

Unveiling Your Vision

“Create a floor plan that would reveal three separate experiences to WOW the guests at each unveiling.”



Every bride

and groom has a vision on the design and feel of their wedding and reception. With the assistance of a planner, this vision is brought to life. For Judy Bogacz and Chris Kulikowski, the vision was an enchanted wedding that is elegant, yet on the cutting edge. The venue chosen was Cheekwood's Botanic Hall. The hall served as a blank canvas for us to design an evening that their guests would forever talk about.

While meeting with the couple, we discussed in detail their inspiration and design ideas. They wanted to design a reception that was different and unique. On a site visit to Botanic Hall, we began to elaborate on ideas "outside of the box." The outcome would reveal three unique experiences to WOW the guests as they entered each area. Immediately with an outstanding team of professionals, the design concept began to take life. Each vignette took on its own personality.



The first area to be unveiled was the cocktail lounge area. Upon leaving the Cheekwood gardens, guests entered the terrace that was lit by beautiful Chinese lanterns. The

décor in the lounge area was all white, modern and sleek with chic lounge furniture. The lighting had modern fixtures that accompanied a Lucite chandelier suspended in the air with moss and masses of pillar candles. The lounge area was separated from the next vignette by dreamy ivory



sheer fabric with accents of taupe to create depth. Beyond the drapes awaited a four-course dinner area featuring enchanted décor designed with tree branches and leaves mounted on the large square head table.

The next vignette, the dining area, was an escape to an enchanted evening of fabulous décor with an exquisite menu for the guests to feast on. The inspiration for this vignette was centered on the design of the wedding cake. Maples Wedding Cakes crafted a four tier square cake inspired by a piece of fabric hand selected by the bride that re-

sembled the autumn season. The custom wooden cake plateau, designed by a close friend of the couple, sat atop a mound of moss and flowers. The guest tables were vari-

ous shapes to keep the design interesting with multiple floral designs. Large brown rod iron trees served as the structure for the main work of art. The trees were carefully woven together with live liquid amber branches, mixed with dogwood and hanging votives, to create a contempo-

rary organic look mixed with dogwood. The lighting design featured ambient lighting of branches on the ceiling that truly created an autumn experience. The guests' tables featured moss runners with mounds of flowers with a mixture of river rocks, transforming the tablescapes into a woodland experience. The clear glass vases of various sizes were filled with stunning monochromatic nosegays bundled with deep red, burgundy, orange, and moss green flowers creating a sophisticated yet contemporary environment.

After dinner, the guests were invited to continue to the final vignette unveiling the entertainment that was lit for an evening of dancing, featuring the couple's monogram on the dance floor, which was hosted by the groom's brother as the DJ. Surrounding the dance

floor, were snack stations featuring the groom's favorite pretzels, flown in from Philly, served with melted chocolate and hot mustard as well as an assortment of desserts, prepared by the bride's mother, to tie in their heritage. The guests indulged on the assortment of tasty snacks as they danced the night away.

At the conclusion of the memorable night, Judy and Chris knew their unique vision of an elegant and enchanted evening was accomplished. Their canvas, being one large room, was transformed into a series of vignettes that dazzled and truly WOW'd their guests to create a unique experience. It was truly everything they had envisioned and more.



As you are planning and designing your wedding, always remember, you have a blank canvas allowing you to be creative in painting your unique vision.

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