

# The Inn At Bay Harbor

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# Leanora Gold & David Vernon

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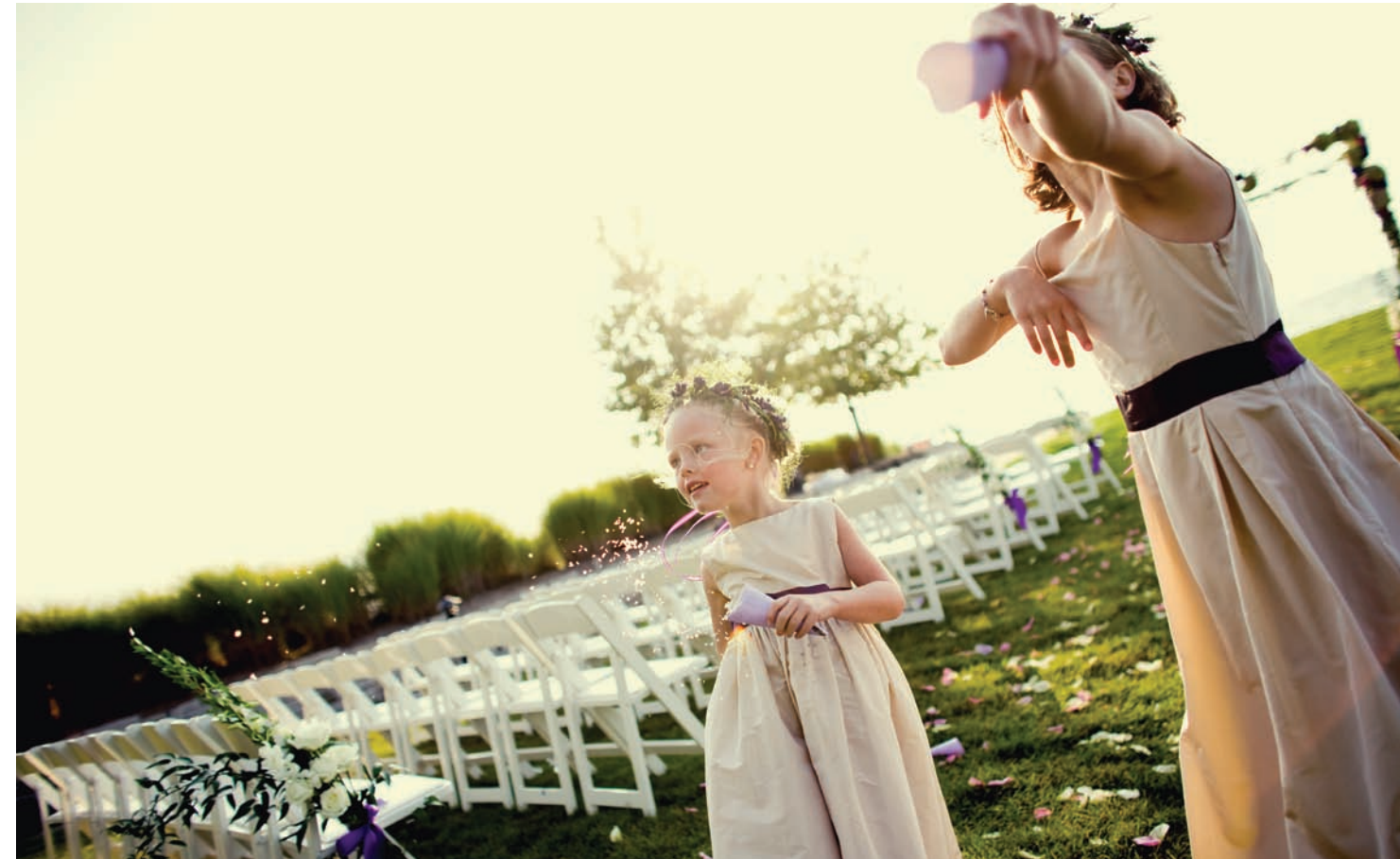
Guests from as far away as Sao Paulo, Brazil, Paris and Los Angeles traveled to Leanora and David's wedding at the Inn at Bay Harbor. The ceremony took place on the Lake Lawn on the shore of Little Traverse Bay, one of the many outside ceremony venues offered by the Inn at Bay Harbor. The romantic setting is tucked between the rambling, elegant, Victorian-style inn and the aquamarine bay. The couple said their I do's under an arbor intertwined with flowers in shades of purples and pinks that were reminiscent of an English country garden.

The bride's brother walked her down the aisle. Her father officiated, reading the vows Leanora and David had written for each other, as well as a piece he'd written for the occasion. As the newly married couple walked back down the aisle, guests threw eco-friendly confetti (the bride made the purple cone-containers for the confetti). After a few family photos, the couple slipped off to their suite at the inn and enjoyed a Champagne toast alone before heading to the Bay Harbor Golf Club for the reception.

At the reception, romantic centerpieces, that included green and purple roses, purple lisianthus, purple astilbes, purple trachelium, Italian ruscus and lavender, complemented classic white linen tables. Many toasts, heartfelt and humorous, were given by the couple's closest family and friends. Guests dined at a plated dinner on miso glazed salmon, New York strip steak, ravioli and asparagus. The bride and groom mingled with guests and danced the night away before heading to their suite. Brunch at the resort's Sagamore dining room was held the following morning for all wedding guests.

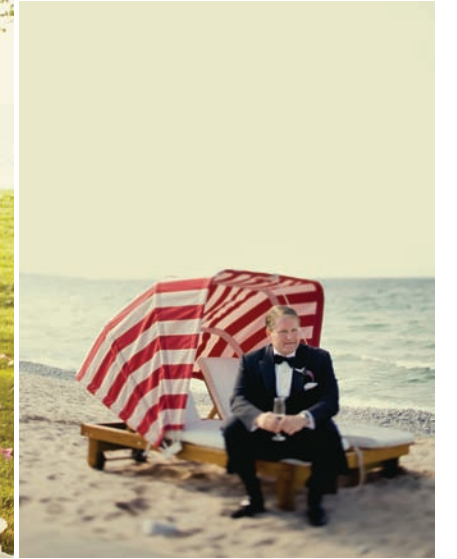
Opposite page: Leanora and David took pictures alone together before their family and friends joined them on the Bay Harbor golf course. David proposed to Leanora during a surprise trip to Kauai, Hawaii on the beach with a stunning Tiffany Novo diamond ring.

This page: "I feel like a bride in this," Leanora said after she tried on her Ulla Maija gown from Marina Morrison in San Francisco. Nieces of the groom—ring bearer Tori and flower girl Cloey—in their Jenny Yoo dresses with flower wreaths in their hair. Leanora's bouquet was a mix of mini calla lily, freesia, lisianthus, astilbe, trachelium and lavender.





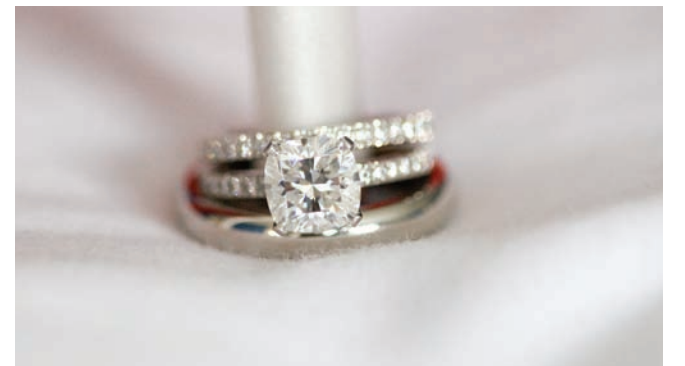
The bride's veil was custom—simple ivory with plain edge, no finish and a classic comb. Maid of honor, Carrie Scott, tied sprigs of lavender with a purple ribbon for each guest. The lavender was a tribute to a trip the best friends took to Southern France, as well as trips David and Leanora have taken to Paris together. After the wedding, the couple snuck out the back of the inn and headed to the beach for some quiet time. The centerpiece bouquets included purple astromelia, green and purple roses, purple freesia, purple ranunculus, mini green hydrangeas, purple lisianthus, purple astilbes, purple trachelium, Italian ruscus and lavender.



Showering the husband and wife in eco-friendly confetti. The groom relaxes after the beachside ceremony. The couple's first dance as husband and wife was to Coldplay's "Green Eyes," a song chosen by David because Leanora has green eyes. The bride's brother, Darren, walked her down the aisle.

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# Wedding Notebook

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The Inn at Bay Harbor takes you back to a time when elegance reigned supreme, service was an art form, and serene surroundings were all that was needed to make each a very special day. A place of extraordinary connection. The perfect place for an exchange of vows. A luxurious Victorian-style resort located on the shore of Lake Michigan, The Inn delights guests with spectacular lake views, stirring breezes and glorious sunsets. Its stunning setting and ambience of romance complement fresh and inspired presentations to make yours a remarkably unforgettable wedding.

## event facilities

The Inn's shoreline setting offers a multitude of indoor and outdoor options for wedding ceremonies and receptions, as well as rehearsal dinners, showers and anniversary parties. The event's locale holds so many of your nuptial memories and The Inn's certified wedding planners have every detail in mind including coordination of floral and photography services and creation of unique menus, to ensure each of those memories lasts a lifetime. From a ceremony on the lakeside lawn and dinner reception in an exclusive country club setting to a sunset reception on the outdoor terrace or intimate celebration in a spacious suite overlooking the Bay, couples select The Inn knowing the perfect day begins with the perfect location.



## catering

Exceptional quality and presentation consistently define a dining experience at The Inn at Bay Harbor. Whether preparing unique reception displays, a lavish luncheon spread or an exquisite multi-course dinner, The Inn's culinary team is committed to making your guests feel most honored to have shared in the memories created on your special day. Dietary considerations are easily accommodated and customized menus are a specialty.



## accommodations



From the moment of arrival when warmly welcomed by The Inn at Bay Harbor's dedicated team, you, along with each in your wedding party, can expect a level of gracious hospitality not soon forgotten and simply deserved. Listed among the "Best Hotels in the World" by *Travel + Leisure*, The Inn offers one-, two-, and three-bedroom suites, designed with cottage-style elegance, many with fireplace and affording magnificent views of Lake Michigan. The resort's accommodations are conveniently accessed from any location you select for your momentous celebration of love.

## guest services

The excitement of a destination wedding comes from knowing family and close friends are coming together, taking a break from the everyday, to honor a cherished couple. And at The Inn at Bay Harbor, resort amenities and area activities are certain to entertain each of your special guests. The Spa and Salon at The Inn offers options tailored to serve an entire wedding party or exclusively the bride. Packages can include rejuvenating treatments and massage, hair styling, nail services, makeup application and even calming aromatherapy. The Inn also features a boutique offering resort apparel and gift items, the lakeside Sagamore's Dining Room plus South American Grille and Wine Bar, The Inn Café, in-suite dining service, fitness room, business center, complimentary Internet access and turndown service.



## recreation

Your outdoor surroundings are breathtaking. Your choices of inspired recreation are endless. Currently listed among "The 75 Best Golf Resorts in North America" by *Golf Digest*, Bay Harbor Golf Club offers three unique courses to delight the novice and scratch player alike. Beyond the greens, gather your guests for sunny pleasures at The Inn's beach or pool located just steps from the Lake Michigan shoreline. Tropical drinks and grilled favorites from the poolside Cabana Bar mix in to make your destination wedding relaxingly unforgettable for all. Nearby resort towns of Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Charlevoix, plus Bay Harbor's village within walking distance, offer quaint shopping districts and unique eateries. Biking along paths affording spectacular bay views, boating, horseback riding, casino gaming and performing arts are additional options. Winter visitors enjoy nearby downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and dog sledding.



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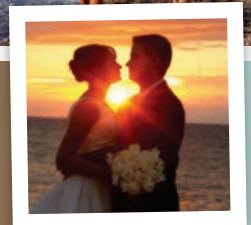
**Reception Capacity**  
220

**Event Space**  
5 indoor rooms plus lake-side terrace/lawn options and Bay Harbor Golf Club

**Rooms and Suites**  
137

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