



Rebecca
and
Sandy

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MEMORIES OF FENDER ISLAND

Sandy proposed to Rebecca at the top of George Hill on Pender Island overlooking the beautiful Gulf Islands. It's also home to the bride's parents cabin. The couple were married on the island on July 4th, 2009. *Soha Lavin* of **COUNTDOWN EVENTS** helped the couple to create their "French Country meets West Coast" wedding.

Rebecca wore a silk duchess satin strapless gown with a fitted bodice and flared skirt by **SOMETHING BLUE VANCOUVER**. Her *Jimmy Choo* glitter peep toe pumps completed the look. Sandy wore a *Hugo Boss* suit paired with a sunshine yellow tie and paisley pocket square from *Thomas Pink*.



NATURAL BEAUTY

Rebecca carried a bouquet of wildflowers, white peonies and Star of Bethlehem blooms, hand tied and created by GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST.



COUNTRY CHARM

The ceremony took place at Rebecca's parent's cabin, overlooking the water. Hayley, the couple's adorable little girl provided the cutest moment of the day during the "I Do's" when she broke into a huge smile as the marriage commissioner pronounced the family as "married!"

The reception took place at **THE PENDER ISLAND HALL**, which was made over to resemble a French countryside locale by **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST** and **UPRIGHT DECOR**. "We wanted to create a European feeling to the reception. We loved the idea of everyone mingling outside in

a beautiful setting, socializing, drinking and eating amazing food to their heart's content," recounts Rebecca.

A cocktail style dinner was spread out across the lush green lawn. "We avoided the sit down dinner and opted for manned-food stations outside in the grass."

Stations included oysters, fresh salads, and a charcutiere. Each station had a custom flag stamped with Rebecca and Sandy's monogram created by **FLOURISH BY COLLEEN WINTON**.





WELL WISHERS

A magnificent wishing trellis provided a decor focal point at the reception. *Sofia Lavita* of **COUNTDOWN EVENTS** designed the driftwood trellis embellished with tight arrangements of daisies by **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST**. Hanging from an ancient tree trunk above was a glittering crystal chandelier. Cards tied with chocolate satin ribbon were laid at the bottom of the trellis for guests to pass on well wishes for the couple.



LOVE IS SWEET

A decadent crouque-en-bouche from **PENDER ISLAND BAKERY** took the place of a traditional wedding cake. The confection was placed under a tent, surrounded by tiny crystal vases and framed with two silver candelabras. A cookie and candy bar complete with custom design elements such as nautical-influenced signage and designer takeaway bags was on display with refreshing iced-tea.

The day after the wedding, the couple (avid sailors) began their honeymoon gliding through the Gulf Islands. They now live in Vancouver, where Sandy is a Physician and Rebecca is a Naturopathic Physician. ☺



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Jana Vackova of **Jana Vackova Photography** is an extraordinary international wedding photographer.

Her passion and innovative approach embody the perfect union between art and technical precision. Her exceptional work has been recognized the world over receiving awards from *Ilion*, *Photo District News* and *Portrait Photographers International*. As a purist of the photographic medium, Jana is unwilling to compromise her vision, creating larger than life images time and time again.