



Arch Cape Romance

THE MOLLY PHILLIPS AND PHILLIP STEINKE WEDDING

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Molly Phillips and Phillip Steinke are self-described outdoorsy types, so of course they wanted a wedding en plein air. Late summer seemed like a safe bet, but the North Coast had other plans for them.

As Molly tells it, “Originally we were supposed to have our wedding on the beach at Arch Cape in August—but it rained. So we had to make a change. But it was almost meant to be, because some in our family have a hard time walking.

So we went into the Loft in the Red Building and it was easier for everyone.”

Despite the venue switch, Arch Cape has played an important role in their relationship. All the wedding guests were presented with a beautiful Oregon agate as a take-home gift, collected from Arch Cape beach where Molly’s grandpa had a house —“My second home,” as she says. For her birthday last year, Molly got a rock polisher, so she and Phil selected and polished the best of the agates and added a little gift card. “Please take one of these Oregon Coast agates home with you. We spent hours collecting these together over the years, building the foundation of our relationship. As we continue building on that foundation for the next chapter of

our life, we are sharing that love with you. We hope you take this treasure home with you and it brings you love and good luck.”

This was only one of the loving and unique features of their wedding that reflects their connection to the North Coast. As Molly said, “I would describe our theme as rustic/coastal. We used driftwood and succulents, rusty metal items—one was a six-foot-long chicken-feeder for flowers at the head table—vintage picture frames, and green everything. My mom and grandfather took me to antique stores for as long as I can remember. They also had a huge affinity for McCoy vases, so each of the tables had a few vases and a planter that my mom and I had picked out. >>