



# Lovebirds

## THE STEPHANIE CHESNUT AND TOM JAWORSKI WEDDING

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**S**tephanie Chesnut, 29, and Tom Jaworski, 28, tied the knot on August 12, 2017 in a charming, homespun ceremony in a wonderfully rustic setting that overlooked the Foley River.

### *The meet up*

Tom, a dashing firefighter with Astoria's Fire Department, first met Stephanie—a fetching brunette with a well developed sense of fun—at a Clatsop County Firefighters Association meeting. Their first date, dinner out, took place one February, after a heavy snow. “We went sledding afterwards. I talked him into it,” remembers Stephanie. She liked to tease him, as he was “a man of few

words.” The two were an item for the next three years. It was on a trip to Disneyland that Tom elected to “pop the question.”

### *Location*

The parents of one of Stephanie's good friends offered up their gorgeous wooded acreage for her wedding. So, milled logs turned into benches, were on hand for guests, and there was plenty of parking. Friends and family could actually camp if they chose. Plus, in keeping with the woody, natural theme, Stephanie's father created an arbor for when the couple's took their vows using hop poles and made a makeshift bar out of old palettes. It was an all-outdoor wedding—everything to play out against a stunning backdrop of tall trees and sparkling water.

### *Do it yourself wedding*

Once the news was out about Tom and Stephanie's engagement, a flurry of wedding plans and preparations ensued. A veritable army of family and friends closest to the couple stepped up to help with the big day. “This was a Pinterest kind of wedding,” says Stephanie. A website with do-it-yourself ideas, Pinterest can be a cost-saver if you're crafty. “But things never turn out to be that easy to make,” laughs the new bride. She gratefully credits her mother with being a huge help, adding, “I'm a procrastinator but mom's an organizer and she saved the day more than once.”

Family members made the wedding cake and boutonnieres. Flowers were ordered wholesale, and the bouquets for the bride and her attendants were fashioned by Basket Case Florist in Cannon Beach. >>