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If you're lucky, you have a great group of friends that sometimes know you even better than you know yourself. Hallie South's friends knew her so well, in fact, they found her future husband. Four of Hallie's best friends joined Glenn Goebel on a four-month trip to Australia after college graduation, the girls agreed that he and Hallie would hit it off and when Glenn came to Washington, D.C., for a job offer, they arranged an introduction. "We've been inseparable ever since," says Hallie.

Hallie and Glenn were both passionate about food and spent time exploring D.C.'s culinary scene while they were dating. They often visited Hallie's parents nearby in Virginia and Glenn became a part of the family. "Glenn came to the East Coast from California, so his family was far away," Hallie explains. "It was nice for him to become close with my family. Some of our favorite nights have been dinners in my parents' backyard." Five years into their relationship, Hallie and her mom were shopping when Glenn took Hallie's father aside and asked for her hand in marriage. A month later, Hallie came home from work early on a Friday and walked into their bedroom to find roses, Champagne and Glenn holding a ring. "We were both so excited that he didn't even officially ask me or put the ring on my finger at first" laughs Hallie. "Obviously, I made him, after 2 of us in." They celebrated with Hallie's parents that night and wedding planning began.

"I had always imagined my wedding in my parents' backyard, so I knew we had to find a venue that would feel similar," says Hallie. They loved Charlottesville and started searching for a venue in the area. "We thought it made the most sense considering all of the beautiful land," says Hallie and the Clifton Inn was always in the back of her mind. She was familiar with Clifton and even spent a weekend or two there when she was younger. A lot of the property suited the deal and it was easy to imagine their wedding weekend events amid Clifton's gorgeous scenery. "The fact that we could have the whole place to ourselves was the deciding factor," says Hallie. "We had the rehearsal dinner, wedding and reception at Clifton and it was flawless."

Hallie and Glenn connected with Jamie Sears and Kate Nolan of Simply Chic Events and explored ideas for their wedding day. They envisioned a party with a rustic, organic vibe but an elegant aesthetic. Jamie and Kate worked with Shawn Caswell of Beehive Events to create the event design. "I had a hard time explaining what I wanted," says Hallie. "I'd seen the style so much on Pinterest, but I didn't want it to look like everything else. Somehow, Shawn read our minds and created

the most amazing 'enchanted forest' sort of theme that was totally unique." The group worked with a variety of natural materials and textures such as stone, wood, leather and lots of greenery mingled with earthy tones and soft neutrals. "I really didn't want it to look perfect, as crazy as that sounds," says Hallie. "I just wanted it to look natural and beautiful."

The search for her wedding dress took Hallie to New York City, where she visited designer Carol Hannah's studio. "I didn't really anticipate finding the one, it was more for the experience," she explains. Hallie's mother suggested they visit Carol Hannah after seeing one of her dresses in a magazine and they made an appointment. Hallie said she knew they'd found a special place as soon as they arrived. She fell in love with her beautiful dress, made in a mermaid silhouette with a bustle top, pearlized tulle skirt, detailing and a silk tulle skirt. "Carol Hannah was there for all of my fittings, making sure everything was perfect," says Hallie. "The whole experience was truly amazing."

A grand piano played on the lawn of the Clifton Inn as Hallie and her maid walked down the aisle. Hallie carried a gorgeous, earthy bouquet and Glenn wore a bow tie Hallie had made for him using the extra fabric from her dress. They exchanged vows under a canopy of greenery and hydrangeas, then joked their guests for cocktail hour. The couple's signature drink, "The 27," was made with basil, cucumber and vodka and was named for the number they wore when playing lacrosse. While everyone mingled, Hallie and Glenn stepped away for a moment with Jamie for a quick sneak peek of their reception décor before the party began. "I got goosebumps seeing everything set up and ready for our reception," says Hallie. "It was awesome."

Guests made their way to the reception, held beneath a stunning white tent suspended on wooden poles. Greenery throughout the space gave the open-air room the "enchanted forest" feel and chandeliers were hung along the length of the table in the center. Escort cards and table numbers were written in lovely white script on slate pieces and dinner was served at long farm tables set with Chiavari chairs, white china and the evening's menu. Full accents and flickering votives were mingled with pretty paper goods and centerpieces of greenery and white blooms with dramatic texture. The evening's fare included braised beef short ribs, scallops and stone ground grits followed by wedding cake for dessert. The delicious confection was simple on the outside, but revealed leopard print cake inside.



Hallie and Glenn kicked off the reception with their first dance and everyone worked up an appetite for a late night snack from the Blue Ridge Pizzeria Co. wood-fired pizza truck. Hallie loved the entire experience from buying her dress to the last minutes of their amazing wedding day. "Glenn and I both agree that the feeling we had that night will never be topped," she says. "Not only the feeling of importance, but the warmest feeling of love and support in the tent that night." AMA.

Event Planning and Design: Simply Chic Events, Ceremony and Reception Venue, Catering and Cake: Clifton Inn in Charlottesville, VA, Florals and Décor: Beehive Events, Tent, Stage and Lighting: Styline Tent Company, Additional Rentals: Party Rental Ltd, Linens: La Tavola, Invitations and Wedding Papers: Brown Urban Design, Ceremony Musicians: Peter Malone (guitar) and Kenneth DeLuca (vocals), Reception Entertainment: The Sauce through Ben Allen, Piano Rental: Richmond Piano, Bridal Shower: Carol Hannah from the Carol Hannah Boutique store in New York, Hair: Hair by Shana Dea, Makeup: Madeline Makeup by Hour, Bridalmaid Dresses: Ann Taylor, Groom and Groomsmen Attire: Men's Warehouse, Groom's Bow Tie: Joe Seelig, Officiant: Rev. Thomas Wells from Sacred Ground Ceremonies, Pizza Truck: Blue Ridge Pizzeria Co, Gift Card Rental: Virginia Power Matte Sports, Transportation: Ambassadors Limousine, Second Photographer: Eric Kelley.

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