package that includes a five-course dinner with white glove service, Mission Point is committed to making sure the food, decorations and service are just right for you. And for all the meals surrounding your wedding, you and your guests will be able to choose from 4 distinct restaurants depending on your mood.

event facilities



Whether it's your closest friends and family gathered in and around the Gazebo or a wedding many times that size, the professional wedding coordinators at Mission Point will make sure our beautiful facilities match your vision. Larger weddings can take advantage of our newly decorated, truly superb, 38,000 square

foot facility. And before the wedding, your guests will never want for something memorable to do. Rent a bicycle, take a hayride, browse for arts and crafts or glide through the Straits of Mackinac on a sailboat. From spa services to our 18-hole executive putting green, you will see smiles on your guests' faces throughout your wedding stay. Mission Point Resort offers something for everyone on your guest list.



Accommodations

With some of the most breath-taking views of Mackinac Island, Mission Point Resort offers hotel guestrooms in a variety of styles and motifs. From spectacular views of the lake, to garden greenery and wooded bluffs, there are superb scenes from every vantage point.

The new lodge theme emulates Northern Michigan lifestyle while continuing to maintain the casual, comfortable elegance that we have always offered. Three decorative themes (the Nautical, the Lodge and the Northern Michigan) celebrate the spirit of Northern Michigan's beauty. Each room and suite offers its own at-home bedroom appeal, some with fireplaces and Jacuzzis, and there is even a two-floor, three-bedroom suite. No matter the choice, your guests will be wrapped in the island's aura and will always remember their stay at your wedding.



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Recreation



At Mission Point Resort, you'll have a world of fun right at your doorstep. From hiking to biking to golfing, the activities never stop. So if you're looking for ways to play during your wedding stay, you'll find it all at Mission Point. Just some of our activities include; Seventh Heaven Spa & Salon, The Greens of Mackinac (an 18-hole, real bent grass putting experience), bicycle rentals, The Kids Club, hayrides, wireless internet, outdoor pool and hot tubs, several island golf courses are only a carriage ride away. Enjoy Tennis, Bocce Ball, Croquet, a Tower Museum with spell binding views and historical exhibits about the Straits of Mackinac. For Mackinac Island adventures, tour historical sites, discover the natural wonders, visit unique shops and Galleries and ride in a horse drawn carriage.

Whatever you decide, you'll find it all on Mackinac Island, and it all starts at Mission Point Resort!

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Trust your wedding day to Mission Point Resort. This breathtaking setting on historic Mackinac Island speaks to everything you dream of. From an intimate affair to a grand gathering of up to 500, we'll assist with everything from your rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony, reception, after-party and more, all carried out to perfection with views to compliment your vows.

Share your promise at the Water's Edge Gazebo or any of our gracious and beautiful venues. Count on the assistance of experienced planners who share in your excitement.

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