



Married in the rain

THE KELSEY PARSONS AND RY KAGAN WEDDING

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Kelsey and Ry Kagan went to high school together in Portland, and over a decade, that friendship became a romance, that on Oct. 1, 2016, became a marriage held in Astoria's Shively Park. The couple had always loved Astoria, but they wondered if the town had all the venues and vendors necessary for their

wedding. They discovered that would be no problem at all.

The merrymaking began with a "welcome beer" for guests at Buoy Beer, and this was not the only bibulous aspect of the weekend. There was a meet and greet at Fort George Brewery and Public House, and on Sunday, a farewell brunch catered by Monte Alban Restaurant at Pilot House Distillery. For the rehearsal dinner Kelsey and Ry chose the Columbia River Maritime Museum's Barbey Center, with the dinner catered by Clemente's.

Kelsey and Ry chose the remains of the formal garden at Shively because, as the bride puts it, "We were in search of a unique and special place to get married, and since half of our guests were from out-of-state we wanted them to have a very Oregon experience." However wet it might be. The couple decided against umbrellas or tents for the audience to retreat under if it rained. "We didn't want to hide the splendor of the location," Kelsey said, "and we're true Oregonians." >>