



Wedding pageantry

THE KIM JOHNS & ART MORSE WEDDING

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A “beach casual” wedding with moments of sweetness and meaning, great visuals and terrific hospitality — it was all there when Art Morse married Kimberly Johns, on July 18 in Arch Cape.

Spending a good year and half planning their big day, the two orchestrated a poignant ceremony in a drop-dead-gorgeous setting. They would share their joy with friends and family members, treating them to a kind of personalized pageant to celebrate Kim and Art’s new life together as man and wife.

Art, 46, owns and operates Morse Auto Repair in

Battleground, Washington, a business started by his dad. Kim, 43, works as a paralegal at Graham Price. The two met at Starbucks. Here’s what happened.

Every Monday through Friday at exactly 8:05 a.m., Art would get coffee at Starbucks on his way to work — the one inside the local Fred Meyer where Kim happened worked as an auditor. They’d catch glimpses of each other in the store. Sometimes, they’d make eye contact or say “Hi.”

“One day there was a free coffee waiting for me courtesy of Kim who wasn’t around, says Art. “I thought to myself, ‘This is gonna be great; it’s something we’re both seeing! Some encouragement!’” He promptly went out and left a note on her car asking

that she call. Kim rang him that night.

The Proposal

Art popped the question when he and Kim were staying in a condo in Vancouver, British Columbia, at Nanoose Bay. They were at the bay’s shore; Kim stood on a rock looking out at the view. As she turned around she saw her paramour holding a ring in its open box, asking that she spend the rest of her life with him. Kim claims the proposal was a total surprise and fondly credits her newly acquired husband with having “a romantic streak a mile wide.” >>