



# Fourth of July sparks

## THE CAT McLELLAN & MITCH BOSSE WEDDING

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Catherine “Cat” McLellan, 50, and Mitch Bosse, 52, are fit, fun and full of life. They met through an online dating service in 2013. “There were plenty of fish along with more than a few ‘throwbacks,’” chuckled Cat. This time around, though, there was a spark. The pair exchanged posts on Facebook. In June, they met for a drink at the Palomino Restaurant in Bellevue, Washington, and began dating. Mitch proposed on June 23, 2015, as he and Cat enjoyed a bonfire on the beach in Seaside.

### *The wedding*

The lovebirds elected to marry in that wedding Mecca that is Cannon Beach. “We love it, and it’s so beautiful,” said the vivacious brunette who won Mitch’s heart. “People could come to (our) wedding and find lots to do.” Theirs wasn’t going to be a traditional wedding.

Yet, Cat and Mitch opted for one of several wedding packages on offer at Cannon Beach’s Surfsand Resort — quite a popular option for couples who come to the North

Coast to get hitched. So on the Fourth of July last year, the pair was married on the beach in the shadow of Haystack Rock, with roughly 70 guests in attendance. A dear family friend, Pam Yates, officiated.

American flag pinwheels and assorted greenery decorated the area. Vows were exchanged under a wooden arch bedecked with a custom-made swag with moss, curly willow, red rose, white gerbera daisy and dark blue belladonna, fashioned by Debbie Nelson, aka Cannon Beach Florist (Basketcase Inc.). Nelson worked wonders using variations on this theme throughout ceremony and reception. >>