

WASHINGTON, D.C.



**THE COUPLE**  
David Barnhart, 37, political strategist, and Kevin Ford, 30, personal trainer

**THE WEDDING**  
In the couple's backyard and at Tudor Place in Washington on June 14 and 15, 2014

**WHERE THEY MET**  
At the gym—Kevin was David's personal trainer

**THE PROPOSAL**  
They proposed to each other on a hot-air-balloon ride in Napa Valley

**HONEYMOON**  
London and the Cotswolds



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# A POPPY LAWN PARTY

With thunderstorms looming, two D.C. grooms postponed their vows but celebrated anyway

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"Carneros" invitation, from \$2,098 for 100 sets, Dauphine Press; dauphinepress.com.

Platinum bands, \$1,350 each, Tiffany & Co.; tiffany.com.



Rattan charger, \$13, Pier 1 Imports; pier1.com.



Parrot tulips, \$250, Michael George; michaelgeorgeflowers.com.

David Barnhart and Kevin Ford scheduled two parties for their wedding weekend—but wound up having three. The plan was to kick things off with outdoor vows at Tudor Place, an historic mansion in their hometown of D.C. Then they saw the weather forecast. "A storm was predicted, so at the last minute we moved the ceremony to Saturday," says David. But they didn't cancel the party: On Friday, June 14, 2014, 113 guests arrived at the venue for a formal tented dinner featuring bright blooms and basket-weave details inspired by their hot-air-balloon proposal in Napa.

The next afternoon, everyone reconvened at the couple's house to watch them exchange traditional vows in the garden. Then came the big finale: a Saturday-night blowout for 230 guests at the Powerhouse, a paper mill turned event space on the Georgetown waterfront. The bonus was a second ceremony, this time with cheeky vows the grooms had written themselves. (Kevin promised to never scream too loudly at a sports game. David said he would "strongly consider" getting a dog.) "We couldn't fit everyone in our yard, and we wanted them to feel like part of our wedding," says Kevin. "We loved going off script and surprising everyone!"



**1** At the weekend's first party, basket lanterns hung above tables in a nod to the grooms' hot-air-balloon proposal. **2** Wicker chargers, brushed-gold flatware, and arrangements of coral-charm peonies, kumquats, spray roses, and French tulips dressed up the soft-blue tabletops. **3** The couple exchanged calligraphed love notes before the ceremony. **4** The grooms picked out their suits (Kevin's by Canali, David's by Isaia) during a seven-hour shopping jaunt at Barneys in New York City. **5** Guests dined in a sailcloth tent with hardwood floors. **6** Despite the ominous sky, guests mingled on the front lawn for cocktail hour.

**Ceremony venue** The couple's house. **Reception venues** Tudor Place; tudorplace.org. The Powerhouse. **Grooms' attire** Canali; canali.com. Isaia; isaiat.com. **Wedding planner** Simply Chic Events; simplychicwed.com. **Floral design** Amayllis, Inc.; amayllisdesigns.com. **Stationery** Haute Papier; hautepapier.com. **Calligraphy** Angelique, Ink; angeliqueink.com. **Rentals** Party Rental, Ltd.; partyrentalltd.com. La Tavola; latavolalinen.com. **Photography** Jose Villa; josevilla.com. For more information, see Shopping Guide.

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