



Green wedding consultant Corina Ann Bezner of Vibrant Events coordinated the details.



The couple hosted 85 guests at the Outdoor Art Club, a national historic landmark.



The Mill Valley wedding had a small-town feel.



Katrina Rozelle created the buttercream cake with raspberries and almonds.

LAUREN SOMMER & TOBY WARNER

August 28, 2011
The Outdoor Art Club

THE COUPLE The NPR news reporter (Lauren) and Berkeley literature professor (Toby) fell in love in New York City.

THE VENUE The two Cornell alums gave their loved ones from across the country a taste of California at the Outdoor Art Club in Mill Valley.

THE DETAILS Toby's brother authored a graphic comic novel in lieu of a program, and his father pronounced the couple "man and wife." Lola the Australian shepherd performed "flower dog" duty.

THE PARTY "We wanted it to feel local," says Lauren of the organic menu by Marin-based Sage Catering.

—Michelle Bergmann



"I just wanted something simple and affordable. I couldn't believe it turned out to be Vera," Lauren says of her dress and matching belt.



Toby's sister embroidered the escort card table sign.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY SASHIA GULISH

ERIN RAINS & TYLER KURTZ

November 19, 2010
Brazil Room

THE COUPLE Tyler loves sports, and Erin, a former UCLA lacrosse player, caught his eye wearing her team sweatshirt. He asked her out the next day and hasn't looked at another girl since.

THE VENUE The couple celebrated in the Brazil Room (just up the hill from Erin's house in Berkeley), a rustic and cozy setting with exposed beams, a stone fireplace and spectacular views.

THE DETAILS Old world maps added to the antiquated feel, and a poetry store doled out instant verses.

THE PARTY The wedding party exchanged tearful, heartfelt toasts at dinner. "Tyler, you are perfect because my daughter is perfect, and she chose you," Erin's father said. —MB



"If every wedding promised to be like this one, I'd place an order for rainy day weddings year-round," says photographer Rachel Thurston.



The wedding party dined and mingled in a cozy setting.



Friends and family penned good wishes.



Guests covered a world map in colorful pins marking their travels.



Guests snacked on creative bite-size treats.



Unexpected rain showers added a mist of romance.



The couple's journeys inspired thoughtful details.

FELICE GUNAWAN &
ALEX BECKMAN

August 20, 2011
Solage Calistoga

THE COUPLE These two had no idea their other half was living under the same roof while attending undergrad at UC Berkeley. One day Alex saw Felice pull in the garage of his apartment building and couldn't believe his luck.

THE VENUE With Felice's family coming from Indonesia and China, the couple chose Solage Calistoga in Napa Valley as a vacation getaway spot.

THE DETAILS Indonesian and Chinese touches colored the wedding bright and traditional.

THE PARTY Guests ate family style, sharing dishes such as roasted pig in lettuce cups. "We wanted everyone to feel part of our family," says Alex. —MB



Lilac umbrellas shaded guests from the Napa sun.



The families bonded during the tea ceremony.



Chinese and Indonesian delicacies headlined the menu.



Felice's family traveled across the world for her special day.



Neighbors turned newlyweds: Felice from Jakarta, Indonesia and Alex from Atherton, California.



Vibrant red details symbolized good fortune.

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Heather added the black sash to her Cymbeline Paris dress to give it some rock-and-roll edge.

HEATHER CROTWELL &
BRAD HARDIE

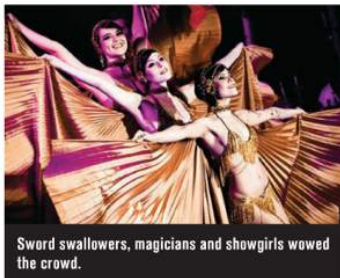
January 15, 2011
Bimbo's 365 Club

THE COUPLE Heather and Brad both worked as ushers in exchange for free concerts and began to notice each other working the same shows. After some time they realized it was more than good taste.

THE VENUE The two music aficionados said their vows in Bimbo's, the live rock and jazz venue where they first met.

THE DETAILS The red and black carpeting, velvet curtains and vintage paintings made a perfect canvas for an edgy wedding.

THE PARTY Local vaudeville act Yard Dog Road Show entertained all night. —MB



Sword swallowers, magicians and showgirls wowed the crowd.



Deep red roses accented the jewel tones.



"Music is a big part of our lives, and we wanted it to be a big part of our wedding," says Heather.



The couple's friend made the vegan red velvet cake.



Bimbo's, one of the city's oldest nightclubs, accommodated the 200 guests.