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the outdoors

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James Marks and Robin Gosney didn't want a traditional wedding. They wanted a wedding and reception that felt more like a cocktail party but also had a garden and Asian feel.

James is originally from Louisville, but after attending the University of Louisville, he moved to Alaska where he lived with his wonderful fiancée Robin. Robin, not being used to the humid Kentucky weather, opted to have their wedding in the cooler month of October.

Since James and Robin live in a very secluded area of Alaska, which is only accessible by plane or boat, their first course of action was to hire a wedding coordinator to help find their venues, secure their vendors and start to coordinate all of the details.

Robin and James had a very distinct look and feel they wanted. To satisfy the "garden feel" they wanted, they chose to get married outside at Whitehall House and Gardens. Wanting a hip vibe for the reception, they chose 610 Magnolia.

They both enjoyed the creative and delicious cuisine of 610 Magnolia and liked the look and feel of the outdoor patio space. Lounge furniture was rented from Cort Furniture in Chicago to give the patio a relaxed "lounge" feel.

Robin and James chose to include the Japanese tradition of folding 1,000 origami cranes for the wedding, which is supposed to symbolize good luck. Robin started folding cranes in high school and continued as an adult.

The night before the wedding, family and friends joined together and tacked, glued and tied all 1,000 cranes onto lines for varying assortments. They turned out wonderful! Each strand of 14 to 20 cranes was strung from the low rafters, down the entrance wall and also used to accent certain floral arrangements.

Another wow factor at the reception was the ceiling,

which was decorated with a "tree-like" look with manzanita branches spiraling up columns in the middle of the restaurant and covering portions of the ceiling.

James' family crafted a large assortment of homemade pies for a desert station: Dutch apple, strawberry, rhubarb, pecan, pumpkin: – they were all delicious.

After the wedding, James and Robin flew back to Alaska to enjoy the crisp weather and beautiful scenery. They are planning a honeymoon to either Bali or Turkey next year.

