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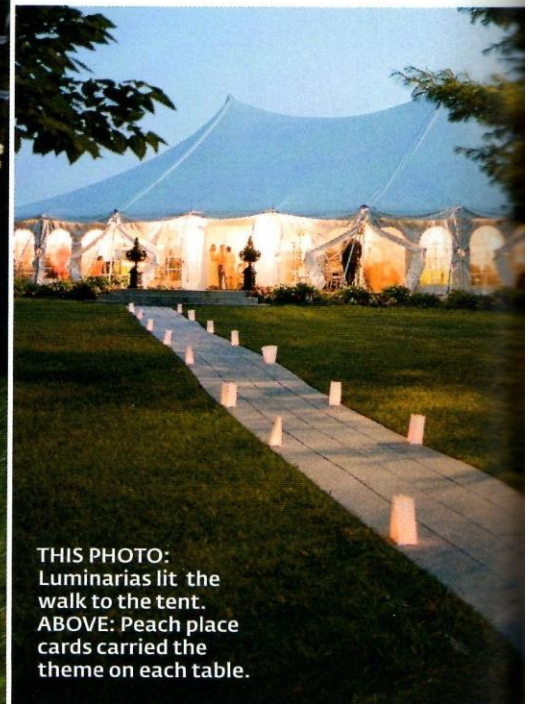
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The pair drove to and from the ceremony in a vintage Mercury coupe belonging to Hunter's uncle.



THIS PHOTO: Luminarias lit the walk to the tent. ABOVE: Peach place cards carried the theme on each table.

Betsy & Hunter

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Anyone who knows me knows I love peaches," says Betsy Dail, whose outdoor summer wedding to Hunter Rawley celebrated the classic Southern fruit. Betsy was born in Georgia and has lived most of her life in the South, so the Georgia peach theme seemed fitting. It was the personal touches—such as the peach bud candy favors made in her father's hometown of South Norfolk, Virginia—that made the day so special. Planning a wedding while trying to balance a demanding new job was tricky. "I really had to rely on my mom to scout venues and meet with potential vendors," Betsy says. But the hard work paid off. "Our wedding really fit with my vision of a classic, elegant summer garden party," she says.

Real Advice from the Bride

Q ONE DETAIL THAT MADE THE WEDDING 'YOURS':

Betsy turned an interest in letterpress into a major project when she bought a press, attended a workshop, and then designed and pressed her own invites. "It was definitely a labor of love, but it was very rewarding," she says. "Some guests even called to reply because they didn't want to part with their RSVP cards."

Q BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU GOT:

Many people advised Betsy to focus on why she was there. "Being a perfectionist and the DIY bride, it would have been easy to get distracted," she says. "But I really did take it to heart and focus on Hunter and my guests, who recognized and appreciated all of the hard work we had done."

Q WORDS OF WISDOM TO PASS ON:

"Try to get as much done as early as possible," says Betsy. She also notes that when things go wrong, don't worry: The bride might notice, but the guests will never know.

Q ONE THING YOU PLANNED FOR THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN:

Betsy and Hunter originally wanted a local live band to play at the reception, but weren't willing to part with such a large portion of their budget. "The DJ we hired did a great job and kept our guests dancing all night," Betsy recalls. "I loved seeing the dance floor packed."

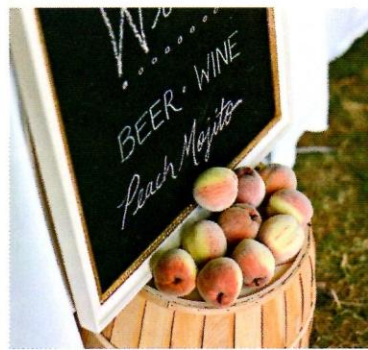
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Planner: Ritzy Bee Events
Photographer: Kate Headley
Flowers: Holly Heider Chapple
Cake: The Artful Cake
Caterer: Canapés
Wedding gown and veil: Paloma Blanca
Groom's attire: Jos. A. Bank and Calvin Klein
Vintage car: Duane Meeks

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An overturned peach basket served as the cake stand.



LEFT: The flower girl scattered rose petals from a peach basket. ABOVE: A chalkboard displayed bar offerings.