



A perfect wedding

THE STEPHANIE SOUTHWICK-HICKEY & JOSHUA COX WEDDING

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What makes a wedding memorable? Everyone who attends a wedding remembers it, of course, but what makes a wedding stand out? Perhaps it is an atmosphere of calm, of quiet excitement, and a sense the ceremony is as inevitable as every moment that has brought the couple to this place and time.

It was 11 a.m. on July 18 of last year when I arrived at the Shelburne Inn in Seaview, to photograph the wedding of Stephanie Southwick-Hickey and Joshua Cox. It was the kind of day that is not uncommon in July: the fog was

lifting and the mist had cleared, but it remained overcast and the temperature was in the mid-50s.

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malfunctions. Instead, I met the couple and they seemed perfectly at ease with each other, their guests, and the day. Although from Utah, where lots of sun is the rule, they

were not concerned about the weather. In fact, the overcast was perfect for pictures of the couple and family members in the lush garden of the Shelburne.

Soon we were off to the beach to take photographs in the dunes and by the ocean, and then into our cars to drive down to Beards Hollow at the south end of Long Beach, where Stephanie and Josh would soon say the vows that would forever affirm and transform their relationship.

Stephanie and Josh met at a concert of the rock band Anberlin at House of Blues in Las Vegas. They were both from St. George, Utah, they both liked the same band enough to make the two-hour drive to Las Vegas, and they both went to the same high school.