



Wedding: possible

DEBBIE BROWN AND AL PROCASSINI'S WEDDING

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Wedding planning during a pandemic is daunting.

Countless couples around the world have postponed, eloped and cut their guest lists by more than half.

Many have had small ceremonies and still walked away with their dream day.

According to brides.com predictions, unions won't look the same from now on, with outdoor venues becoming the most

desirable place to host, and vendors permanently changing their contracts to include "postponement terms" and global-scale emergencies.

In a time when the industry is turned on its head, one thing is for certain — it is possible to design a safe, memorable wedding.

For Hillsboro newlyweds Debbie Brown and Al Procassini, their love was "easy from the start," they said.

The lovebirds met on Valentine's Day nine years ago after connecting on match.com.

"We met downtown Portland for a drink, and then a drink turned into dinner," Procassini said. "The most fun thing we

discovered is Deb's daughter met my son for a New Year's gathering. It is cool to realize that your kids have met before."

On the Fourth of July, 2020, Procassini proposed to Brown at the Driftwood Inn in Cannon Beach — a special, romantic place for the couple.

"I proposed on the porch and ordered champagne for the other tables dining," Procassini said. "It is our favorite spot to eat when we are in town, so it was a nice, personal way."

To plan their COVID-conscious special day, the couple knew they wanted to hold their ceremony and reception on the North Coast.