



# Bloomin love

## THE COURTNEY RUDAT AND KEVIN BERRY WEDDING

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**C**hampoeg State Park, on the Willamette River near Newberg, is a place of wildlife, natural beauty and historical interest. It is also the site of the wedding of Kevin and Courtney Berry of Astoria, on Aug. 21, 2016. The couple met through a mutual friend in

2012 and in the words of the bride, “we formed a bond, a great relationship. We always knew we were the kind of people we wanted to marry.” In June 2015, Kevin proposed atop Saddle Mountain.

They were living in Newberg at the time, and when Courtney and her mother visited Champoeg with a wedding in mind, they decided it was the perfect spot. The next day

Kevin visited the park and came to the same conclusion.

The couple wanted their wedding to be both personal and traditional, so they didn’t enlist the aid of a wedding coordinator. “We didn’t want to use outside resources,” Courtney said, so they called on family and friends. “Both families worked really hard on the decorations,” Courtney remembered, with

an overall design by the bride and the two mothers, and input by Kevin.

Flowers were the first decision and that was easy. Kevin’s mother, Diane Berry, owns Bloomin Crazy Floral in Astoria (“She did an amazing job,” says her new daughter-in-law). Next they hired a local caterer to preside over a chicken barbecue and Courtney’s mother made jars of strawberry jam as favors. >>